

# Cross And The Switchblade The Greatest Inspirational True Story Of All Time

The reissue of this bestseller by Bilquis Sheikh. It tells of the journey of discovery which began when a Muslim woman turned from the Qur'an and started reading the Bible. It is an enthralling story of faith and courage in the face of danger and difficul

In his letter to his protégé, Timothy, Paul says, "I have fought the good fight." In Arabic, those last three words are translated jihad. In *Secret Believers*, readers are introduced to Brother Andrew's protégé in the Muslim world, Butros. In this riveting true story of the Middle Eastern Church struggling to come to grips with hostile governments, terrorist acts, and an influx of Muslims coming to Christ, readers will meet a group of men and women they never knew existed. The names and places have been changed to protect the real people in the real places. But the stories are true. In his most incredible and eye-opening book to date, Brother Andrew invites you to meet:

- Ahmed, a young Muslim terrified by nightmares until he is introduced to Isa (Jesus)
- Mustafa, a former leader in a fundamentalist Muslim movement that persecuted Christians
- Salima, a privileged young Muslim woman who is held captive by her family when they find a Bible in her possession
- Abuna, a priest faced with an aging congregation and constant threats to his beloved church
- and many more.

*Secret Believers* not only gives readers a glimpse of the

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lives of these courageous believers, it also proposes four practical initiatives for Christians in the West to help these persecuted brothers and sisters. It calls us to join this new kind of jihad, leaving vengeance behind in favor of forgiveness, radical love, and unyielding prayer.

Mention the record album *Jesus Sound Explosion* to a typical child of the 1970s and that person is likely to picture one of those collections that used to be shown on TV (Call now! Not available in stores!). When Mark Curtis Anderson spied a copy in a junk store a few years ago, he knew just what he'd found, and the memories of growing up in a Baptist minister's family came flooding forth. The title of Anderson's memoir is a nod to the live concert album from *Explo '72*, a kind of evangelical Woodstock emceed by Billy Graham. *Explo's* crowds of 100,000-plus signaled that enterprising evangelicals were discovering how to use rock and roll in the marketplace of conversion. Anderson was eleven that year, too young to be at *Explo* but old enough to wish he was. Other preachers' kids may have gazed out at the wider world and craved its movies, clothes, or toys, but he wanted its music. And not just the Jesus-rocker fare of *Explo's* *Armageddon Experience* or *Children of Truth*, but the real stuff, too. *Jesus Sound Explosion* recalls Anderson's quest for worldliness-through-rock as he came of age under the gaze, he often sensed, of his father's entire congregation. All of the backsliding and revival, idealism and disillusionment one would expect is here, told with delightfully understated humor and set against the sounds of The Guess Who, Yes, Lynyrd Skynyrd, and Bruce Springsteen. Here is a knowing look

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back on a time when Jesus Christ Superstar climbed the pop charts, The Cross and the Switchblade hit the big screen, and anxious parents played their kids' records backwards in search of hidden messages from Satan. A study of the twenty-three compound names of God found in scriptures.

The story of a small-town pastor who found his real ministry among the street gangs of New York and succeeded in founding the Teen Challenge movement In this expanded version of an earlier book, Wilkerson takes readers on a journey of faith as she discovers firsthand that the power of God can conquer pain, disease, and heartache. She teaches by experience how to abide in God's strength and actually see miracles take place.

Tough kids and gangs are not issues of the past.

Violence is alive in families, our schools, our communities and the media. Read the story of Nicky Cruz, a warlord of a vicious New York City gang. He was an experienced thief, mugger, and hardened, violent street criminal - all before he reached 18. Run Baby Run is the dramatic testimony of his desperate battle against drugs, alcoholism and his violent environment. RUN BABY RUN Billy Graham says: "The story of Nicky Cruz is remarkable. It has all the elements of tragedy, violence and intrigue, plus the greatest ingredient of all: the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ."

America cannot avoid the full-blown depression that is about to come upon it, but God has a plan to preserve and provide for His people amidst the chaos.

Wilkerson's passionate call to a deeper walk of daily

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discipleship invites both committed and casual Christians to know Jesus as they've never known him before.

Mary appears only a few times in the Bible, but those few passages come at crucial moments. Catholics believe that Mary is the ever-virgin Mother of God, the Queen of Heaven and Earth. But she also was a human being--a woman who made a journey of faith through various trials and uncertainties and endured her share of suffering. Even with her unique graces and vocation, Mary remains a woman we can relate to and from whom we have much to learn. In *Walking with Mary*, Edward Sri looks at the crucial passages in the Bible concerning Mary and offers insight about the Blessed Mother's faith and devotion that we can apply in our daily lives. We follow her step-by-step through the New Testament account of her life, reflecting on what the Scriptures tell us about how she responded to the dramatic events unfolding around her. "This book is the fruit of my personal journey of studying Mary through the Scriptures, from her initial calling in Nazareth to her painful experience at the cross," writes Edward Sri "It is intended to be a highly readable, accessible work that draws on wisdom from the Catholic tradition, recent popes, and biblical scholars of a variety of perspectives and traditions. With the riches of these insights, we will ponder what her journey of faith may have been like in order to draw out spiritual lessons for our own walk with God." He add, "It is my hope, therefore, that whether you are of a Catholic, Protestant, or other faith background, this book may help you to know, understand, and love Mary more, and that it may inspire you to walk in her footsteps as a faithful disciple of the Lord in your own pilgrimage of faith."

Harlem in the 1950s is the setting for this true story of the miracles that took place when David Wilkerson came face to face with brutal gang leaders and young lives wrecked by

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drugs and sexual abuse, and the complete transformation that took place in even the most hopeless situations.

The Cross and the Switchblade The True Story of One Man's Fearless Faith Chosen Books

"God's Plan to Free the Last-Days Church from the Power of Sin" Pages: 143 Author info: \*Founder of Teen Challenge\* Author of Cross and the Switchblade \*Founder and Senior Pastor of Times Square Church God has taken an oath to deliver His people from the power and dominion of sin. He cut a covenant with His own Son, insuring freedom for all who are in Christ--from the chains of life-controlling habits, lusts and all manner of sins. God has also covenanted to provide the resources needed to obey His every command--an indwelling power to combat all the temptations and lusts of this wicked age. Open your heart to this truth, believe it, pray for an understanding of it--and you will experience a release of power over all dominion of sin.

Tells of the continuing miraculous work of Teen Challenge among gangs, with the highest documented "cure rate" of drug addicts and alcoholics than any other program today. In this 45th anniversary edition of The Cross and the Switchblade, readers will experience anew the dramatic story that started Teen Challenge ministry.

With millions of copies sold, RUN BABY RUN is one of the most powerful true stories of our day: the tale of one man, a legend among gang leaders in New York, and how he turned his back on that world of tribal warfare, sex, drugs and murder for the sake of Christ. In this new book Nicky Cruz explores how the devil uses every possible means to prevent people turning to God, drawing on a wealth of examples ranging from his own spiritualist childhood to his experiences of meeting

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prisoners in the highest security jails in the world. But the best news is that while the devil may be everywhere, God is there too - and it's God whose power will triumph. This is a tough book to read, but it's worth it, because you'll come away convinced not just of the devil's wiles, but much more convinced of God's superior firepower. The devil's worse than you think - but God is greater. In this original short story from #1 New York Times bestselling author Michael Connelly, LAPD Detective Harry Bosch seeks justice for the forgotten NOTE: This file includes a preview of Michael Connelly's novel *The Crossing*. In "Switchblade," an anonymous tip puts Bosch on a case that has remained unsolved for decades, the vicious stabbing of a teenage boy whose body was found in an abandoned Old Hollywood restaurant. Cold cases are often the toughest: With no body, no murder scene, and no fingerprints, Bosch nevertheless gets lucky when DNA evidence from the murder weapon points to a known killer. But the DA insists that science alone is not enough - he needs the case to be bulletproof before he'll take it to court. Determined to speak for those who can no longer speak for themselves, Bosch has one chance to wrench a confession out of a cold-blooded killer, or risk letting him walk free for good. In this gripping, never-before-published story by "master of the crime thriller" (Huffington Post) Michael Connelly, Detective Harry Bosch quenches his thirst for justice and shows why he is "one of the most popular and enduring figures in American crime fiction" (Chicago Tribune). Cruz's classic testimony is still compelling reading more

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than forty years after its first publication. A childhood overshadowed by spiritualism in his Puerto Rican home preceded a harsh and violent adolescence as the leader of one of New York's toughest street gangs. Chilling scenes of knife fights, torture and murder dominated the life of a young man proud and feared on the outside, but inwardly running scared. His fears and loneliness were brought to the surface through an encounter with the unlikely character of preacher David Wilkerson, who led Cruz to open his life to Christ - an incredible conversion that amazed all who knew him.

“This is a story of a tough young man who lost his way, and of a loving God who never forgot him, no matter where he was.” — Nicky Cruz, bestselling author of *Run Baby Run* The son of El Salvadorian immigrants, Casey Diaz was brought to Los Angeles at the age of two. An abusive, impoverished family life propelled Casey at only eleven years of age into the Rockwood Street Locos gang. Casey was willing to do anything to be number one, but years of chasing rival gang members led to a dramatic ambush and arrest by the LAPD. At just sixteen, Casey was sentenced to more than twelve years in solitary confinement in California’s toughest prison as one of the state’s most violent offenders. He thought his life was over. Yet, when a determined elderly woman paid Casey a visit, a whole new world of possibilities began to unfold. Casey scoffed as she quietly insisted God was going to use him. As the days in solitary wore on, Casey realized Someone else was calling the shots. What happened next can only be described as a miracle. Perfect for: People who believe they’re too far gone

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Parents who want to keep their kids out of gangs – what are the warning signs Social workers who interact with at-risk youth Those looking for a gritty, informed perspective on LA street gangs and gang culture A visceral insider's look at the violent world of gangs and prison life, *The Shot Caller* is a remarkable demonstration of God's reckless, unending grace and His desire to reach even the worst of sinners—no matter where they are.

*One Holy Fire* is the dramatic true story of the work of God's Spirit in one person's life—and how that same Spirit can revolutionize readers' lives as well. Nicky Cruz shares lively, never-before-published stories from his ministry that will quicken readers' hearts and spark their souls. Stories of physical, emotional, and spiritual healing. Of masses coming to salvation in Jesus Christ. Of hand-to-hand spiritual warfare. Of the supernatural provision and presence of God's Spirit in every area of his life and ministry. Cruz also explores the promises in Scripture regarding the Spirit's work on earth, addressing such questions as What does it mean to "walk in the Spirit"? How does a supernatural God do business in a natural world? Why has the body of Christ been so slow to come to grips with the Spirit's power and presence? In *One Holy Fire*, the renowned author of the phenomenal Christian classic *Run Baby Run* introduces readers to the Holy Spirit. He challenges them to live according to the Spirit's moment-by-moment guidance. And he inspires them to open their heart and let the Spirit ignite their soul.

"Our help is in the name of the Lord."--Psalm 124:8 In



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the Bible, God is called by many names. But what do they mean? And what do they reveal about Him? Can knowing these names bring the comfort, hope or healing you are seeking? Through Bible teaching and personal anecdotes, bestselling author and beloved pastor David Wilkerson explores ten Hebrew names for God, showing how men and women throughout Scripture found strength and encouragement in the powerful name of the Lord. So can you! This life-changing book will help you know your heavenly Father on a heart-to-heart level, revealing His protection, care, discipline and loving guidance in your life. God has pledged to keep you, to give you His peace, to give you His Holy Spirit, to blot out all your sins and to replace them with His lovingkindness. Here is your invitation to experience each of these realities--in other words, to know God by name.

The tortured face of a young killer, one of seven boys on trial for a brutal murder, started country preacher David Wilkerson on his lonely crusade to the most dangerous streets in the world. Violent gangs ruled by warlords, drug pushers and pimps held the streets of New York's ghettos in an iron grip. It was into this world that David Wilkerson stepped, armed only with the simple message of God's love and the promise of the Holy Spirit's power. Then the miracles began to happen... The Cross and the Switchblade is one of the most inspiring and challenging true stories of all time. It has sold millions of copies throughout the world and

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has been made into a feature film.

Son of Satan, Son of God Nicky Cruz's heart had turned to stone when he was only three. His mother nicknamed him the "son of Satan," and he was severely abused, both physically and mentally. After moving from Puerto Rico to New York, Nicky became the leader of a notorious street gang-- the Mau Maus. He turned into a violent street criminal before he was eighteen. David Wilkerson, a skinny preacher from Pennsylvania, reached out to him with relentless love. He said, "Nicky, Jesus loves you," and this simple message opened the door to a new life for Nicky Cruz. Run Baby Run, now a classic that has sold over 12 million copies, tells his exciting story with gripping openness. Billy Graham wrote, "The story of Nicky Cruz is remarkable. It has all the elements of tragedy, violence, and intrigue, plus the greatest ingredient of all: the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ." "Run Baby Run is a thrilling story. Thousands of troubled young people have read this story and turned their lives over to Christ!" Jamie Buckingham, co-author. Nicky's personal challenge to young people today, his thoughts regarding teen violence, and a helpful and practical action plan for concerned parents ensure that this classic testimony will continue to change the lives of our young people. Nicky wants you to know the truth of the life-changing words that penetrated his heart when he was a violent young man who abused others,

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alcohol, and drugs: "Jesus loves you!"

The True Story of a Man Who Risked It All for God With over 15 million sold, this modern-day classic is now available in a new edition especially for young readers ages 9 to 12, complete with 30 illustrations that bring the story to life. This riveting story follows the young David Wilkerson--then a simple country preacher--as he risks everything, including his life, to go to the heart of New York City to bring the gospel to the violent gangs and drug users who were taking over the streets. The courage, resilience, and faith of this young preacher will inspire a new generation of readers as they see how God's love can pierce the darkest of circumstances and save those who we think are beyond saving. Let this powerful story show the young people in your life how God can use anyone with faith to do the impossible.

"What is he? A friend, or an enemy?" "He is a murderer." Will has just killed a man. He's on the run. His escape will take him far beyond his own world, to the eerie disquiet of a deserted city, and to a girl, Lyra. Her fate is strangely linked to his own, and together they must find the most powerful weapon in all the worlds... The second volume in Philip Pullman's incredible HIS DARK MATERIALS trilogy. First published in 1995, and acclaimed as a modern masterpiece, it won the UK's top awards for children's literature.

Inspiring, Year-Long Devotional Journey from the

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Bestselling Author of *The Cross and the Switchblade* David Wilkerson, best known for his blockbuster memoir *The Cross and the Switchblade* and as the founder of both Teen Challenge and World

Challenge, was a man devoted to seeking and serving the Lord. This April marks his one-year passing, and this devotional commemorates his tremendous spiritual legacy. Mined from his own reflections, *God Is Faithful* offers 365 deeply personal, deeply inspiring devotional thoughts that reflect what Wilkerson came to know intimately and preached passionately to all: God takes delight in you--and is blessed to keep and deliver you.

Complete with accompanying Scriptures, this year-long devotional journey will take believers deeper into the Father heart of God. Readers will not only glean wisdom and insight from a man sold out for the Lord, but they will encounter a loving God whose eyes are always trained on his children.

This is the story of David Wilkerson, the man who believed against the odds that God could do great things in the rejected and ignored of New York City, who refused to give up on those on the streets even when they had given up on themselves, and who saw in the eyes of the drug addicts and gang members what others failed to see—the love of Jesus Christ. But who was David Wilkerson? Many Christians don't really know. More often than not, we saw the fruit of his faith in God rather than the

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man himself. When Wilkerson moved to New York from rural Pennsylvania in 1958 to confront the gangs who ran the streets, he was a skinny, 120-pound man. After the initial publicity that brought him face to face with some of the most dangerous young men of the city, he largely flew under the radar of the media, using the Word of God and a bit of tough love to help men and women of the street escape the destructive spiral of drugs and violence. Wilkerson was always the real deal, full of passion and conviction, not interested in what others said was the “right” or political thing to do. Wilkerson later founded the Times Square Church, now a non-denominational mega-church of 8,000 members, to this day a crossroads for those battling sin, drugs, and pornography, and a place where the message of Christ is discussed. He created the faith-based program Teen Challenge to wean addicts off drugs, and then World Challenge, dedicated since its beginning to promoting and spreading the Gospel throughout the world. Both now have branches worldwide, continuing the work that God began in the life of one man who believed David Wilkerson was a man of faith who trusted God would give him what he needed to enter a world of crime and killing. He was a man of conviction who took the dream God gave him and marched forward without ever looking back. And he was a man of vision who could not be shaken from his beliefs—sometimes even when

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counseled otherwise. David Wilkerson was the preacher of New York City.

Founder of Teen Challenge Shows How to Overcome Persistent Sins This is David Wilkerson's capstone teaching, poured out from a heart that discovered the power God has given his people to triumph over sin. Through Wilkerson's expert ability to blend teaching with personal application, he shows that the key to defeating life-controlling habits is found in one thing: the new covenant God enacted with his people. In today's era of pop psychology, most Christians battle temptation and sin through self-help techniques or gritty self-will. Even Wilkerson, through decades of ministry that led hundreds of thousands to salvation and deliverance, struggled to know true peace as he battled his own "besetting sins." Determined to find victory, Wilkerson came to grasp the stunning reality that the vast love of God provides the spiritual resources believers need to obey his every command.

Gathered from some of his most prominent sermons, this is one of Wilkerson's most powerful teachings--one that will redeem countless lives into the life-giving experience of purity.

In our instant-gratification, feel-good world, most people don't spend time thinking about or preparing for hardship, nor do they have a deep knowledge of the God who will carry them through. So when tragedy strikes, they are caught ill-prepared to face their circumstances. David Wilkerson has confronted countless challenges and hardships and has met many

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others with similar experiences. In *Triumph through Tragedy*, he shares their remarkable stories--testimonies of God's faithfulness in hard times. Readers will be blessed and moved by stories of lost children, life-threatening illness abandonment, and financial disaster. When people confronting these crises chose to turn to God, they moved into a marvelous place of intimacy with and trust in him. Their stories of triumph are an inspiration to persevere through adversity to a deeper knowledge of God, who will see us through.

Discover Hope, Grace, and Healing in These 800 Promises Straight from God's Word With millions of copies in print, this book stands as a proven and essential Bible tool for everyday use. Now available in a larger size, this volume continues to bring truths from God's Word into almost every spiritual and personal problem encountered today. The 800 specific promises are arranged topically, making this an easy-to-use resource for all who need words of encouragement or who simply want quick access to categorized Scriptures. Readers looking for a "purse companion" or meaningful gift will welcome this new edition of the beloved classic.

Provides a modern retelling, the Biblical text, and historical background of the stories behind Eve, Potiphar's wife, Lot's wife, Delilah, and other women portrayed with imperfect characteristics.

"Go to New York City and help those boys." When David Wilkerson heard those words in his heart late one night, he was dumbfounded. The boys in question were members of a violent gang and on trial for murder. He himself was a young country preacher settled comfortably in a little mountain church in Pennsylvania. What could God possibly expect him to accomplish? But those words took root in his heart, and he knew he had to go. Risking everything--his career, his marriage, even his life--he found himself walking the streets

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of New York City and sharing the gospel with the most violent gangs and drug users, sometimes at knife point. With over 15 million copies sold, this is the powerful, riveting true story of how God can use the most unlikely of people to do the impossible--and save those we think are beyond saving.

Fans of *The Cross and the Switchblade* will love *Victor*. It is the true story of Victor Torres, who moved with his family from their native Puerto Rico to Brooklyn, New York, in search of a better life. Their American dream, however, quickly faded into a nightmare when young Victor was introduced to gang life on the New York streets. Within a few years, teenage Victor had set up a lucrative drug-trafficking business in an attempt to help his financially struggling family. But Victor quickly became enslaved by his own drug addiction, as his parents, Manuel and Lila, desperately searched to find a way to help their son. Through the persistent prayers of Victor's mother and the ministry of David Wilkerson, Victor's parents realized that a faith-based rehabilitation program was their last chance to rescue their son. After a series of personal tragedies, Victor experienced a life-altering encounter with the Lord that changed everything. In this companion book to the award-winning movie of the same name, Victor Torres himself takes you through his journey, from tragedy to triumph, a living example of the power of redemptive freedom found only in Christ.

How a skeptical journalist was introduced to the charismatic renewal and to the phenomenon of speaking in tongues.

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