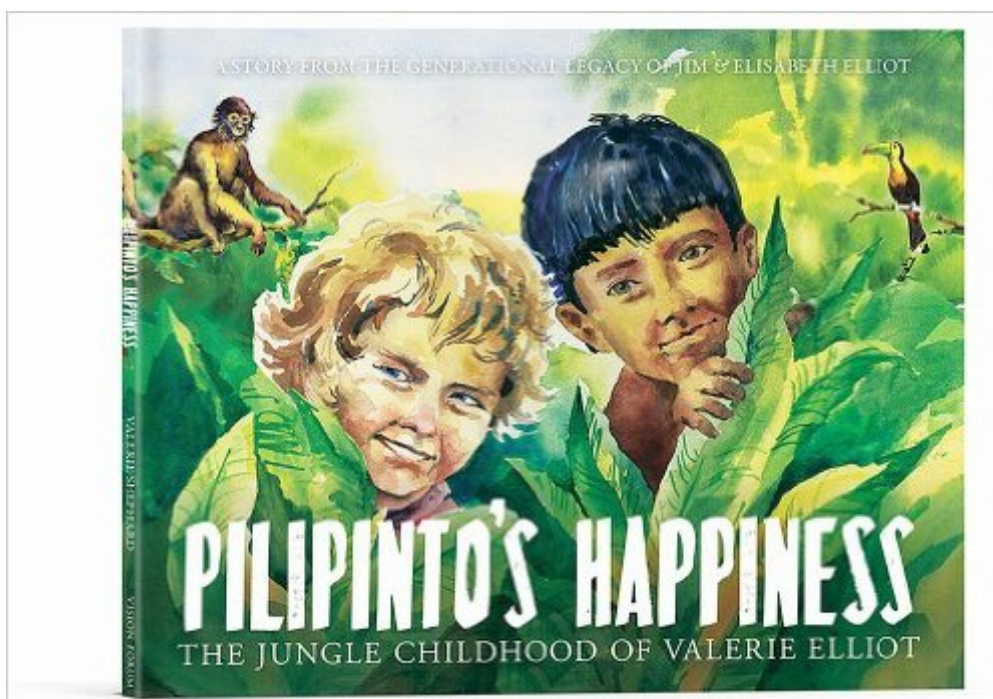


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# Pilipinto's Happiness: The Jungle Childhood Of Valerie Elliot



## Synopsis

Valerie Elliot Shepard was 10 months old when a primitive tribe of Ecuadorian Indians made a martyr of her 29-year-old father -- Jim Elliot -- and his four Wheaton College classmates. But that didn't stop Valerie and her mother Elisabeth from moving to live with those same savage Auca Indians to complete the Elliot family's evangelical mission: to eclipse the tribe's savagery with the unconditional love of Jesus Christ. Pilipinto's Happiness relates this amazing story of redemption through the eyes of the Elliots' only child, Valerie, who shares her memories as a young girl growing up in the jungle with the Quichua and Auca tribes. Read in colorful detail how the Indians, their language, and even the dangerous jungle elements created a delightful playground for Valerie to learn to trust God's hand and respect the simplest of His gifts. More than just a picture-book, Pilipinto's Happiness is a powerful tool to familiarize young people, college students, and adults alike -- too often starved for Christian heroes and heroines -- with powerful models in the faith who demonstrated reckless abandon for the Kingdom of God.

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## Customer Reviews

I LOVED Valerie Shepard's autobiographical perspective on this small slice of her life. As a child, she was called Pilipinto, meaning "butterfly," because of her habit of flitting around the village. The memories of her childhood, living among the very Indians who killed her father and other missionaries, give a great deal of insight on the dedication of two women and a child to live among a potentially dangerous people. Pilipinto adjusted easily to very different surroundings. The natural world "monkeys, snakes, edible insects, the jungle. The cultural world "strange food and

language, lack of privacy, creative play activities. The spiritual worldâliving out the gospel and learning to trust God totally. Pilipintoâs own sense of trust flowed from her mother, who had intentionally chosen to live among these primitive people. The act of placing herself in Godâs hands not only gave this woman courage in a dangerous environment, it also helped her child trust God, even in hard places. Pilipinto met a snake one day while walking alone through the jungle but chose to move quietly past, her heart beating fast. In this book, the grown-up Valerie has captured the bright, busy mind of the child whose world was filled with color and life and joyful interaction. The illustrations are charming and underscore the beauty of such a life. A delightful book. Well done, Pilipinto!

Experience the missionary experience in jungle from a child's perspective. This is an excellent children's book written by Valerie Elliot Shepard, daughter of Jim & Elisabeth Elliot. She shares personal stories from her first seven years of life while living in the jungles of Ecuador where her parents believed God wanted them to be missionaries to Indians who had never heard of Jesus Christ. This book is well written with many details and beautiful colorful water color illustrations by Jim Howard. If you have been blessed by the writings of Elisabeth Elliot, you'll want to be sure and buy this!

Judging by the cover (you'd think a person would know better than to do that with a book!) I thought this would be for younger children. The reading level and general page-and-picture layout is better suited for older children. Young teens will also like it, until they hit that age where they think they're not supposed to be reading children's books. I thoroughly enjoyed it as an adult, and being a Wheaton grad and having heard this story often but not from Valerie's childhood perspective.

I very much enjoyed from a child's perspective what it was like on the mission field. I teach elementary children at my church and many have been very excited to also read it. A very special family.

I didn't think my 6 year old son would enjoy this book that much once I received it in the mail. I thought it was over his head. But he surprised me! We ended up reading it in one sitting, which is over an hour, I believe! I would recommend it to families interested in missionary stories. I chose it because I read about Jim and Elizabeth Elliot over the years and wanted to hear their daughter's perspective. The artwork is colorful and attractive.

Oh this book is so great! I love all the stories and how she relates to different ages. Great parenting tips hidden inside! Wonderful illustrations!

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