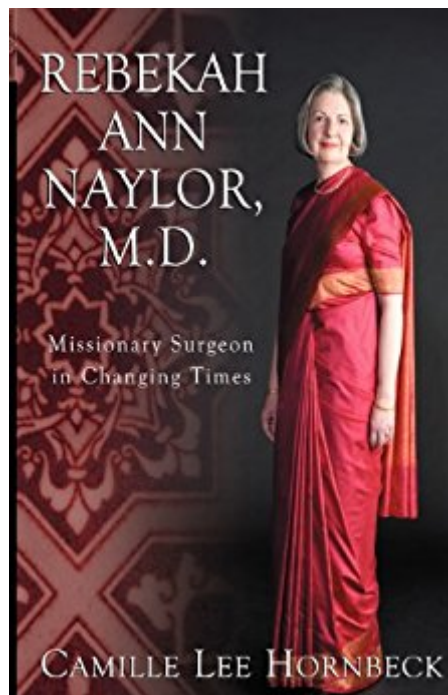




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# Rebekah Ann Naylor, M.D.: Missionary Surgeon In Changing Times



## Synopsis

What one life intertwined with serving God and the people of India can do . . . The call--a term that typically underscores tales of Christian luminaries. Where does it originate? What drives it? What distinguishes it? And what about it propels some to overcome unimaginable challenges to cling to God's beckoning--"Follow me"? This extraordinary story of Rebekah Ann Naylor, M.D., is an almost palpable personification of what God's call can yield in the life of one committed individual. As a pastor/seminary-president's daughter, Naylor's early years are shaped by those who view one's calling as inviolable. Believing God wants her to be a missionary physician, she becomes the first woman to graduate from the surgical residency program at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School. As a single female in the alien country of India and as a medical pioneer Naylor helps develop Bangalore Baptist Hospital and then is administrator and surgeon there. Whether performing a delicate operation or driving in Indian traffic, her absolute faith in God propels this multi-gifted missionary through ultimate challenges--including sometimes incessant and complex government red tape involved in keeping the hospital going. Giving up and failing are never in Naylor's vocabulary, even though she ultimately finds herself having to flex with a vastly different era of missions strategy than the one in which she joined Southern Baptist's International Mission Board. Accomplished storyteller Camille Lee Hornbeck captures this contemporary, awe-inspiring yet vastly human hero of the faith who perseveres in circumstances that send others home--who for more than 30 years thoroughly gives herself to the people of India and whose life beckons others to follow in her footsteps.

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So enjoyed reading the history of Dr. Naylor, who I consider to be a truly godly woman. What she accomplished in India is amazing. Inspirational!!

A remarkable lady who is still active. I wanted to read the book since her father was the pastor of our church many years ago.

Rebekah is truly a woman of faith and action. God continues to bless others through her selfless commitment to sharing His love. The book is very readable.

This is an amazing account of a remarkable woman!! I KNOW this wonderful tiny in stature lady but had no idea of her life accomplishments!! This story is inspiring!! What a beautiful attribute!!

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The petite young woman came into my Sunday School class in 1964, and I discovered we had mutual friends. She was in Nashville to begin medical school at Vanderbilt University. We became friends that day and continue that relationship today. Dr. Naylor completed extensive surgical training in Dallas. She then was sent as a Baptist missionary surgeon in a small hospital in Bangalore, India in 1974. She is retiring from this position at the end of 2008. Dr. Naylor has seen growth at the hospital and acceptance of the staff by local residents. She led in the enlargement of the facilities and the addition of personnel. The hospital is recognized for its quality of service which includes maternity and surgical services. Being female was a problem for Dr. Naylor in her early years in India. Women were not accepted in the medical profession. Her skills and business-like manner led to patients eager for her services. The author had access to extensive information about Dr. Naylor and her ministry resulting to an interesting, informative account of life as a missionary surgeon in India.

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