John Knox: The Sharpened Sword

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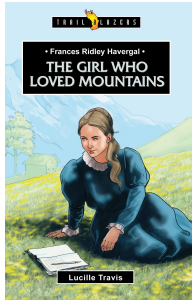

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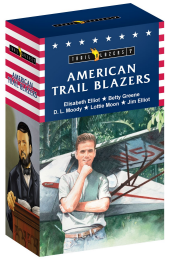

DESCRIPTION

John Knox spent his life with a sword in one hand and a Bible in the other and he wasn't afraid to use either. He began his theological life as a body guard to George Wishart – and it was when that young man was put to death by the religious authorities that John Knox was finally persuaded of the need to awaken his country from the death of injustice and spiritual poverty that afflicted it. Many stood against him and they still do today... but he gave much to his country and to his God and the church and Scotland owe John Knox – they owe him thanks as they owe the God he served thanks for calling such men to be his preachers.

MARKETING POINTS

Historical character

RT 8–9; RM 9–14

Account of his adventurous life

Impact on Scotland?s education etc

AUTHOR

Catherine MacKenzie comes from Scotland and has written several biographies for young teens in the Trailblazers series as well as other titles for younger children. She is Editor for Christian Focus' children's imprint, CF4Kids.

ENDORSEMENTS

Here is a biography for young people, outlining the life of the Scottish Reformer John Knox. It details significant events in Knox's life. Did you know that he was once a sword-wielding bodyguard? Other significant details are described such as his friendship with George Wishart, the beginning of his ministry in St Andrews, slavery on a galley ship, his time in France and Geneva, his links with Calvin, return to Scotland and so on.
It also gives an outline of the religious situation in the country at that time and shows the dangers that reformed Christians faced under the reigns of the different monarchs, but also some of the changes that were occurring. Here's a book that is educational and easy to follow. It provides an excellent overview for young people about an important era in their history that sadly seems to be becoming more neglected and forgotten about.

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