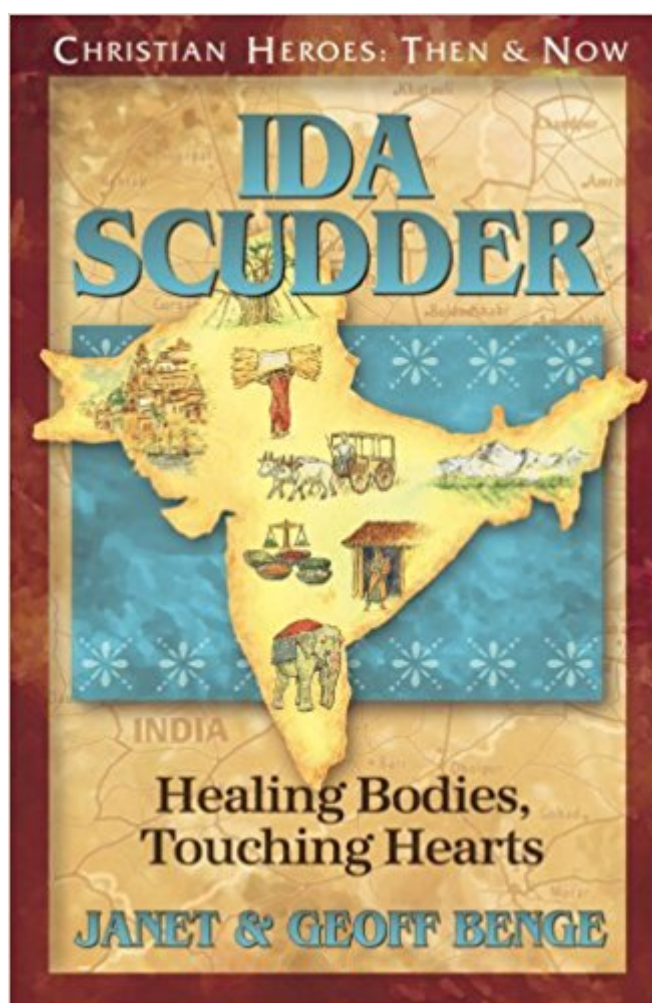


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# Ida Scudder: Healing Bodies, Touching Hearts (Christian Heroes: Then & Now)



## Synopsis

Written for ages 10 and up -- enjoyed by adults. Ida stamped her foot. Her friends were wrong. "I will not be a missionary to India like my parents!" she retorted. "Don't any of you say I will be, because I won't -- never, ever, ever." Ida had never forgotten the faces of starving Indian children. She hated India -- it was full of horrible situations she could do nothing about. Ida Scudder was sure she would never follow in the footsteps of her medical missionary father. But when she witnessed Indian women dying because their religious beliefs didn't allow male doctors to treat them, Ida heard herself pray, "God, if You want me to, I will spend the rest of my life in India trying to help these women." Serving for nearly sixty years, Dr. Ida Scudder lived out the truth and compassion found in Christ. She pioneered a first-rate medical school and hospital, brought life-saving health care to rural people, and left an inspiring legacy that still touches millions of people each year with healing and hope.

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## Customer Reviews

Janet and Geoff Benge are a husband and wife writing team with more than twenty years of writing experience. Janet is a former elementary school teacher. Geoff holds a degree in history. Originally from New Zealand, the Benges spent ten years serving with Youth With A Mission.

This was inspiring, and also realistic in describing her life. My granddaughter is thinking she might like to be a medical missionary. I feel this doesn't varnish the truth, yet shows the profound effect

that such a life can have.

Excellent story about an amazing life. Read it to my granddaughters and they enjoyed it a lot.

I love to read about missionary biographies because we learn so much how God uses people to bring hope to others.

Love this series and never tire of it. Great for church libraries. We read them over and over again at our house.

What Christians like Ida Scudder gave up, and what they gave, shames us today; what an incredible woman.

I am 9 years old and I love this book! I used this book for my school book report and I did pretty well. It is easy to understand and fun to read. I couldn't put it down once I started reading! I highly recommend this book.

Another great book by the Benges. Ms. Scudder grew up in India having come from a multigenerational family of missionaries. As a late teenager, she swore to her friends she would never become a missionary, but God changed that one night through a series of remarkable occurrences. She went on to become a doctor of medicine and spent the next 50 years healing the Indian people, starting several medical schools and educating the public regarding basic hygiene etc...

..... Know your facts. Count the cost. Money is not the important thing. What you are building is not a medical school. It is the Kingdom of God. Don't err on the side of being too small." Ida's words in her diary when faced with a challenge. Having been born to missionary parents in India, as a young girl, Ida was determined that she was not going to follow in her parent's footsteps. She was going to live 'the life' in the USA! Happenings that followed changed her mind. One evening three men in India visited her at separate times asking her to come help their wives who were having difficult childbirths. Due to the custom back then her father, the doctor, was not allowed to treat/help the woman. Ida was unqualified so all three women died! (Their husbands believed it was the will of Allah.) Devastated, Ida found herself praying to God, giving her life to India & helping the women.

Read this incredible story of how, after receiving her training she returned to India where over time she set up the most prestigious medical college for women in Vellore, helped thousands & thousands in roadside clinics & found herself the "mother" to many children. God's provision along with Ida's determination, hard work and faith are the reason that this incredible continues even to this day. Suitable for the whole family, we read this during family devotions. Challenging, real and a testimony to how God can use someone when they surrender their lives to HIM! Ida Scudder - 1870 to 1960

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