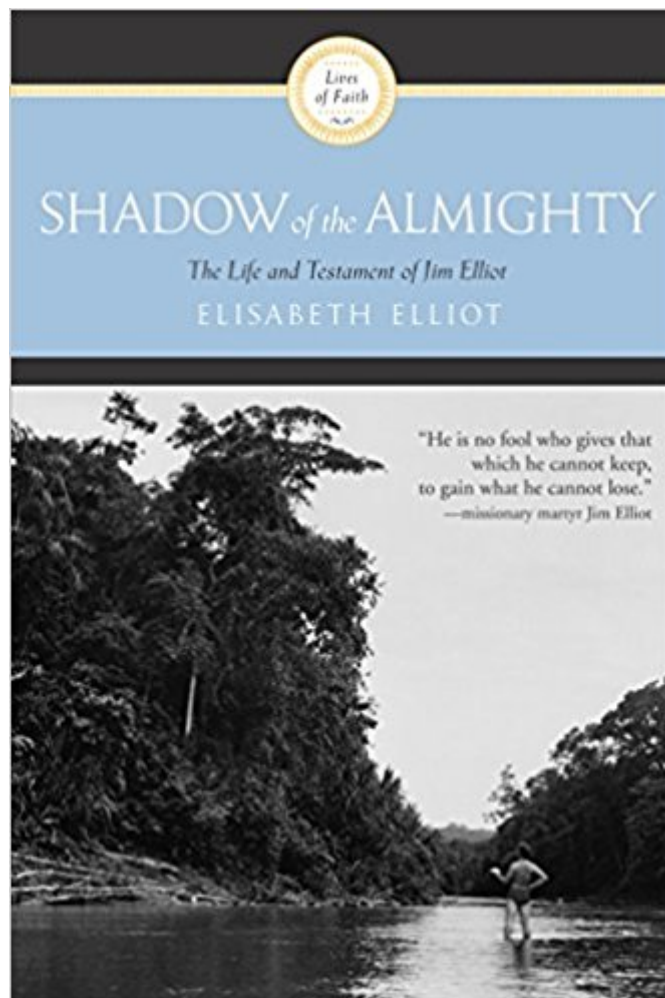




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# **Shadow Of The Almighty: The Life And Testament Of Jim Elliot (Lives Of Faith)**



## Synopsis

“More than inspirational reading: it belongs to the very heartbeat of evangelic witness.” --Christianity Today  
Shadow of the Almighty is one of the great missionary stories of modern times. It is the life and testament of Jim Elliot, as told by Elliot’s widow, author and evangelist Elisabeth Elliot Gren. Shadow of the Almighty is the true account of Elliot’s martyrdom, along with four fellow missionaries, at the hands of Ecuador’s Huaorani Indians. About this important and enlightening book, Eugenia Price writes, “It proves that Jesus Christ will bring bright creativity out of any shadow which might fall across any life and any love.” A story that has inspired Christian readers for more than half a century, it poignantly recounts a tragic event that was presented from Huaorani perspective in the 2006 feature motion picture, End of the Spear.

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Shadow of the Almighty is beautiful writing. But most important, it proves that Jesus Christ will bring bright creativity out of any shadow which might fall across any life and any love . . . if the life and love are under his redemptive touch.” --Eugenia Price  
--This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

The bestselling account of the martyrdom of Jim Elliot and four other missionaries at the hands of the Auca Indians in Ecuador. New introduction by the author.

This is a must read for all Christians who have any desire to know Christ and to offer their lives to him. If not, this book will definitely challenge you to do so. Shadow of the Almighty mainly consists of letters and journal entries Jim wrote while at college and while preparing and serving on the mission field. It represents a great example, not of a perfect man, but of a man who wanted to live his life fully for Christ, no matter what the cost. The main message is that to know Christ is to obey him, and that Christ is worth laying down anything and everything. Thus, Jim's famous words: "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose." Jim is an inspiration and example to me as I prepare to serve as a missionary in some of the most unreached places on earth.

This is the first book we've chosen in my discipleship group where I've wanted to read ahead of my high school students! Elisabeth Elliott is a skilled writer who can paint a picture of every story in your mind. I was skeptical at first when someone suggested it to me because she has written a few other books such as *Passion and Purity* that are difficult to read for the average reader. While she does use a few bigger words, and Jim Elliot's journals within this book have high vocabulary too, most of them are easy to figure out within the context, not really requiring you to have a dictionary handy. I recommend this book to people who have been required to read books enough to where now they've forgotten how fun it is to read an amazing story like this. Jim Elliot is now a real person to me instead of just a legend. He is a timeless role model for men of all ages, and this story to me is like a riveting TV show that I can't wait to watch each week!

From beginning to end, Jim Elliot's life was spent in a sacrificial way for Jesus Christ, his Lord and Saviour. His purpose for going to college was clear; his mind was on his goal, Jesus Christ. After meeting Elizabeth, he knew she was the one for him, but only in God's timing. She also felt the same way. This went on for years, as he wanted to be totally dedicated to Christ, and did not want marriage to get in between that. He had a burden for unreached people. Could marriage fit in that category? He eventually ended up where he wanted to be -in Ecuador. Strangely enough, Elizabeth also ended up there. It was sometime after this that they married. At this time they lived among another tribe of indians which were close to the Aucas. They ministered to these people, but it was still not the Aucas, which they really had a call to reach. Finally the day came when they met the

Aucas! (Auca means, Savage.) It was after one of these meetings that they were killed. I read in another book, that 35 years later the tribe was following Jesus! And it was all because these men (5 were killed) sacrificed their lives to reach some "unreachables."

Such a good book...Got halfway through and decided to go back through it with a high lighter!

well packaged and received it early. the story started back when he was born and is written for someone who wants to know his whole life. The most interesting part to me was in his last year of college and on. Reading it was sad since you knew ahead of time the ending. But I'm glad that I read it. I had heard that his wife later went back there, but I don't know if that is true.

I was not aware of the incident that caused Elisabeth to write this book. She does an excellent job of researching Jim's life before she knew him and combining their life together as he continued on his journey of faith culminating in his death doing what he wanted to do. I did extra research on the people Jim tried to take the Gospel of Jesus the Christ to which, for me, enhanced the story of Jim's life. Light, easy to follow.

The story of Jim Elliot's youth and missionary endeavors and his thoughts put in writing are a powerful inspiration today as they were in the 1950's. It seemed to me then and still does, that God prepares certain people to accomplish certain things in very short lives and accelerates their spiritual maturity for his holy purpose. This shows very plainly in Jim's writings

Again, this is another of Elisabeth's books. This one though is a biography of her husband, Jim Elliot and it portrays with love and honesty her husband's heart. Recommended reading for anyone interested in the life of a missionary.

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