David Livingstone

Missionary, Explorer, Abolitionist

Vance Christie

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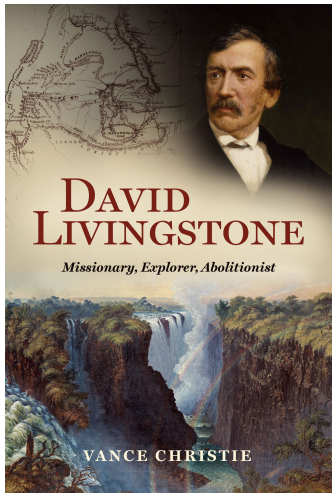

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DESCRIPTION

David Livingstone was one of the most consequential individuals who lived in the nineteenth century. An unpretentious Scottish missionary doctor, explorer and abolitionist, he opened the door for Christianity in southern Africa. He overcame many deprivations and discouragements, and displayed the utmost measure of courage, self–control, faith, wisdom and ingenuity. Christie takes a balanced look at Livingstone's amazing achievements, but also at his very real flaws. This gripping in–depth biography is a must–read insight into a fascinating man.

MARKETING POINTS

Most in–depth biography of Livingstone ever written

Tackles some of the charges unfairly levelled at him

Balanced look at his great qualities and his flaws

AUTHOR

Vance Christie is a pastor and author specialising in missionary biographies.

ENDORSEMENTS

I thank God for this fresh biography of David Livingstone, the pioneering missionary explorer of central Africa. He died in 1873 and his heart was buried in Zambia. On the centenary of his death, Zambians held commemorative events in several stadia in honour of this man. Also, the only town in Zambia that remains with a foreign name after its political independence from Great Britain is Livingstone. If you want to understand why a people who were once steeped in spiritual darkness should honour a Christian missionary in this way, read this definitive biography!

Conrad Mbewe
Pastor, Kabwata Baptist Church, Kabwata, Zambia; Founding Chancellor, African Christian University, Lusaka, Zambia

While sympathetic to Livingstone, Christie provides us with an honest portrayal of the renowned missionary–explorer of southern Africa, and through Livingstone, gives a window into 19th century African history, colonialism, and wider missionary endeavor.

William VanDoodewaard
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Comprehensive and judicious, intended for edification, it is now the best place to start for people looking for a detailed description of this titan's life and work interpreted in relation to the history of the modern British Empire and Western colonialism.

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TECHNICAL DETAILS

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For all the faults of Livingstone and those around him, the story speaks of a man who sought to serve God faithfully and the impact that his life had on Africa.

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