

Brian Willson has lived one of the more interesting and inspiring lives of any peace activist in recent history. His story deserves to be read and absorbed by people of all persuasions: militarists as well as antimilitarists.

- Peter Dale Scott
*The Road to 9/11:
Wealth, Empire, and the Future of America*



No reader, I believe, will finish this book without a sense of awe at the human spirit that is revealed in it and of gratitude for the map that Brian Willson has provided, in his life and this account of it, of the way out.

- Daniel Ellsberg in the introduction to
Blood On The Tracks

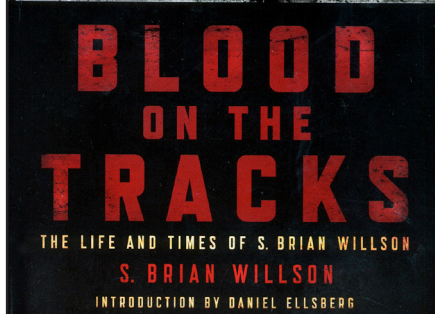
A Visionary Voice For Our Times

Veterans For Peace, Chapter 31
American Friends Service Committee
Brandywine Peace Community
Present

Brian Willson

Author of the new book BLOOD ON THE TRACKS

Thursday, October 27, 6:30 PM
American Friends Service Committee
The Rufus Jones Room
15th and Cherry Streets, Philadelphia



A Life That Means Something

His life begins in a very ordinary American family, then, runs head-on into the dark-side of American history when, as the leader of an Air Force bombing assessment team in Vietnam, he must witness and report on the aftermath of Air Force bombings of Vietnamese villages. After Vietnam, he trains as a lawyer, but the hypocrisy of the justice system is too much for him and he can't stomach a career in the law. He gravitates to antiwar work. With others, he does things like a serious fast on the Capitol steps in Washington. He joins several allies who sit in front of a train to protest the delivering of arms to El Salvador; as the train approaches those sitting on the tracks, it speeds up and he barely survives being run down. With two missing legs and replacement prostheses and an unflagging identification with the suffering and the struggles of the poor and powerless of the world, he travels to many of the world's hot spots where he meets an amazing array of people. He studies and becomes a visionary as to what a post-imperial life in America might actually look like. He not only talks the talk, he re-designs and re-constructs a very modest home in northern California into a completely self-sustaining, solar-powered home. Jack Ryan, a former FBI agent who at one time focused on Willson's activities, has said it best: "Brian Willson is a modern-day prophet in the classical sense." Don't miss this great opportunity to hear Brian Willson in Philadelphia.

BLOOD ON THE TRACKS will be available for sale at AFSC
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