



## **“Becoming Elisabeth Elliot” inspires a new generation with an authentic introduction to the beloved missionary and author**

Elisabeth Elliot was a young missionary in Ecuador when members of a violent Amazonian tribe savagely speared her husband Jim and his four colleagues. Incredibly, prayerfully, Elisabeth took her toddler daughter, snakebite kit, Bible, and journal . . . and lived in the jungle with the Stone-Age people who killed her husband. Compelled by her friendship and forgiveness, many came to faith in Jesus.

This courageous, no-nonsense Christian went on to write dozens of books, host a long-running radio show, and speak at conferences all over the world. She was a pillar of coherent, committed faith; a beloved and sometimes controversial icon.

In this authorized biography, “Becoming Elisabeth Elliot,” “New York Times” bestselling author Ellen Vaughn uses Elisabeth’s private, unpublished journals and candid interviews with her family and friends to paint the adventures

and misadventures God used to shape one of the most influential women in modern church history.

### **Book information**

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### **Why Ellen?**

- Ellen Vaughn is a “New York Times” bestselling author, having written or collaborated on dozens of non-fiction, biographical and autobiographical books, including those from Chuck Colson, Steven Curtis and Mary Beth Chapman and Denise Jackson (Alan Jackson’s wife).
- Ellen spent three years painstakingly researching Elisabeth Elliot’s life—conducting interviews with those who knew her and carefully reading through Elisabeth’s own unpublished journals.

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- Elisabeth Elliot’s story of becoming a missionary to the violent Amazonian tribe who killed her husband has captivated the hearts and imaginations of millions of people for almost seventy years. Her book, “Through Gates of Splendor,” is still known as one of the seminal Christian books of the 20th century. Ellen aims to introduce this “gutsy woman of faith” to a generation that does not know her.
- Ellen’s biography may also give readers who already esteem Elisabeth Elliot a deeper, more complex, yet more relatable role model than they realized. Those who have dismissed her for the “traditionalism” of some of her views, or those who loathed her books on womanhood, will perhaps find someone with whom they still disagree, but whose authentic spiritual pursuit they can admire.
- Ellen captures Elisabeth Elliot’s authenticity by showing her imperfections and mistakes—both public and private—and her own mourning over her gaffes and errors.
- Overwhelmingly relevant for today’s readers, this biography shows Elisabeth Elliot’s unshakable, radical faith and a healthy willingness to die.

## About Ellen

**Ellen Vaughn** is a New York Times bestselling author and speaker who has written or co-written 23 books. Former vice president of executive communications at Prison Fellowship, she collaborated with the late Chuck Colson on a number of his seminal works. She speaks at conferences, often travels to interview Christ-followers in hostile parts of the world, and serves on the board of directors for ICM, the global church developer. With degrees from Georgetown University and the University of Richmond, Ellen lives in northern Virginia with husband Lee, a regional pastor for McLean Bible Church, a daughter and two grandchildren, and one clueless dog. She enjoys reading, hiking, drinking coffee, and staring pensively at the ocean.

## Q&A with Ellen (TBD)

1. Why did you write this book? Who did you write it for?
2. Talk about the research you conducted in order to write this book. What was that journey of discovery like?
3. What makes this book different from the many others that have been written on the Elliots?
4. What new insights did you gain in the process of researching and writing this book?
5. How has Elisabeth Elliot’s story affected your faith? How do you think her story can affect others today?
6. What do you want the reader to take away from this book?

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7. This book focuses on the early years of Elisabeth’s life. Why split the biography into two volumes?
8. What parts of Elisabeth’s story did you find yourself relating to the most?
9. Elisabeth Elliot wrote multiple biographies herself. Did you find this to be a benefit or added challenge to your work?

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