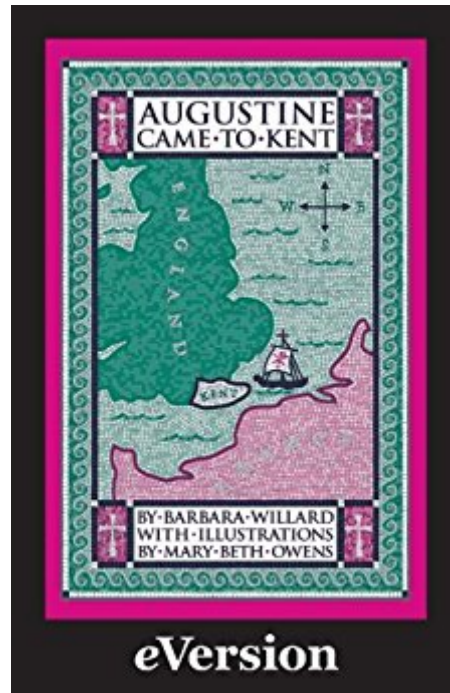




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# Augustine Came To Kent



## Synopsis

It is the year 597 and Pope Gregory is sending a select number of his monks, led by Fr. Augustine, to re-evangelize England. Young Wolf, born in that land but raised in Rome, accompanies his father, Wolfstan, who goes as a guide and interpreter. Though the King of Kent's wife is a Christian, the missionaries from Rome do not know whether they will be welcomed, tolerated or martyred. In a story full of adventure, Wolf meets Fritha, a Saxon girl whose life and destiny are soon closely bound up with his own. Events, significant in the history of Christianity, are vividly brought to life by this veteran writer of historical fiction. Illustrated by Mary Beth Owens.

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## Customer Reviews

This book centres around Wolf, a boy whose father was a Briton, brought to Rome as a slave in the 6th century, and set free by Pope Gregory. Pope Gregory had a concern for the propagation of the Gospel among the "heathen" Saxons in Britain, so he sent a group of monks, led by Augustine, to Britain. Wolf and his father go with them. They land there in 597, and the story follows Wolf as he

returns to the land of his fathers, and as the Gospel is preached in Kent. My children, aged 7 - 13 enjoyed this story being read to them, and it really complemented our study of the time period.

Set at the time Pope Gregory I sent Augustine to England, Augustine Came to Kent is the story of the first Archbishop of Canterbury through the eyes of a boy. It tells of Augustine preaching, baptizing King Ethelbert, and on through the end of Augustine's life. It's a gentle story with excellent pacing. I recommend it for kids studying medieval England.

Highly recommend it! This book has it all, adventure, faith, romance, history... a must read! It helped my girls and I get a clearer understanding of the historical time and the greatness of our Faith.

We all fell asleep trying to read this out loud. We all agreed it was poorly written. It wasn't about Augustine's life but about a boy instead with a little bit of history thrown in. Disappointed, it was about as interesting as this review I wrote.

If you want to experience the anticipation, fear of the unknown, the dangers, trials and frailty of men who are attempting overseas missions in a pagan land, as well as the day to day life during the late 500's, early 600's A.D., then this is an engaging and well-written story for you. It is detailed without being overly wordy or lengthy. A quick, enjoyable and educational read.

Very pleased

My 10 year old daughter loved this book (she's a good reader). We used it for our history class--much better than reading textbooks!

Fantastic book, great way to interest children in history.

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