

Inspiring Ivy: Courage and Care in China and Beyond...by Dr Rebecca Williams Dinsdale

Every idealist needs Ivy in their lives! Dr Rebecca's biography of her Grandmother tells the story of Ivy who lived a thousand lives within her own demure vocation. Ivy had an astonishing faith!



As a medical missionary, Ivy Madeline Stokes, later Williams, undertook the position of Sister Tutor in China in the 1930s. She went to China with the Irish Presbyterian Church and sailed to Shanghai from Belfast. At the University of Peking, she learned the language in less than a year and then taught the nursing staff for the region. This led to her building beautiful friendships and being trusted by her team to go and deal with the Japanese authorities.

There were frequent examples of her going to plead for those imprisoned unfairly. Her remit grew and grew and with many adventures will leave you feeling empowered! Here is a tale of a quiet, devout and courageous lady who defied convention and lived as a truly emancipated woman. All of this is even more astounding when we discover that during her youth she had endured great poverty, hunger and parental alcoholism. She overcame these challenges by embracing education and by looking to contribute. Ivy's story is told through her letters to her most precious people.

Each one contains a quietly reassuring tone and illuminates the journey of one brave soul. The tale unfolds in four sections about her childhood, her years in China, her wartime marriage and then as a glorious grandmother. You will not want this book to end and you will come away with an enlightened and enabled spirit. Every page is overflowing with faith, hope and love.

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