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Song Of The Stars: A Christmas Story



Synopsis

The skies shouted it to the seas that thundered it to the waves that roared it to the great white whales that sang it to the starfish in the deep. And tiny sandpipers danced it on shining sands—“It’s time! It’s time! On one quiet night, creation whispered a secret. Grass and bees, robins and trees all spread the word. Sheep told their young while angels sang the song to the shepherds. Hushed news of a miracle echoed to the ends of the earth. The moment had come. The long-awaited child had arrived! Creation cried out in celebration, but only a few people heard. Only a few joined nature’s chorus, a song in praise of the newborn King.

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Read this book first at the bookstore but did not purchase it, much to my regret. I am a frugal person (it's the economy!) and I just had to have this book in my library, and the libraries of my grandchildren. The story is of how God's creation praised the coming of Yeshua Messiah (Jesus Christ), skipping all the preachiness of so many children's book. Reading this to children let's them come to the conclusion that creation praises its Creator, who came down himself in the form of a baby. I am voting this book as 2011's most beautiful Christmas book. It is also beautiful to read out loud. The words harmonize and flow out of your mouth and into the minds of little ones. The artwork goes way beyond cute, but is original, imaginative, and inspiring. I am buying several copies.

I bought this book to read with my toddler before Christmas. She has been engaged in the lovely pictures and points to each animal on each page ("Fox! Fish! Moose." Well, it isn't a moose, but she doesn't know "ox" yet.) I love to read it because the language is so beautiful and the message is so lovely. I appreciate that this version of the Christmas story doesn't tell the exact story we've all heard...instead, it speaks to the anticipation the world feels. It ends with Baby Jesus, but I think for little ones who can't understand all the politics of the human Christmas story, the idea that even the animals were excited can help make the connection. We are not a super religious family, more spiritual and non-literal, so this Christmas story works well for me. I LOVE this book, and am buying it for my friends with little ones too.

This may very well be the best children's Christmas book ever written. My 4-year-old grandson loved it, and so did all my adult friends who got to see it before I gave it to him. This is a Nativity story like no other, poetically depicting the excited anticipation of all creation for the arrival of the Savior of the world. Both the words and the illustrations are breathtaking. I recommend this book highly-- get one for any beloved child in your life, and order another one to keep for yourself!

We bought this book to read in church this last Christmas and it was a huge hit. The artwork is

extremely beautiful. The story isn't "biblical" per se, it's mostly about how the entire world was anticipating the birth of Jesus. Let me just add if you have not seen Sally Lloyd Jones's storybook bible - that is certainly a must buy as well.

Sweet book--used in church Christmas story time.

Similar to many Christmas stories of animals anticipating or viewing the Nativity, EXCEPT what I loved was the variety. Rather than the usual donkey, sheep, and dove, there are (many named and many more pictured) owls, insects, bears, otters, salmon, sandpipers... creatures from all over the world. The language is evocative and poetic- "the waves that roared it to the great white whales that sang it to the starfish in the deep". The illustrations show the animals rather elongated and have a crackled painting look, nice rich color; I'd have preferred it to be a bit more realistic and less stylized for a child's book, but all in all a beautiful book with a lot to look at.

An awesome Christmas book.

Beautiful story and illustrations! I read this for my church's Christmas story for the children. It was easy to keep the children's attention, even though the story is familiar because the wording and illustrations were so unique. Even the adults told me afterward that they enjoyed listening to this read aloud.

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