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A Trailblazer Book. A young West African girl must look to the courageous missionary, Mary Slessor, as the only one who can rescue her mother from the dreaded trial by poison bean.

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Joshua says

I enjoyed reading this fictional book based on real events in Mary Slessor's life to younger siblings.

Jones Family says

this is a good book for adventurism piopol

Dianna says

This is one of my kids' reading books and I'd never heard of Mary Slessor. Fun biography info while reading of her adventures as a missionary in Africa, from the perspective of a young African girl whose village gets the privilege of hosting Ma Slessor.

Davina says

I remember this one being a bit much for me as a little child. The title alone... I was always afraid of the story and it left a dark feeling in m memory. Probably better suited for older children.

Luisa Knight says

I have fond memories of my mom reading these books to us over lunch. And we'd beg her to keep going when lunch was over too, because we just had to know what happened! Well told, engaging, adventuresome and you learn about a famous Christian in history.

Ages: 7+

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Catherine Gillespie says

The kids really enjoyed Trial by Poison, a story taken from the life of Mary Slessor, a Scottish missionary to Africa in the 1800s. Slessor was pretty remarkable in that she went to the field as a single woman and lived and dressed as the people in the jungle villages she served. She also took in all sorts of unwanted kids, such as abandoned twin babies (who were believed to be cursed). The story is a dramatic episode involving an unjust practice of dosing enemy prisoners with poison to see if they were guilty of causing an accidental death, but it also highlights Slessor's commitment to the Gospel as a truth applicable to all cultures, not just Western culture, which I think was unusual for that time. The book is full of adventure and appealed equally to my girls and boy. The illustrations are mediocre at best (as is true for this whole series of missionary stories, much to my chagrin) but I just don't bother showing the pictures and we move on.

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Hope says

a little on the weird side but only because i didnt live in that in africa.

Colter says

great book for young kids a dear friend gave it to me
