

Chronology (continued)

1933 Retired from the ministry, after having served in Akron, OH, Los Angeles, CA and Montreal, Canada, in order to devote full time to writing.

Non-fiction books published

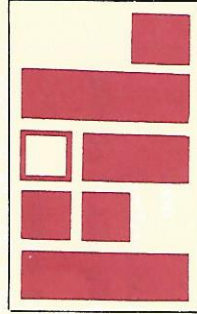
- 1920 *Wanted--A Congregation*
- 1924 *The Minister's Everyday Life*
- 1926 *These Sayings of Mine*
- 1927 *Those Disturbing Miracles*

Novels Published

- 1929 *Magnificent Obsession*
- 1932 *Forgive Us Our Trespasses*
- 1933 *Precious Jeopardy*
- 1935 *Green Light*
- 1936 *White Banners*
- 1937 *Home For Christmas*
- 1939 *Disputed Passage*
- Doctor Hudson's Secret Journal*
- 1940 *Invitation to Live*
- 1942 *The Robe*
- 1948 *The Big Fisherman*

- 1951 *Time To Remember (Reminiscences)*
- 1955 *The Living Faith (Selected Sermons)*

1951 Died in Los Angeles on February 16, aged 73.



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DO YOU KNOW

Which Hoosier author was born in Columbia City?

Which Hoosier author was director
of Christian Youth at the
University of Illinois?

Which Hoosier author was inspired by *Ben Hur*?

Which Hoosier author wrote his first novel--a best seller--at
the age of 52?

Which Hoosier author's father was a State Senator?

Which Hoosier author, in spite of unfavorable com-
ments by the critics, managed to produce 11
best sellers?

Which Hoosier author had six honorary degrees?

LLOYD C. DOUGLAS

LLOYD C. DOUGLAS HOOSIER BEST SELLER

Hoosier born Lloyd C. Douglas had a long, distinguished career in the ministry before turning to writing as his second profession. In his career as a pastor, he had published religious essays and books, but he did not publish his first novel, *Magnificent Obsession*, until he was 52 years old. It was an immediate best-seller, selling 700,000 copies in its first year.

Upon the amazing success of his first novel, Douglas wrote a second, *Forgive Us Our Trespases*, and retired from the ministry to devote himself full-time to writing. He was an active novelist from 1929 till his death in 1951. During those years, he produced eleven novels and one autobiographical book about his boyhood years in Indiana.

Douglas' Indiana roots did influence his writing. In *A Time to Remember*, he relates that during the winter of 1887, his father read Lew Wallace's *Ben Hur* to the family. Douglas relates, "...it made a great impression on me." When he was thirteen, he attended the Barnum and Bailey Circus in Ft. Wayne, Indiana and saw reproduced in grand Barnum and Bailey style, a scene from *Ben Hur*. Douglas credits Lew Wallace and Barnum and Bailey with his lifelong interest in the Roman Empire. In his second novel, *Forgive Us Our Trespases*, acknowledges his Indiana background by mentioning Ft. Wayne, Indianapolis, Ligonier,

Albion and a fictitious Magnolia College, anywhere in Indiana.

Although Douglas retired to Los Angeles to pursue his writing career, he returned to Indiana frequently to visit his mother. In 1938, he returned to the town of his birth, Columbia City, Indiana, for the World Premier of the screen version of *White Banners*. The June 18th edition of the *Columbia City Post* reports that Douglas arrived on the east-bound Manhattan Limited, to be greeted by the mayor. He was given a tour of the town, visiting the house where he was born, while the small town was over-run by cameramen. In 1939,

Douglas lectured at Town Hall, in Indianapolis, at English's Theatre, where he told his audience he became a writer to bring his message to a larger audience.

Certainly, Douglas reached a large audience. By the time of his death, Douglas' eleven novels had sold a total of seven and a half million copies, while the screen versions of *Magnificent Obsession* and *The Robe* carried his message to an enormous audience. Douglas was one of the best-known novelists of his day. Today, his novels remain popular and film versions of his works are regularly shown on television.

Chronology of Lloyd C. Douglas

- 1877 Born in Columbia City, IN, August 27th, son of Alexander and Sarah Jane Cassel.
- 1881 Family moved to Kentucky, Ohio, Indiana for several years while father served as pastor to rural churches.
- 1900 Received A.B. degree from Wittenburg College in Springfield, Ohio.
- 1903 Received A.M. from Wittenburg and B.D. from Hamma Divinity School. Ordained as Lutheran minister. Moved to North Manchester, IN as pastor of Zion Church.
- 1904 Married Besse Io Porch.
- 1905 Served as minister to churches in Lancaster, OH and Washington, D.C.
- 1911 Became Director of Religious Work at University of Illinois.
- 1915 Served as pastor of First Congregational Church of Ann Arbor. Was publicity director for United States War Work Council and the Congregational World Movement. His essays began to appear in *Atlantic Monthly* and *Scribner's*.

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LECTURES

Saturday, July 28

Indiana State Museum
202 North Alabama

1:00 P.M.

"Lloyd C. Douglas: The Man and His Work"
--Marjorie Carlson

1:45 P.M.

Intermission and Refreshments

2:15 P.M.

"Best Sellers, 1900-1950"
--Donald Thompson

FILMS

Cropsey Auditorium
Indianapolis-Marion County
Public Library

July 26 at 2:00 P.M.

Disputed Passage

July 27 at 7:00 P.M.

Magnificent Obsession

July 29 at 2:00 P.M.

The Robe

July 30 at 2:00 P.M.

Green Light

Film Coordinator:
David Mannweiler