

DAUGHTERS OF THE FAITH SERIES



# *Almost Home*

A STORY BASED ON THE LIFE OF  
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# Glossary

**Apothecary chest.** A place where medicines were kept.

**Barbaric.** Cruel and primitive.

**Bard.** Singer-storyteller.

**Bark-rigged.** Rigged with three or more masts.

**Baste; basting.** To make long running stitches in fabric. Used to temporarily hold fabric together while permanent stitching is applied.

**Belaying pin.** A post on the deck of a ship used for tying sails and other things down.

**Boathook.** A pole with a hook on the end.

**Bosun.** The shortened word for boatswain, the person in charge of rigging and anchors, among other things, on a ship.

**Brackish.** Salty.

**Brazier.** A small coal or wood stove used for cooking, similar to modern grills.

**Breeches.** Short baggy pants that fastened under the knee.

**Brocade.** A type of fabric.

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- Cached.** Stored in a hidden location for future use.
- Chamber pot.** A pot kept near the bed for nighttime bathroom use.
- Coif.** A head covering for girls and women made of white linen that covered the hair.
- Confinement.** The time of childbirth.
- Cooper.** Barrel maker.
- Corselet.** Hammered metal armor used to protect the body from arrows.
- Dear.** In this context, it meant that something was special, rare, or expensive and difficult to replace.
- Dissenter.** A person who did not agree with and follow the rules of the official Church of England.
- Doublet.** A jacket worn over a shirt that was sometimes padded or quilted.
- Dower chest.** A wooden chest in which girls would collect items that they would use for their own home once they were married. After marriage, the dower chest would be used for storage.
- Dray.** Wagon.
- Excommunication.** Banished from the official church, in this case, the Church of England.
- Fortnight.** Two weeks.
- Halyard.** A rope that is rigged to raise a sail.
- Heel; heeled.** Tip or lean.
- Interfacing.** An interlining between the lining and the outer fabric that shapes the garment.
- Jurisdiction.** The area that government authorities are in charge of and have control over.
- Klompen.** The Dutch word for wooden shoes.

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- Leading strings.** Strips of fabric sewn to the child’s clothing at the shoulders that were used to help children learn to walk. Also used to control children’s movements.
- Lief.** Rather.
- List.** Tip or lean.
- Magistrate.** A government official.
- Mevrow.** The Dutch title for married women.
- Mewling.** Crying like a baby.
- Mind.** In this case, obey.
- Minding.** In this case, baby-sitting.
- Mizzenmast.** The third mast on a ship.
- Mynheer.** The Dutch title for men.
- Nappies.** Diapers.
- Nicked.** Stole.
- Patent.** An official document that gave permission to settle on certain land.
- Pin poppet.** A cloth organizer for straight pins.
- Poppet.** A term of endearment for children, in this case used for dolls.
- Privy.** An outhouse.
- Quay.** Wharf.
- Ruffs.** Large fancy ruffled fabric or lace worn around the neck.
- Scurvy.** An illness caused by the lack of vitamin C.
- Separatists.** Those wanting to remain separate from the Church of England because of theological disagreements.
- Sticking plaster.** A powder, when mixed with water, which made a plaster that was used to close wounds.
- Sweetbag.** A bag in which sewing supplies were kept.
- Topsail.** An upper sail.
- Trencher.** A flat piece of wood used as a plate.