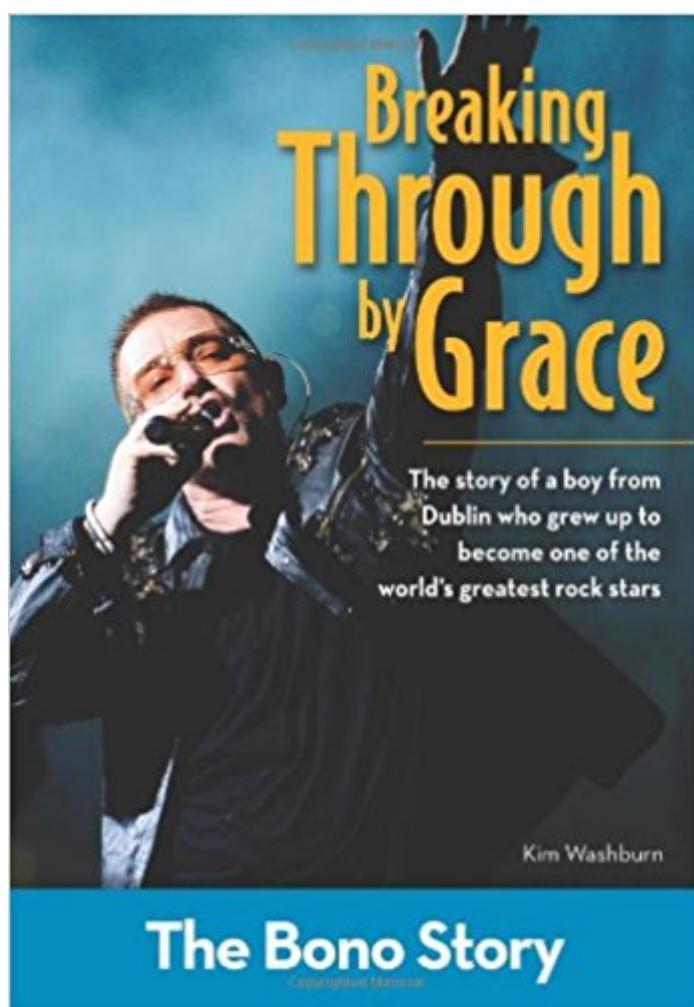


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# Breaking Through By Grace: The Bono Story (ZonderKidz Biography)



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Kim Washburn has been writing for children for more than ten years. While working at Focus on the Family, two of her original stories were recognized by the Evangelical Press Association, including

first place in the fiction category. Her nonfiction books for young readers have reached a wide audience including *Breaking Through by Grace: The Bono Story* and *Defender of Faith: The Mike Fisher Story*.

Let me begin by clearly stating that I have been a U2 fan since the band's inception. Their music is powerful on so many levels. So the three stars have absolutely nothing to do with Bono or U2. I rate this book three stars because it reads like a teenager gushing on a seemingly infallible rock idol. In my opinion, Ms. Washburn crosses the line between reporting facts in an interesting manner to simply regurgitating Bono's many accomplishments. From reading this book, the author gives the impression that she thinks Bono is nearly God. No doubt he is a wonderful humanitarian, and an accomplished singer. But he is imperfect just like the rest of us. He is saved by God's grace, and he does a much better job of conveying the Christian message than many of us. As I said earlier, my low rating has no bearing on the man. My rating is a reflection of the over the top writing style of the author. Aside from Christ Himself, no one is perfect. From listening to several interviews of Bono lately (including *Focus on the Family*), Bono is nothing if not humble.

I bought this as a gift, but I love U2 and decided my friend wouldn't mind if I read it before giving it to her. Although this book is directed toward children, I really enjoyed it. It is an easy read, but very informative and enjoyable. I'm not one to look into/read about celebrities' lives, but made an exception because of the Christian focus and how Bono has been able to incorporate his beliefs into his life and career. What really struck me was the amount of respect, love and sentimentality in Bono's life. So many things from his teenage years are carried through to his life now. I don't want to give any parts of the book away, but it does go to show how important the friends we choose really are - especially as teenagers!

I bought this book for my 9--year old (4th grade) son who needed to do a book report on a famous person. It was well-written at a level he could understand, and told a good story. Definitely recommend to others with kids at 4th-grade level or up.

It was an amazing biography about an amazing band. Absolutely a book I would recommend to other people. I have nothing bad to say about this book.

Is a well written book, I liked the read. Went fast was decent Read on the Story of Bono! great keep

it up!

This book is ridiculously inaccurate. The author blithely states that Bono grew up during "the troubles." No he did not! "The Troubles" occurred in NORTHERN Ireland, which is politically a part of Great Britain. Bono was born in the Republic of Ireland, Two. Separate. Countries. I am sorely regretting buying this book for my son's biography project. Very poor fact checking!

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