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Miracle Man is a beautifully illustrated biography of Jesus Christ by award-winning author and illustrator John Hendrix. For all Christian denominations and perfect for families to share throughout the year, this book will be especially beloved by the faithful as a gift for Easter, communions, christenings, religious graduations, and all other secular holidays.

This book freshly reinterprets some of the oldest and best-known stories in human history and focuses on some of the many miracles that Jesus performed before his crucifixion. Jesus's miracles are endless. From the large harvest of fish to washing the unclean, healing the sick, feeding the poor, and walking on water, Jesus performs feats that draw in believers that he is the Son of God. Unfortunately it also attracts the attention of nonbelievers, who saddle him with the cross he must bear. After all of his miraculous acts, the book closes with a final wonder for all to see—one that changes faith and religion as the world knows it, forever. The book includes a list of Bible stories that inspired it.

Award-winning author and illustrator John Hendrix offers his most personal work to date. Known for his striking use of illustration mixed with custom fonts, his depiction of the life of Jesus Christ will be cherished by the faithful everywhere.

Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus Details

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Robby Eckard says

Art was gorgeous and especially enjoyed the blending of Jesus' words with the background. Storytelling could have been a bit smoother at times.

orangerful says

This book is gorgeous. You can tell how much Hendrix put his heart into creating this story, retelling the gospels. I like how he doesn't refer to him as Jesus until the very end, up until that he is just the Miracle Man, which I'm sure is what those who heard of him might have called him. Lovely.

Jaime says

Really beautiful book. The illustrations are gorgeous.

Edward Sullivan says

The power of this considerably abbreviated life of Jesus focusing on the many miracles he performs is in Hendrix's dramatic, inventive illustrations that offers a personal, reverent, visually exciting picture book portrait.

Margie says

For those who dedicate their lives to the education of children, the time devoted to this profession does not begin or end at a certain hour each day nor does it begin and end during the allotted school year. For many this extends into tutoring academic subjects, coaching sports, advising club members, chaperoning class trips or school-sponsored camping expeditions or instructing at night classes to children or adults. For still others it includes hours in preparation for teaching on Sundays (or other Sabbath days).

For more than ten years I taught students, usually at the middle school level, during Sunday school classes. Having worked with this age group in a public school setting for twenty-one years I was well aware of the challenges. An individual's spiritual life is extremely personal.

It's a rarity to find a title of distinction which would be an asset in the religion section of a public school library and valuable to those teaching Sunday school. *Miracle Man: The Story of Jesus* (Abrams Books for Young Readers, February 9, 2016) written and illustrated by John Hendrix is such a book. The stories are

familiar but the interpretation by John Hendrix in his text and illustrations is extraordinary.

My full review: <http://librariansquest.blogspot.com/2013/03/miracle-man.html>...

Hannah says

Awesome! Awesome!!!! So beautifully illustrated!! The illustrations were vivid and brought the text to life! It was Biblically accurate but presented the story of Jesus in a way that children can understand! Soooo wonderful!!!!

Rebecca Honeycutt says

This hyper-focused take on Jesus' ministry is mainly notable for the stunning, stylized illustration. Hendrix is doing to really interesting things here, especially in the way he weaves the text into the art--Jesus's words are colorfully illustrated until the passion begins, and then the very landscape starts telling the story. Powerful stuff for a picture book.

A couple of notes:

- Jesus and company look less unrealistically Anglo than they typically do in picture books, which is refreshing, and provides an opening for talking about what historical Jesus might have looked like
- In the author's note, Hendrix described the choices he made for brevity, such as the exclusion of Jesus' female disciples. Seriously? As the author it's your prerogative to decide what appears in the book, but don't throw up your hands a say you couldn't make it fit when all it would have taken was one sentence, and swapping out a few of the figures in crowd scenes.

All in all, though, this is head and shoulders above most of the namby-pamby picture books about Jesus I've seen. Good for one-on-one sharing or for storytime in Sunday school, etc.

Brian Walker says

Miracle Man is by far the best children's book about Jesus that I have read. John Hendrix illustrated the highlights of Jesus' life exquisitely. I loved the image of flowers and grass growing in the places Jesus' feet walked, leaving footprints worthy of the Man bringing life to a "dry and dusty land." The tone of the story is not preachy (which most children's books about Jesus seem to be), the language is not boxy by trying to remain faithful to the exact text of Scripture, it did not turn Jesus into a flat two dimensional figure in a second rate story. Those are what the story was NOT. What it WAS...was beautiful. It made Jesus come alive. It showed his power and humanity through word and picture. I have to admit, this title was sitting on our shelf awhile before I picked it up to read with my son. I was afraid it was going to be another pasty version of our amazing Savior. I was proud to read this story with my son.

Rebecca Gomez says

Blown away by the beauty of this thoughtful retelling of the story of Jesus.

Becky B says

I think Hendrix himself best summarizes this book in his author's note at the end, "This book is based on the life of Jesus, as found in the Bible, in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. *Miracle Man* is my own version of this story. Though based on the gospel narrative of his life and ministry, it should not be confused with the authority of the actual Biblical accounts. The words of Jesus and the disciples here are not direct quotations but my own interpretations of his life and teachings on Earth. These interpretations are not from the head of an academic but from the heart of a disciple." (Side note: I strongly recommend reading the full Author's Note. It helps clarify Hendrix's purpose of this book and his reasons for writing are touching.) As he mentioned, many of the words that come out of people's mouths in this aren't quite direct quotations from any current version of the Bible. Most are really, really close or compounds of different passages. Think of it kinda like an illustrated summary of the heart of the gospels, the life of Jesus and purpose of his time on a all condensed into 38 pages. (No small task! Go try it. Only 1-3 sentences per page allowed.) Overall, Hendrix says his goal is to help these Bible stories come alive in fresh ways, and get people going back to re-read the originals. I think he accomplishes his goal quite well. The book is illustrated with both drawings and words in graphic design that sometimes are part of the text to be read so the pages require careful scrutiny. I love that Hendrix tried to make the illustrated people authentically Middle Eastern and the buildings and clothes authentic for Jesus' time period.

A great resource for Christian families to use at bedtime, for Sunday school classes or those interested in getting a quick overview of Jesus' life and work. Some Christian families will want to discuss how Hendrix's summaries of Bible stories are slightly different from the original or condensed versions of several stories. It would be a good tool to encourage critical thinking and also get kids thinking beyond the minuscule facts to the overall message of various Bible stories.

Heidi M Rogers says

I hadn't been putting picture books on my "read" lists on Goodreads before because I didn't want them counting toward my yearly reading goal. But I realized it's more important that the greats get their due in reviews.

You guys, this is the most beautiful children's book about Jesus I have ever read. John Hendrix is an exceptionally talented artist (we fell in love with McToad) and his portrayal of Jesus' miracles is both enchanting and moving. I am so grateful that God moved him to write and illustrate this story. I had requested it from the library, but it's going at the top of my "to buy" list.

If you're a believer and you have children (or you're a believer who just likes good art, or you're not a believer but want to know a little bit more about Jesus) please go out and get this book right now.

Allie says

The illustrations are truly exceptional, but what use is it to me if I will never read it again? There's no context in which it would be appropriate for me to use this book in any library program, nor would I ever want to. Also in what world is this a story that needs telling again?

Emma Hendrix says

The Miracle Man is a version of all the Miracles that Jesus had ever done. It goes to back to the start of finding his 12 disciples and the fish they could not catch. Then The Miracle man told them to cast their nets on the opposite side of the boat. The fishermen were surprised when the net was so full it could break. From there on the men followed Jesus. They traveled and watched all of his Miracles, over the ages. The Miracle Man... Jesus Christ himself.

Kermit says

3.8 stars

Got this title from a list of 2017 Caldecott predictions. I certainly liked the subject matter. But I was not wowed by the flow of the text or by the illustrations.

My library has this cataloged as a picture book. I had thought that it might be cataloged as junior biography.

Becky says

First sentence: Ages ago, in a dry and dusty land, the people were in need. The land was a sick place, in need of healing. The land was a blind place, in need of sight. The land was a thirsty place, in need of water...the kind of living water that would last forever.

Premise/plot: Miracle Man is a picture book for readers of all ages. It is the story of Jesus. It begins, not with his birth, but with his ministry. The book ends on the verge of the greatest miracle of all: his resurrection. Readers see the empty grave clothes, the stone rolled away, and read the words, "But God's Son, Jesus, the Miracle Man, had in store one last glorious miracle...."

My thoughts: I thought the storytelling was excellent. No story book--or picture book--will ever take the place of Holy Scripture--but writers can creatively craft a narrative worth reading and sharing.

I definitely enjoyed this one. It was one of those books that I wanted to reread a couple more times before turning back into the library. One of those books that I wanted to get everyone in my family to read so I could talk about it with someone.

Text: 5 out of 5

Illustrations: 4 out of 5

Total: 9 out of 10
