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## *“A BOOK FROM A FRIEND?”*

Jim Hannington was an adventurer who eventually became a missionary to Africa. But he wasn't born a Christian, although he thought he was! He even became a vicar for a while but found no real joy in Christ. One day a friend sent him a Christian book to read...but he didn't like it! In fact, he threw it across the room in a temper. He was so offended that his friend should give him such a book! Nevertheless, he resolved to plough through it in one night, just so he could tell his friend that he had done so.

After reading a bit further he became aware that the author was speaking a lot of sense. Soon he came to a heading which said, *“Do you feel your sins are forgiven?”* and he knew immediately that this was his problem. He got on his knees and prayed for the Lord to forgive him and save him. He trusted in Christ that night, and came to know the joy of real salvation. Reader, can I ask: has a friend given you a book to help you to Christ? If so, don't be offended. They did so because they care for you. As Paul wrote the Galatians, *“Have I therefore become your enemy because I tell you the truth?”* (4:16). Please understand this... and flee to Christ.