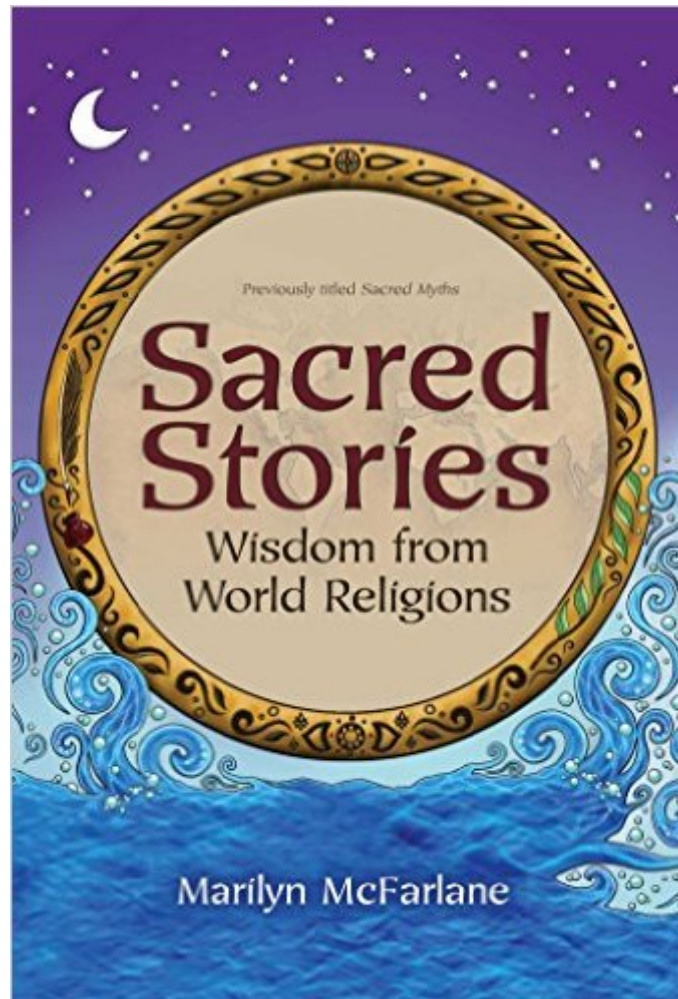


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Sacred Stories: Wisdom From World Religions



Synopsis

>When attempting to find a simple, engaging, and unbiased approach to world religions for her own family, Marilyn McFarlane discovered such a book did not exist. Understanding how important it is for children to build both respect for and knowledge of a variety of religions, regardless of their own faith, McFarlane created Sacred Stories: Wisdom from World Religions. Each captivating story and accompanying sidebar facts and spot illustrations brings to life the key tenets of a particular belief system, while the comprehensive glossary and resource list enable readers to expand their explorations. Including easy-to-understand descriptions and essential stories from Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Native American, and Sacred Earth, Sacred Stories is perfect for parents and teachers who want to expand young readers'™ understanding of world traditions. The simple, informative, unbiased language of Sacred Stories, combined with its comprehensive resource list and glossary, makes it an ideal learning tool for teachers, librarians, and other educators.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

This book is a wonderful way to introduce children to different belief systems. With tales from all the major religions of the world, while managing to keep them at a child's level and to treat each religion

with respect. These are not just randomly selected stories, but were chosen to reflect important aspects of each religion's teachings. These tales also help to demonstrate the commonality in each culture. With tales from Buddhism to Sacred Earth, Marilyn has done a wonderful job both in the introductions to explain the most important tenets of each religion and in the selection of the stories that reflect these teachings. As a folklorist I would be willing to use this book as part of my curriculum for the children's classes and would use it as a painless introduction for adults.

Marilyn McFarlane's collection of short stories from the major world religions is nothing short of charming. She has collected sacred wisdom from Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Native American, and Sacred Earth traditions (which includes Wiccan) and reveals it through delightful stories of pilgrimages, odysseys, family struggles, battles against evil, and, inevitably, lessons learned. Used with parental or teacher guidance, the 35 stories are equally appropriate for children. Sacred Stories offers a truly entertaining way to learn about the world's religions, and illustrates the differences and similarities among them. A highly enjoyable read!

Very simple to understand and easy to read, seemingly geared especially towards beginners and in a way that is well understood. I'm very pleased with this buy. Not a huge book, but the 170 pages are filled with good information. I got it b/c I'm wanting to teach my young children that there is more to the world we live in than just what is taught for the most part in small town, USA where we live. I want them to be open minded and to accept what others believe to be their truth. This book I think will come in very handy when the time comes to teach them about different religions, for they are a little too young at the moment, but I went ahead and purchased it now b/c I too was wanting to learn a little bit more. It doesn't get too into detail to the point of losing the reader in over-description, but describes just enough to get a basic understanding of each belief system. I like the religions the author chose to include in this book; Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Native American, and Sacred Earth. Although the world doesn't end with just these religions, it is good basic overview and the major beliefs.

I loved this book! I found it to be a book that needed to be written and am grateful that the author has done it so well. Without bias for any religion, the author has told foundational stories that "in the end" make it clear that the Golden Rule exists everywhere, and in each religion at its core. To sit with a child and read these stories, is to give that child a fundamental gift that they will need to navigate our complex world. Each story told is important to the heart and soul of a religion, and they

are told in such a way, that children and adults alike will begin to recognize and remember these stories. Is there any better way to learn than this? I admire what this author has done: she has told profound truths without scaring anybody off. By the time you finish the book, the outlines of all the major world religions are alive for you.

This book is unique in that it presents its subject in ways that can be understood by all without talking down to its audience. The writing is clean and lovely. I would highly recommend it. The illustrations add much to the overall presentation.

This is a children's book, but it's an excellent way for anyone to learn about the basic beliefs of different religions and where they come from. I was familiar with a few of these stories, and it was interesting to read the other stories. I don't have to agree with the beliefs to appreciate them, and that is more important than ever in today's world. Sacred Stories includes Native American and Sacred Earth spiritual paths, which I especially liked. The side boxes, "Did You Know?" give interesting facts about each religion. This is a must-have on every family's book shelf, no matter what their particular faith is. My children love it, and when I have grandchildren I'll make sure they learn from it too.

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