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The Action Bible: God's Redemptive Story (Action Bible Series)



Synopsis

Here's the most complete picture Bible ever! And it features a captivating, up-to-date artwork style making it the perfect Bible for today's visually focused culture. The Action Bible presents 215 fast-paced narratives in chronological order, making it easier to follow the Bible's historical flow and reinforcing the build-up to its thrilling climax. The stories in The Action Bible communicate clearly and forcefully to contemporary readers. This compelling blend of clear writing plus dramatic images offers an appeal that crosses all age boundaries. Brazilian artist Sergio Cariello has created attention-holding illustrations marked by rich coloring, dramatic shading and lighting, bold and energetic designs, and emotionally charged figures. Let this epic rendition draw you into all the excitement of the world's most awesome story.

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Customer Reviews

I grew up in the 70's and 80's with David C. Cook Sunday school curriculum and the Children's Picture Bible as a staple of every Sunday school classroom. The Picture Bible is finally upgraded in full-comic format (previous version had pictures with lots more text) making this item worth it for the

following reasons:1) Everyone -- and I mean everyone -- I showed this to at work wanted to know where to get one because they could think of at least one child, grandchild, nephew, niece, cousin or themselves to get it for.2) Everyone is impressed with the art, inking/color, and overall presentation of this book3) Anyone who knows anything about collecting comic books will attest that the less than \$17 price is a steal! Trying to get an equivalent number comic book pages for any secular work (Marvel, DC, Image, etc) would run easily three times that price.4) Much of the difficulty people have with reading Old Testament parts (such as Numbers) is now accessible to the masses5) I've had Non-churchgoers who like comics want one. One guy said he'd actually read the Bible for the first time if he had this.6) This is no specific translation of the Bible, making it more accessible than a favored translation by a few7) The stories cover:- Genesis through 2 Chronicles- Jeremiah- Daniel- a few other choice stories of the Old testament from books like Jonah, Hosea, Joel, Amos, Michal, Daniel, Ezra- Matthew through Acts- some other New Testament stories and finally RevelationsNOTE: Some people may complain that the stories and dialogue are "too loose" of an account on actual Biblical text.

First you need to know that the art is fantastic. Top notch work! It must have been a labor of love because all the character design, costumes, sets and color schemes must have taken forever to do. The book is worth buying for that reason alone. Also, the variety of stories included are fantastic and I think give you a great overview of Biblical narratives. The author also took pains to put the stories in chronological order (many are not in correct order in the Biblical text).I think the project could have been a master work if someone else had written it. I understand that the writing is, by necessity, succinct but it is the author's understanding of some of the stories that keep me from wanting to just let my kids read it. There are a number of examples (most of which are in the Old Testament portion). Some of which, I admit, are personal interpretation issues. I feel that to miss the fact that Adam and Eve did in fact become as God (in that they now knew good from evil) when they partook of the fruit was to miss an important aspect of the story. I disagree with the author's portrayal of Gideon as a coward initially. It is completely at odds with how I see a man who is overwhelmed with the responsibility of his calling (not unlike Moses or Isaiah). But I'm willing to dismiss those as matters of personal opinion. Some of the stories are flavored in such ways to make them more palatable to lay audiences but misrepresent the events in so doing. The author has portrayed Absalom as conniving and greedy - that he was just after the throne when he murdered his brother Amnon. He unfortunately missed the fact that Absalom killed Amnon because Amnon raped his sister Tamar and David (their father) did nothing about it.

This is how the preface by General Editor, Doug Mauss, begins. He then goes on to argue that Superman may be super, but his powers are nothing as compared with God's. [I tell you this because I think it's important to tell you what sort of attitude and motivations are behind those that created this book]. Now at 752 pages, "The Action Bible (God's Redemptive Story)" is a huge volume. But it would need to be to cover the many stories that comprise the New and Old Testaments of the Christian Bible. The approach the authors/designers took was that of the graphic novel. They used dialog boxes and great kid-friendly artwork to tell the tales. The artwork is 'realistic' rather than abstract or whimsical. And the dialog is modern and something any child can understand. For example, one information/descriptive box from "Tempted in the Garden" says; 'Satin, in the form a serpent, tempts Eve'. And Satan says, "Are you sure God said not to eat this fruit?" To which Eve replies, "Oh, Yes. If we even touch it, we'll die." The serpent: "Oh, you won't die if you touch it, See? And if you eat it, you will be wise -- Just like God." "You're right!" she responds, and then goes on to sample the fruit, telling Adam that "It tastes delicious!" I picked this particular scene, by the way, so I could say something about religious points of view. There are many different interpretations of Christian scripture and I wouldn't dare assume to tell anyone whether the approach of "The Action Bible" would please them or agree with their own views.

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