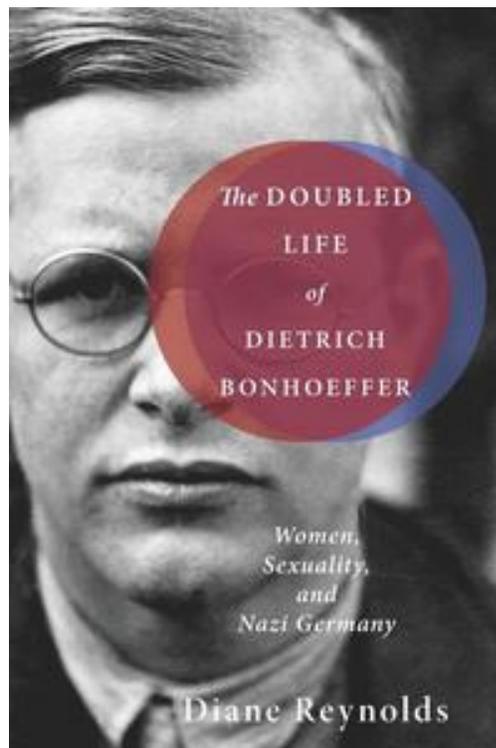


# The Doubled Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer

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Few twentieth-century theologians have had a bigger impact on theology than Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a man who lived his faith and died at the hands of the Nazis. For Bonhoeffer, the theological was the personal, life and faith deeply intertwined--and to this day the world is inspired by that witness. Yet the true story of the women in this remarkable man's life has until now been obscured by a conventional narrative that has distorted their role. Using primary source material by the women, and even including the first ever photo of alleged "first fiancée" Elisabeth Zinn, this book "sees" these women fully for the first time. A highly readable but scholarly work of narrative nonfiction, *The Doubled Life* places Bonhoeffer's theology of love and sexuality within the context of his struggles with women, friendship, and the evils of Nazi Germany. "Bonhoeffer finally learned the best theology is a kind of writing that spans systematics, confession, narrative and poetry. The engaging biographical writing of Diane Reynolds presents a neglected side of the Bonhoeffer story: the place of women and the presence of sexuality in the Christian discipleship and political resistance of this German saint. This book will be a required text in

my Bonhoeffer graduate seminar." --Scott Holland, Slabaugh Professor of Theology & Culture, Director of Peace Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary; contributing editor for CrossCurrents "In her new book about Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Diane Reynolds illuminates, for Bonhoeffer neophytes (like myself) and acolytes alike, the shadows obscuring an enigmatic, influential Christian author, whose crucial female influences have heretofore been overlooked. Diane, a cross-disciplinary researcher whose psychologically acute, reader-friendly probings into the shadows of Jane Austen's enigmatic life and writings have stimulated and informed my own Austenian literary sleuthing for many years, provides groundbreaking insights into Bonhoeffer's life and theology." --Arnie Perlstein, self-styled literary sleuth, author of book-in-progress about the (related) "shadow stories" of Shakespeare and Jane Austen "Diane Reynolds' *The Doubled Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer* offers a new and important perspective on the life of the German theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Her broadening of our understanding of Bonhoeffer's immense contribution resonates with the changes in attitude toward homosexuality we are witnessing in the world today. Not only was Bonhoeffer a committed pacifist and protector of Jews during the Holocaust, but as Reynolds aptly suggests, Bonhoeffer's sexual orientation may have heightened his sensitivity to the plight of the marginalized under the Nazi Regime. Readers have much to gain from Reynolds' insights." --Elaine Pigeon, author of *Queer Impressions: Henry James's Art of Fiction* Diane Reynolds is an award-winning journalist whose work has appeared in *The Washington Post*, *The Baltimore Sun*, and *Publishers Weekly* among other publications. She teaches literature and writing at the university level and also holds an MDiv from Earlham School of Religion.



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