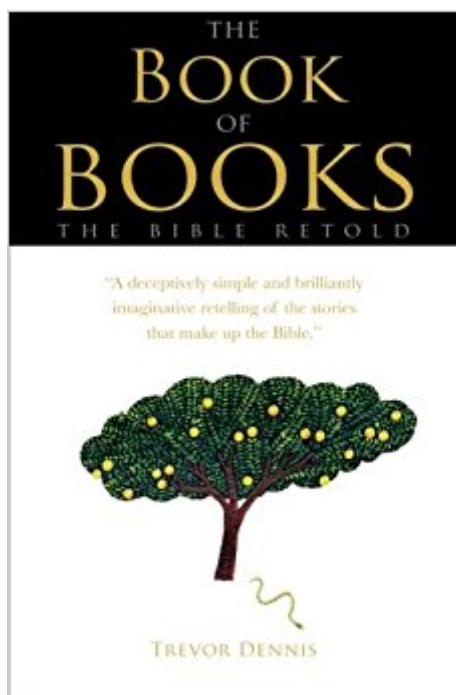


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# The Book Of Books: The Bible Retold



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Trevor Dennis is a theologian known for his Bible storytelling and the author of *Keeping God Company*, *Speaking of God*, and *The Three Faces of Christ*.

Well written and a pleasure to read. The author's love and understanding on the stories of the Bible shine through at every turn. To young people and adults.

Trevor Dennis in his new book, "The Book of Books" published by Lion Hudson gives us The Bible Retold. About the Book: The Bible, the story of God's people, has been passed down through the generations. But how often does a combination of the complex or outdated language, the extensive genealogy lists, and the unfamiliar culture stand in the way of young readers' understanding of a truly great story? In The Book of Books, Trevor Dennis uses his natural gift for storytelling to create a story everyone can understand and enjoy reading. Young readers will appreciate Dennis's honest and simple way of retelling the most famous Bible stories. Written in novel form, each chapter—from the story of creation in Genesis to the description of the Heavenly City found in Revelation—transitions smoothly into the next. Trevor Dennis did not set out to write a new translation of the Bible. What he set out to do was write the Bible stories for younger readers eliminating the "thou's" and "thee's" as well as most of the genealogies which slow the reader down or stop them all together. No, here it is almost like Mr. Dennis takes the place of a parent at night by our bedside and begins to retell the Bible stories in his own words. "The Book of Books" doesn't take the place of the Bible rather it is a come along side book that once we have read it we want to go back to the Bible and read the original stories that Mr. Dennis just read to us. Mr. Dennis runs through the whole Bible which makes this book quite a reading experience. If you have not read the Bible for whatever reason read this book. It will give you a desire to go and read the original source for yourself when you finish. If you have read the Bible read this book. It will give you a fresh perspective and a desire to go and read the original source again. All in all I say this book is a resource that will be used over and over again. I recommend this book highly. If you would like to listen to interviews with other authors and professionals please go to Kingdom Highlights where they are available On Demand. To listen to 24 hours non-stop Christian music please visit our internet radio station Kingdom Airwaves. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from Kregel Publications. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255: "Guides Concerning the Use of Endorsements and Testimonials in Advertising."

This isn't the Bible but it's great to have on hand for those moments where a child, or even an adult has a hard time in understanding what is being said in the Bible. This is a re-telling of the stories we all know and love in the Bible, but it's done in a way that makes it accessible and available for those who don't know much about the Bible or feel that it's above them. I admit I too sometimes struggle with all the begats and thous, but I treasure the language and beauty of the Bible, but a good

re-telling helps with younger children as I have in my house. Each story remains true to the accounts in the Bible, so as with some retelling of the Bible you don't have to worry about the Bible's inspired words being changed to fit an agenda or someone's doctrine. The stories are engaging and the few pictures that are scattered throughout are attention getting, so the young child will also have something to look at. The illustrations are not in color or huge but add a lovely touch to the story and the book overall. My children enjoy the stories, especially my younger ones, whereas my older prefers to read straight from the Bible - but in my opinion whatever way we can get God's Word into the hearts and minds of our (His) children is a good thing. The book is also very pretty, it's cover a beautiful hard back that will look grand on the bookshelf or end table and I think it will truly be a treasured book as it's read over and over. If you are wanting a great book that tells Bible stories on a level of understanding for a variety of ages that will also become a treasured story time addition, then look no further than The Book of Books. \*\*Disclaimer: I was provided a copy of this book from Kregel Publishing in exchange for my honest review, no other compensation was given.

The Book of Books is written in a very easy to read format for you to read to your children or have them read it to themselves. I felt some of the stories were a little over emphasized such as the story of Cain and Abel. Instead of using their names the author kept referring them to 'Pride-and-Joy' and 'Nobody', their meanings of their names. Over and over this was used in exchange for their biblical names of Cain and Abel. The author does state the writing of this book brings out more of the meanings in the Bible. I did find this kind of writing different at first as I've read the Bible cover to cover and want my children to understand it better as it's sometimes hard to read as a young child/adult. My children did understand the storyline better than just reading it straight from the Bible and with that I am happy. I did feel though that some parts needed to be read from the Bible to help them understand more of what was being said as the author's design is to make this more of a story and one story flows into another. Before each chapter the author, in italic print, shares the chapters' insight so you get a better understanding before reading it. I felt this helpful as I read aloud to my children I knew ahead of time what to expect in general before beginning. In the back of the book it has a Bible Reference by chapter so you can find the story you are reading and look up the scripture in your own Bible. I found this very helpful as we discussed what we read we could easily refer to the Bible for more explanation and be able to discuss the actual words from the Bible.

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