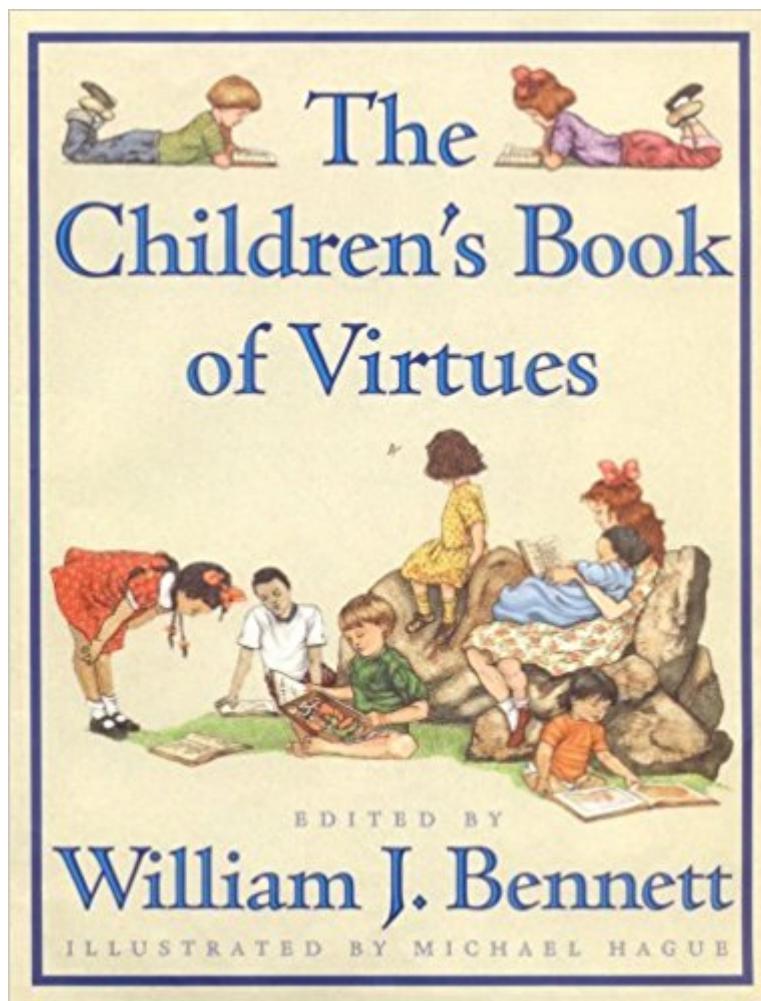


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# The Children's Book Of Virtues



## **Synopsis**

The perfect companion to William J. Bennett's number-one bestseller; The Book of Virtues, The Children's Book of Virtues is the ideal storybook for parents and children to enjoy together: With selections from The Book of Virtues, from Aesop and Robert Frost to George Washington's life as well as Native American and African folklore, The Children's Book of Virtues brings together timeless stories and poems from around the world. The stories have been chosen especially for a young audience to help parents introduce to their children the essentials of good character: Courage, Perseverance, Responsibility, Work, Self-discipline, Compassion, Faith, Honesty, Loyalty, and Friendship. Lavishly illustrated by the well-known artist Michael Hague, these wonderful stories and the virtues they illustrate come to life on these pages. The Children's Book of Virtues is an enduring treasury of literature and art that will help lead young minds toward what is noble and gentle and fine.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Kindergarten - 3

## **Customer Reviews**

Ages 4^8. Using portions of his best-selling adult work Book of Virtues, former secretary of education William Bennett teams up with artist Michael Hague to create a collection of stories, poems, and fables in a format more suitable for children. Noting in his introduction that his goal is to further the "moral education of the young," Bennett has chosen selections to illustrate 10 virtues,

which he further divides into four groups, among them, courage/perseverance and compassion/faith. Many selections, such as the Aesop fables, are easily found elsewhere, but Bennett has also included some full-length versions of poems and tales known only vaguely today. A few selections seem badly dated or unbearably heavy-handed (for example, the story of the boy whose "please" didn't get enough fresh air so it ran away to another boy's mouth), and the apocryphal tale of George Washington and the cherry tree should have been labeled as such. Hague's plentiful artwork adds enormously to the charm of the collection. In keeping with each selection, his style ranges widely, from the comical to the lushly romantic and sweetly old-fashioned.

Susan Dove Lempke

Children will enjoy this book together with their parents: it requires good reading skills or parental intervention but presents a set of fine stories and colorful illustrations of virtues ranging from work and self-discipline to faith and loyalty. The old-fashioned pictures and virtues extolled will please parents seeking to instill values in the very young. -- Midwest Book Review

Nicely presented and much needed for this generation as well as many to follow. It is refreshing to see some timeless manners and values still being published today. We actually thought this was an old book and was pleasantly surprised to learn it is a newer published book.

I'm a big fan of Bill Bennett and once again he's produced a gem (I know, it's several years old, but I just bought it). I have four children, the oldest being about 4½ years old. Both he and our 3 year old son love to "read" books; they insist on going to bed with them every night and they often stay up later than they're allowed to, flipping through the pages. Unfortunately there aren't many stories in this book that hold their attention, and the ones that do seem to be over too quickly. My personal opinion is that this book is probably more suited for girls of 4+, and boys of 5+. The book is a very nice quality and the illustrations (every page) are marvelous. The stories are grouped by virtue, but each one is independent of the next, so there are many different ways to navigate this book. I would suggest this book for anyone with young children. Physically, this book has a large footprint (from memory, it's probably 12" wide and 14" tall).

Bought this for my niece, loved this book growing up. Lots of different stories.

Our family enjoys reading stories from this book at bedtime. The kids especially love the heroic

stories about knights and kings.

I bought this by accident (meant to buy Bennett's bigger book "The Book of Virtues") for my 10yr and 13 yr old children. But this book is beautiful, lovely illustrations and easy for the children to pick up and read, so I kept it. The lessons in this book are fantastic. This will be among my new favorites gifts for children.

When my children were young and 'messed up', I turned to the original 'Book of Virtues' for assistance. After finding an appropriate story, they were assigned to read it and write a synopsis. Although they really didn't care for the assignment, it also improved their reading comprehension and writing skills. My children now have children, and a new 'Book of Virtues' is now available specifically for children. I wish it had been available then. This book was a gift to my daughter who frequently explored the original as a child.

First read the adult version of this book of virtues many years ago and loved its thoughtful and inspirational messages. I found there was a children's version of same and since then I have been buying it as a gift for children birthdays and baby showers..afterwards, all recipients have told me how much they also love this book and its message.

Wish some of these virtues were appreciated today,.

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