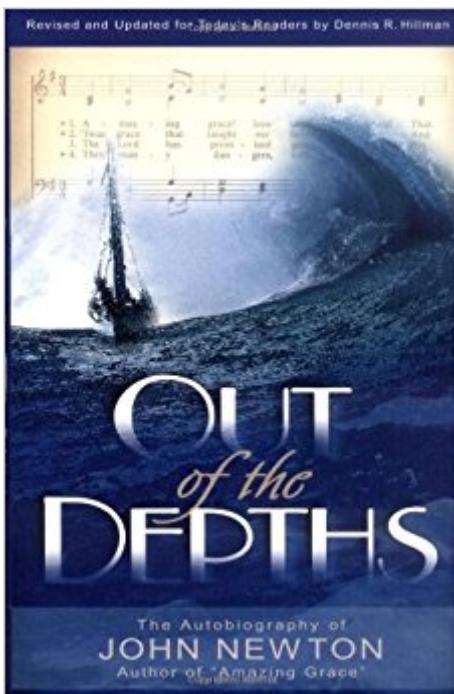


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# Out Of The Depths



## **Synopsis**

(Updated and revised by Dennis R. Hillman) The original and unvarnished account of one of Christianity's most dramatic conversions—the autobiography of John Newton, the author of "Amazing Grace." This is the ultimate, full-length hymn story, as spectacular and compelling today as when it was first written.

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Out of the Depths provides a beautiful picture of the 'amazing grace' Newton so eloquently described in his famous song. - (Singing News 2004-06-03) --1

John Newton (1725-1807) was born in London and at age eleven went to sea with his father, a shipmaster on the Mediterranean. Disregarding his mother's prayer that he enter the ministry, he engaged in the lucrative but brutal African slave trade for a number of years. After his conversion he served in the Church of England as pastor of Olney parish and later of the combined church of St. Mary's in London. In addition to the words of "Amazing Grace," Newton was a prolific songwriter whose other well-known hymns include "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" and "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds."

Great book. It includes the original words to "Amazing Grace" which doesn't include the "When we've been there 10000 yrs..." verse. I think some recent artist, perhaps Chris Tomlin, produced a

version with verses like the original. From reading John Newton's autobiography you can see the inherent rebellion against God that is present in all mankind and the depravity to which we greedily turn, as well as the truly amazing grace of God to preserve and save such sinners by the free gift of forgiveness and imputed righteousness through the Lord Jesus Christ. John Newton didn't end his life performing penance as shown in the film "Amazing Grace", but in joy and confidence in his Savior, preaching the good news virtually to the end of his life. Though blind the last two years of his life and asked by friends to slow down, his response was "What, shall the old African blasphemer stop when he can speak?" He truly lived the words of his most famous song.

Just finished reading 'Out of the Depths' the autobiography of John Newton! This man was nothing like I had in my mind as he was born of a christian mother who urged him to be a minister but he instead followed a life of sin for many years. He spotted his future wife when she was 13 yrs old, many years before they married and he said he loved her from the very first glance and that love never for one moment changed! He exposes his sin, making no excuses until God began to touch his life in ways he could not ignore! I feel I know him now and will even feel differently when I sing his marvelous song 'Amazing Grace'! Great book!

This was such a wonderful book. To learn the story of John Newton was a blessing. I have purchased several and sent them to others. An amazing story about an amazing man. Would recommend to anyone.

Maybe it's just because there's a time warp between when John Newton wrote his letters and the present day, but I felt a little disappointed in reading his autobiography. As if the real feeling was missing. It felt like a record of events without the emotion that must surely have accompanied those events. Full credit to Dennis R Hillman, without whose footnotes I would've missed a lot of innuendo. Very well done, an incredible story, but next time I'll read someone else's account of Newton's life.

I read this book before reading "The Life and Spirituality of John Newton". This book appeared to be watered down and not as well written as John Newton's own words. The author noted that he changed the style and wording to make the biography more understandable, but I preferred the original. It was a good book and gave me a decent understanding of John Newton's life and trials, but wasn't as deep spiritually.

I bought this title because I just read the William Wilberforce Biography. This book was pretty much what I expected, but was a little shorter than I thought it would be. I loved the faith journey taken by Newton best of all. This is a nice, short, compact book that will give you a taste of Newton, and its all from his mouth, first person. I also bought Amazing Grace in John Newton, which is a little more of a biography. I haven't read that yet though. I would recommend it though!

:-) All good.

It's a very good read. The language is modified well enough to make it quite accessible, but still has the sense of it being out of the era in which it was written. The testimony of John Newton is a testimony I think many can identify with, and is sure to encourage virtually any reader.

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