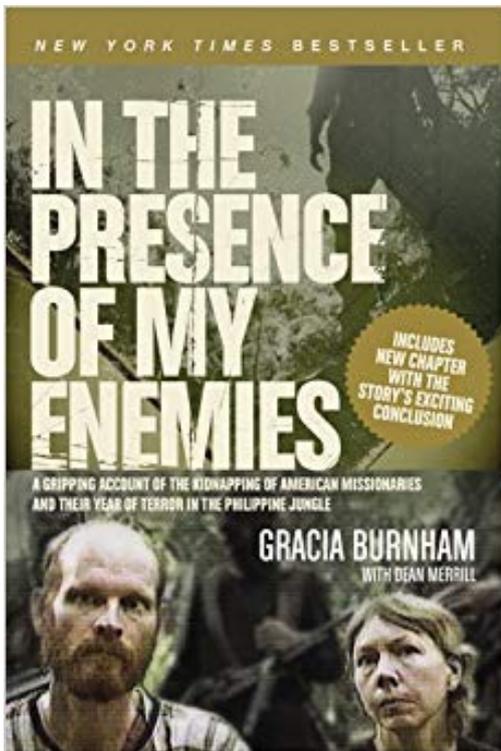


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The gripping true story of American missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham's year as hostages in the Philippine jungle, was a New York Times best seller and has sold nearly 350,000 copies. Now releasing in trade softcover for the first time, this updated edition has a new look and contains never-before-published information on the capture and trial of the Burnhams' captors; Gracia's secret return trip to the Philippines; and updates on recent events in Gracia's life, ministry, and family.



Reviews of the **In the Presence of My Enemies: A Gripping**

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Mikale

Just finished reading the story. Very moving. Amazing story of how Gracia Burnham and her husband persevered through the jungles of various Filipino islands as hostages. Great testimony of the struggle believers have in severe trials and how each can encourage the other to stand firm. The most recent edition (2010 copyright) has an additional followup chapter that is a bit long, but interesting and brings a good measure of closure. It shows how God works all things together for good for those who love him and are called according to his purpose. I greatly appreciated the fact that this story was committed to writing. What an amazing memory Gracia must have! Thanks for sharing.

HelloBoB:D

It was a blessing to read *In the Presence of My Enemies* with my husband as we made our weekly treks to church and our mentors' house.

This book is extremely well written... Engaging and thorough. The couple, Martin and Gracia Burnham, were serving in the Philippines. They had taken a short weekend vacation to celebrate their anniversary, when they were startled awake and received the order, "Move! Move! Move!" from three men dressed in black. We soon learn that they are part of the Abu Sayyaf terrorist organization (Muslim extremists). Their main reason for taking the Burnhams hostage? Ransom money for funding.

We never wanted to put the book down when we arrived at our destination. There were even a few occasions where we looked up and said, "Whoa. We aren't in the Philippines." Yes - the book is that engaging. I was encouraged by Gracia's straightforwardness - life as a hostage was not easy and brought out the worst in those involved. I was also challenged by her and her husband as they clung tightly to their faith, knowing that God is still good even when circumstances are not.

If you're looking for a modern Christian biography that will encourage and challenge you, this is my highest recommendation. I easily give it 5 stars!

Voodookree

So well written and so inspirational. A love story for sure. I remember praying for this couple after I saw a news report of them prior to the rescue. I kept them in my prayers for so long, and then one evening a ticker came across the bottom of my TV that Gracia had been rescued but Martin didn't make it. I burst into tears and cried and cried for this beautiful couple. Gracia's book is so beautifully written, and her love for Christ is so profound, that it is a message to all of us, that bad things happen to good people, but God is always there beside us.

Naril

I'm generally a fiction fan, but this book had me within the first few pages. Gracia did an amazing job putting down the ordeal she and her husband went through. My heart was wrenched, it was pulled, it raced. I cried for them, and prayed for their well-being. I refrained from researching the story or its outcome until I had finished the book.

Such a great story, I only wish it was just a story. But I can see how this book can help a lot of people put their views into perspective, as well as show the strength you are capable of - which I'm sure a lot of us need to know from time to time.

Raelin

I learned of Gracia at a Voice of the Martyrs conference this year. Her picture on the flyer drew me to go. She was the last speaker and she convinced me I could truly love the way God intended me to. This book is a must for anyone seeking to go farther in Christ. Loving your enemies is the pinnacle of perfection. I loved the way the book was written, like a journal...well done!

Moronydit

Really didn't want to read book. I read it for book club, started off a little slow but, I continued to read and couldn't put it down. Absolutely and incredible story. Gives you so much to think about. This man and her husband are incredible people, I believe we can all learn from their struggle to survive.

Mezilabar

Living a comfortable life it's impossible to imagine the hardships people in other countries endure. To be kidnapped and held hostage is beyond what you think you could endure. Gracia Burnham has described their ordeal and how God sustained them. An incredible story I would encourage all to read.

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