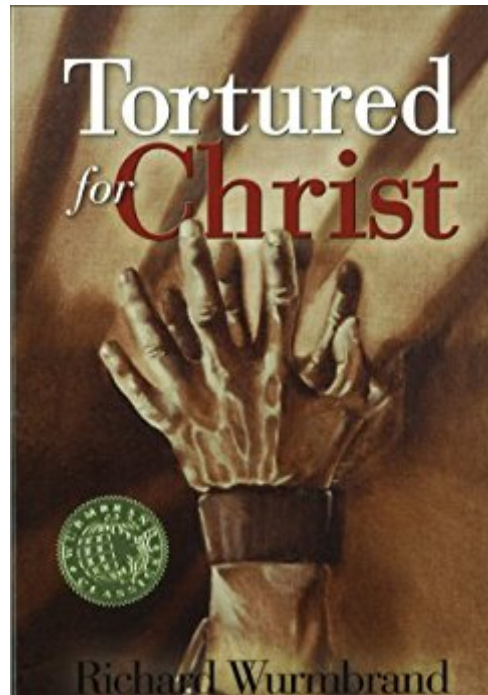




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One Man Who Dared to Stand Up Months of solitary confinement, years of periodic physical torture, constant suffering from hunger and cold, the anguish of brainwashing and mental cruelty--these are the experiences of a Romanian pastor during his 14 years in Communist prisons. His crime, like that of thousands of others, was his fervent belief in Jesus Christ and his public witness concerning that faith. Meeting in homes, in basements, and in woods--sometimes daring to preach in public on street corners--these faithful souls persisted in their Christian witness knowing full well the ultimate cost of their actions. This is their story--a classic account of courage, tenacious faith, and unbelievable endurance. This history of the Underground Church reflects the continuing struggle in many parts of the world today.

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Customer Reviews

Should you choose to read this book, you will not regret it. There are many books that discuss persecution of Christians, however, I found this one very special. The persecuted Christians are tortured and prisoned for their faith by the Russians, however, their faith in God helps them survive the daily cruel torture in prisons. Family members turning each other in, across the board traitors, priests turning their own worshippers in to govt for special treatment. Actually, the writer was also the prisoner who survives many many years in prison, only to return to assist underground church when released. His story is given in order to cause awareness of the tortured ones, the need for materials for his underground church, etc. Excellent, riveting - a different look at a persecuted Christian who turns all abuse for Christ in order to lead others to Him. Could not put it down!

This book explains how Communism has destroyed the ability of the peoples under it to think for themselves. It is really so sad. It is difficult to keep from crying throughout this book. The tortures that people have gone through just because they profess their faith in Jesus Christ.....it is amazing that some have survived, although most have not. It is a crime that American Christians have ignored this group of people, who have suffered for their faith. You will never be the same after reading this book. The joy of people who hear the gospel and are changed by it, despite the persecution, is amazing and makes those of us who live in comfort in this country feel shame. These people in all persecuted countries need our prayer and support.

My daughter and I have been reading this together and it really puts us in a mood of thankfulness that we are free to believe in Jesus Christ and to share the truth without the severe repercussions faced by this dear soul. He is surely in Heaven with the Lord now, safe in the knowledge that he did not deny God when it was easier to be silent. "Extreme Devotion" from Voice of the Martyrs is an excellent daily devotional book on the theme of faithfulness amid threat of imprisonment, torture, or death. I find it most encouraging to read.

This is an excellent read, one that I would recommend to all believers. The brief description of torture is very shred to read and gave me nightmares. It took me three months before I could pick the book up again. Once I did, I could hardly put it down! I would say this book highlights two biblical principles: love and honor. The second greatest commandment instructs us to love our neighbors as ourselves. The scriptures also tell us to honor all men and to promote unity among the brethren. The Underground Church, as described in this book, seems to have mastered this in a way that is

inconceivable for those on the outside looking in. This book challenges us to reevaluate petty gripes that hinder our ability to love one another, not to mention the lost. Finally, this book also challenges Christians in the West, particularly American Christians, to see the Body as a much larger organism, a global one. We are challenged to pray for and support the brethren in various parts of the world, as the scriptures call for us to do, especially the Underground Church.

An eye and heart opening of God's work in the persecuted church. In this, Richard Wurmbrand's signature book, he gives an over arching view of his conversion, his son's conversion, and his wife, Sabina's, faithfulness. He writes of his 14 years in a Romanian prison under the Communists, his ransom/rescue, and, from the USA, his plea to the Western Church to open their eyes and hearts to their brothers and sisters in chains. This is both an easy and a joyful-painful read. An excellent primer for the person wanting to learn of what it means to be a persecuted Christian. A grand picture of faithfulness: God's faithfulness and the faithfulness of the underground church. If only I could give it 6 stars!

I could say so much about this book. But for now just that when I'm feeling cranky or whiny about how difficult life is in this impoverished country called America, it's the perfect remedy to make me grateful again and give me a reality check. Stand up people. So powerful. In the right hands.

Every single person should read this book! You will no longer be bummed out that you don't make enough money, gained weight or aren't fulfilled in your life. It will inspire you to appreciate your freedom and make the most of it. It grew my faith in seeing - these people are so sure Jesus is God they will not forsake him when given the chance to end their torture! Socialism will do this to ANYONE who does not submit to the party that takes from the people and tortures them. It's happening in Venezuela - more people should read this book.

I am in utter awe of the steadfast faith of these Christians who, under the most horrific tortures from atheists, not only kept their faith in God but grew their faith in Jesus all the more. Every Christian should read this book to learn of the torturing that their brothers and sisters in Christ are suffering in atheist countries. Great is their reward in heaven. Let us help them in every way that we can. This book has changed me forever.

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