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“Have there ever in history been men who had so much ground under their feet—for whom all present alternatives appeared at once as unbearable . . . ?” Though Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote these words to the German people during World War II, he spoke with the voice of a prophet to the people of all countries and all times.

In this volume are letters, essays, fragments of drama, and a poem, all written during the final years of Bonhoeffer’s uncompromising opposition to Nazism. Each selection testifies to his deep concern for his countrymen, and each echoes the call to the “responsible life” which Bonhoeffer advocated and exemplified.

**I Loved This People** offers inspiration and strength to men and women for those times when there is “so much ground under their feet.”

DIETRICH BONHOEFFER (1906-1945) had taught in such places as Barcelona, New York, and London, but chose to return to Germany to minister to his own people during World War II. He was persecuted, imprisoned, and finally hanged by the Nazis.

The quality of Bonhoeffer’s life and faith is reflected in his provocative writings: **The Cost of Discipleship, Ethics, Life Together, Letters and Papers from Prison.**



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