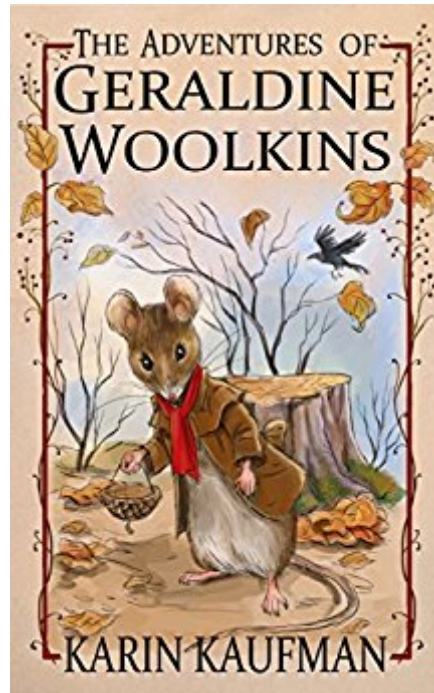




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The Adventures Of Geraldine Woolkins



Synopsis

Young Geraldine longs to have adventures as thrilling as those in the Book of Tales, the book her papa reads to her and her brother Button at night. More than that, she wants to be brave--a seemingly impossible task in a world where ravens throw black shadows over the earth and wolves prowl barren lands in search of their prey. But Geraldine is a mouse. The weakest of ground things. Why was she, who wants so much to be brave, created by God to be small and quivering? The book's ten stories follow the Woolkins family--Papa, Mama, Geraldine, and Button--from October to December, as they face their rather human trials and tribulations and Geraldine struggles to understand Very Very Big Hands, the creator of all, including ravens and wolves. Suitable for readers of most ages. Parents will want to read the book to younger children, preferably after making them a cup of cocoa.

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Customer Reviews

****Below is a review was written by my daughter, who is eleven, an avid reader, and has a mind of**

her own. I would only add that this is a clever and sweet book you can feel good about sharing (and have fun reading) with anyone, big or little.**Geraldine Woolkins kept me on my toes and I loved every minute of it. It's about a mouse who dreams of adventure and tries to come closer to God. I loved how she was a new mouse and didn't know very much. The relationship between her and her brother reminded me of mine with my brother. He was annoying and she wanted to seem smarter than him, but she realized that he was more loving and kind than she expected. I recommend it for kids who are adventure seekers, animal lovers, and adults, basically anyone of any age.

A delightful chapter book consisting of ten stories that revolve around a fearless family of mice facing the dangers and challenges of winter. Geraldine is the protagonist who was born in April, but now in October is facing the end of the gathering season. She and her brother Nigel have much to learn and experience. Readers are introduced to their friends in the forest, Penelope, the sparrow and Cheddar, a white rabbit. The children love to hear their father Nigel read to them stories from the Book of Tales. These adventures teach them about common sense, trust, gratitude, empathy and sharing. As October wanes, the family and friends celebrate Thanksgiving and the joys of Christmas. On the other hand, the children's curiosity put them in danger of being eaten by wolves and ravens, swept down the river on a log and being destroyed by a forest fire. Charlotte is a sensitive and inquisitive mouse who desires to read, write and explore the world around her. She and her brother share sibling rivalry, but at the same time deeply love and care for one another. Their parents teach them to have faith that Very, Very Big Hands will be there to guide and protect them. This chapter book is geared toward readers in grades three to six. Some younger children may enjoy individual stories as a read aloud. There are no illustrations; a few simple drawings would add appeal to younger children. I would thoroughly recommend the book as a gentle, sweet read for children who love animals. The many lessons learned and bravery in facing adversity allow for lots of discussion on the topics of developing strong character and interpersonal skills.

We're going to meet the Woolkins family and many other creatures who live in the woods... Most of us remember the song about the indoor mice who ran up the clock and got scared when the clock's loud Bong rang! But living in the woods is much more dangerous...the Woolkins family calls them Adventures! Interestingly, this book has both adventures actually happening to the Woolkins family and they also read from the Book of Tales, which has been in their family for many years. Think of this book something like a book of fairy tales, but with actual action stories added as they happen.

There are 143 pages in this book, so you can plan on reading a story at bed time when your children are younger. And then they can read the whole book as they grow older. It is Christian-oriented, but God is represented by The very, very big hands which is an easy way to begin to teach children, don't you think? Geraldine is the main character--her family of mother and father and a brother named Button. Both parents are constantly involved with teaching their children since this is their first year and have much to learn. Geraldine has already started to enjoy her father's reading stories from a very large book. Today's selection is "The Miracle of the Shrouded Pepper Plant." Already Geraldine is wanting to learn to read herself but is told that will come...in time...Geraldine and Button are encouraged to go outside and play, but they also help with gathering food for the winter. Acorns, berries and many other supplies are gathered by every member of the family and maintained in an underground storage area. Although they are ground animals, Geraldine, who is a new mouse, has bird friends and the family has even made friends with a fox named Quinton, a rabbit who has lost his way from his parents so is living nearby the Woolkins family and a lovely elder mouse who visits with them as often as she can. Readers get to celebrate both Thanksgiving and Christmas with the family! Button was becoming very brave, wanting to do new things, while Geraldine was beginning to see that adventure always ended in some kind of peril. But then she saw the beautiful snow for the first time and even was willing to learn how to go sledding with Button...but there was always danger as well... Can you imagine having to run away from large Ravens who could see you dark against the white snow?! But you know what, little by little Geraldine realized that she could think through what to do, and she could ask Very, Very Big Hands, no matter where she was and learn to depend on Him. After all, He had sent her friends when she was in trouble and quickly learned to trust! But she still didn't understand what her father meant when he told her she had gotten herself into a pickle!! I really enjoyed viewing the world from a mouse's viewpoint! You know, having a chance to speak directly to Very, Very Big Hands is a wonderful way to be! GABixlerReviewsEbook provided free for review

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