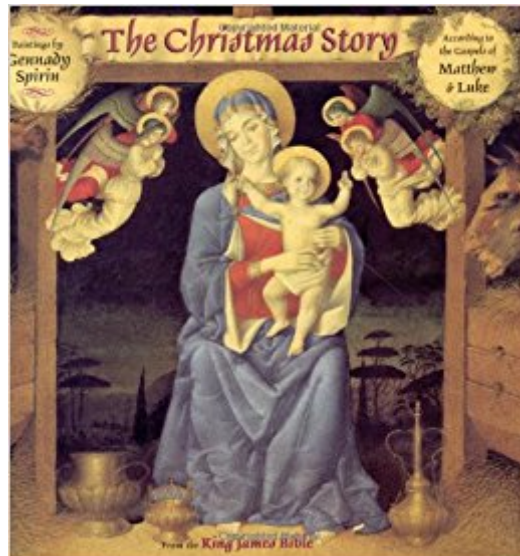


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The Christmas Story: From The King James Bible



Synopsis

According to the Gospels of Matthew and Luke from the King James Bible. The story of the birth of Christ, celebrated around the world at Christmas, is one of the most beautiful in the New Testament. From Mary's meeting with the angel Gabriel to the birth of baby Jesus in a stable, to the visit of the shepherds and the three wise men, the story is rich in imagery and symbolism. Here, in a triumph of glorious art, is that wondrous story excerpted from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew from the King James Bible. Gennady Spirin has been described in the Boston Globe as an artist who "truly represents the picture book as an object of art." In *The Christmas Story*, his paintings are luminous and reverent. Drawing on both his classical training at the Stroganov Academy of Fine Arts in Moscow and his Orthodox Christian faith, Mr. Spirin has created a work of art to be passed from generation to generation.

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Customer Reviews

Award-winning illustrator Gennady Spirin (*The Sea King's Daughters* and *The Crane Wife*) brings his glorious paintbrush to the Passion play. When you want to introduce children to the actual biblical words that recount Christ's birth, this is the book to reach for. Spirin's paintings are reminiscent of the Renaissance masters, with a sundry of wine reds, creamy whites, celestial blues, and sun-burnt browns all gilded in Italian gold. When Gabriel visits Mary he descends from heaven in a mist of wispy clouds. A gold halo frames his sincere face, and in his hand he carries an offering of a white lily. When Gabriel explains the enormous task that is being asked of Mary, she finally

agrees, saying, "Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." Spirin then closes in on Mary's young face--her downcast eyes and lightly pursed lips holding oceans of fear and faith. And when heaven celebrates the arrival of Jesus, the page looks as though it's been plucked from the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. These are the kind of illustrations that linger with children like guardian angels--forever imprinting beautiful images upon the story of Christ's birth. (Click to see a sample spread. Illustrations ©1998 by Gennady Spirin, from The Christmas Story. Reprinted by permission of Henry Holt and Co.) (All ages) --Gail Hudson

King James text and in the masterful, symbolist illustrations, this reverent creation will appeal to those wishing to share with children the spiritual and religious context of Christmas. Lavishly detailed pictures face intricately bordered text pages; they call for close examination. Spirin's use of light, his textures and richly elaborate costuming, and his Archangel Gabriel's somehow other-than-human face all perfectly suit the grandeur and wonder of the narrative. Like the gold that makes these pages glow, this enduring presentation will remain bright long after the book is closed. ©1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

A beautiful depiction of the story of the birth of Christ with text from the Bible. Young children will be able to see the beauty of the story in the wonderful art work of Spirin. I was particularly taken with the youthful rendering of Mary. She really does look 16 years or younger. So many artists portray her as an older woman, but she would have been very young as that was the age for marrying in those days. Also the manger is depicted as it would have been, not as a creche as it is often depicted. Here the building is a large underground earthen structure with a large solid manger. Quite historically correct.

This book beautifully expresses the spirit of Christmas. It is gift I love to give.

I have been looking for a bible version and got added benefit with the pictures.

I received this book in great condition and was very happy to see that the book is exactly what I was hoping it to be. Beautiful artwork to accompany the telling of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you to the Goodwill from which it came for shipping it timely and packaging it so it wouldn't get messed up in the mail. I am very happy with my order! =-) can you tell..

I was looking for a book that illustrated the christmas story directly from the bible to keep under the christmas tree and read to the kids all through december. I know the story is in the bible, but the kids appreciate the pictures ...

beautiful book

words are right from the Bible. You could read the story in Luke 2 in the bible and we do. We also like the pictures.

This hardbound book is absolutely beautiful, consisting of wonderful illustrations based upon the gospels of Matthew and Luke (KJV). The illustrator Gennady Spirin, is masterful, brilliant, and elegantly captures the essence of the birth of Jesus Christ. The construction of the book itself, 33 pages in length, is designed for adults and mature children and is most definitely not a plaything for toddlers. Purchase this book and establish a new and wonderful Christmas family tradition.

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