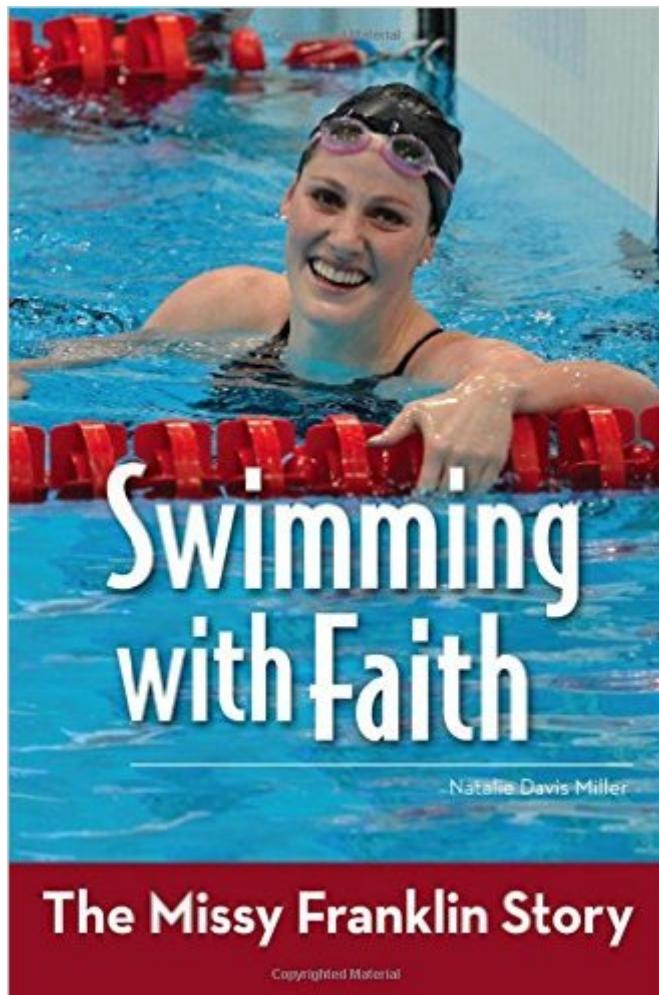


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# Swimming With Faith: The Missy Franklin Story (ZonderKidz Biography)



## Synopsis

Missy Franklin is one of the most talented swimmers in the world. She is a four-time Olympic gold medalist and currently holds the world record in the 200-meter backstroke and American records in both the 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke. She was Swimming Worldâ™s World Swimmer of the Year and the American Swimmer of the Year in 2012. This story tells of her rise in fame and humbleness in the sport.

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## Customer Reviews

With the Olympics in full swing, it seemed like a good time to review Swimming With Faith: The Missy Franklin Story by Natalie Davis Miller. I appreciate finding books that help me introduce my children to public figures who use their celebrity as a platform for sharing about what God has done in their lives, so I was eager to dive into this book on a current Olympian. This book is a detailed look at Missy Franklin's life as a swimmer, starting back when she was just a small child who loved the water. Although she played multiple sports growing up, swimming was her favorite, and the hard work required to becoming a world class athlete was driven by her love of the sport. In junior high, on a retreat with her Jesuit school, Missy began a relationship with God, and ever since has made Him a part of every aspect of her life, including swimming. After winning multiple medals at the 2012 London Olympics, Missy became well-known, and she publicly gave God the glory and resisted the

temptation to accept offers of wealth to turn professional, knowing that at age 17, it was wiser to keep her eligibility to swim in college. She continued swimming with her high school team after the Olympics and then went on to swim for UC Berkeley. Through seventeen chapters, *Swimming With Faith* tells Missy's story with black-and-white photographs interspersed throughout the book. At the end there is a glossary of swim terms as well as an extensive bibliography. With its detailed account of her career, the book will appeal most to 8-12 year old readers with an interest in swimming. It's not a sport I follow outside of the Olympics, so I was reading more to find out about her faith.

\* I received this book in exchange for a frank and honest review. All opinions are my own. Your results and opinions may vary. From the Zondervan Website: Missy Franklin is one of the most talented swimmers in the world. She is a four-time Olympic gold medalist and currently holds the world record in the 200-meter backstroke and American records in both the 100-meter and 200-meter backstroke. She was Swimming World's World Swimmer of the Year and the American Swimmer of the Year in 2012. This story tells of her rise in fame and humbleness in the sport. *Swimming with Faith* takes a look into the life of Missy Franklin, mostly focusing on her high school years. I have to say, we have not had television for about 10 years and I really did not know anything about Missy and what she had been through. It was an interesting look into the life of a girl with a passion for swimming and goals she was reaching for and convictions to do what she felt was the right thing. She sounds like an amazing young woman with a big faith in our great God. I love that she is presented as someone younger people can look up to as an example...I would LOVE to my daughter to read this book. Right now, as we speak, Missy is competing in Olympic Trials to see if she will have a spot on the 2016 U.S. Olympic Swim Team...so this is unbelievable timing! So, I did really enjoy the information in this book. The hard part for me was the writing style. It read a little more like a newspaper (or something) than a book for me. There were SO MANY citations in the book that disrupted the flow of the text for me. This might be the way books are written these days, but I am more used to just having the citations in the back of the book. This could be a personal thing for me...

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