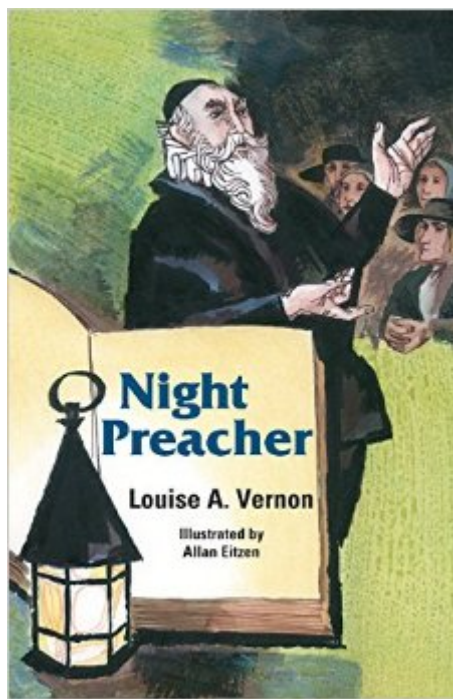


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Synopsis

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Night Preacher is the story of Menno Simon's life from the viewpoint of his oldest child, his daughter Bettje. In the beginning, Bettje cannot understand why her father has to continually move his family from town to town and why she isn't supposed to tell anyone her father's name or where she lives. As the Catholic Church steps up the pace in arresting Protestants and widespread persecution takes hold, Bettje begins to understand that her father does not even pretend to adhere to the doctrines of man that uphold the Catholic Church. His nightly meetings in which he faithfully tries to feed his Master's sheep are often jeopardized by spies and cohorts of both royalty and the Catholics. As Bettje becomes older, her life long dream of living in one place and having a milk cow of her own gradually morph into concern for her family and understanding of the constant need to

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