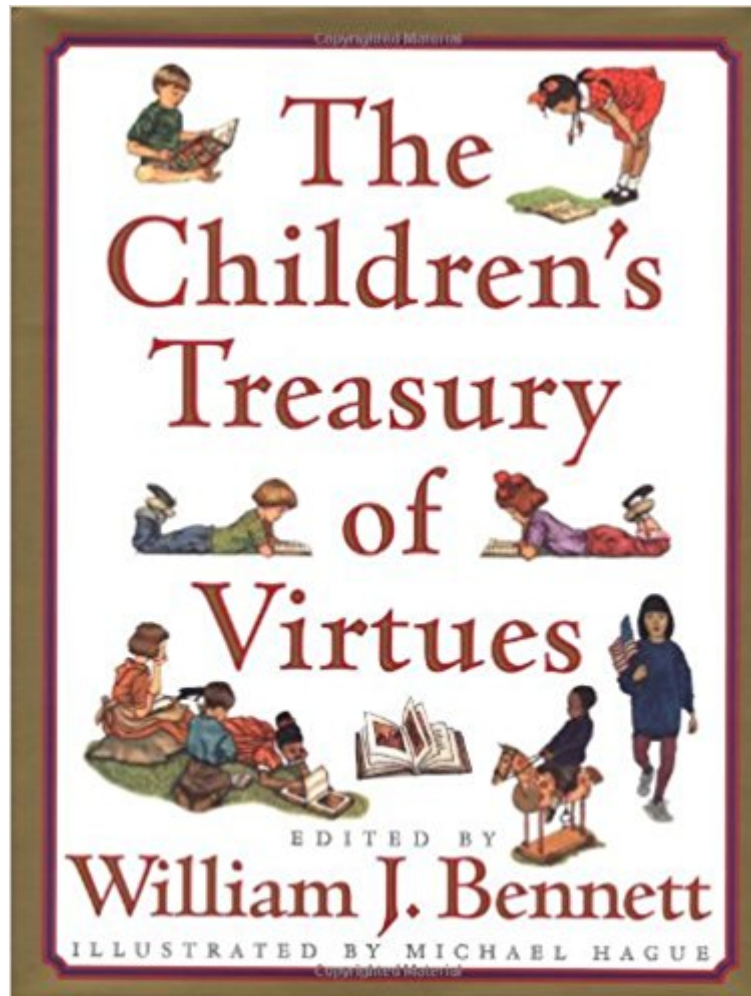




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# The Children's Treasury Of Virtues



## Synopsis

A collection of stories and poems about virtues, conduct of life, heroes, and American history and folklore.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Conservative champion of ethics William J. Bennett loves to write primers on character building. This hefty three-part treasury brings together three of Bennett's previous primers aimed for young children: *The Children's Book of Virtues*, *The Children's Book of Heroes*, and *The Children's Book of America*. In his new introduction, Bennett explains why he believes stories are the key to raising morally sound children. "Even in an age of computer games and electronic toys, you can't beat a good story--especially when offered by a caring adult--for capturing a child's attention," he writes. "Legends, folk tales, biographies, and poems ... serve as reference points on a moral compass, giving children a clear sense of direction in matters of right and wrong." Even folks who don't agree with Bennett's politics often agree with the overriding lessons in these age-old stories. Famous selections include, "St. George and the Dragon," "George Washington and the Cherry Tree," tributes to Abraham Lincoln and Jackie Robinson, and Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream" speech. Put this lavishly illustrated book by a child's bed so he or she can revisit these stories before drifting off to sleep. After all, this is the stuff that great dreams are made of. --Gail Hudson

William J. Bennett served as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under President George H. W. Bush and as Secretary of Education and Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities under President Reagan. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Williams College, a doctorate in political philosophy from the University of Texas, and a law degree from Harvard. He is the author of such bestselling books as *The Educated Child*, *The Death of Outrage*, *The Book of Virtues*, and the two-volume series *America: The Last Best Hope*. Dr. Bennett is the host of the nationally syndicated radio show *Bill Bennett's Morning in America*. He is also the Washington Fellow of the Claremont Institute and a regular contributor to CNN. He, his wife, Elayne, and their two sons, John and Joseph, live in Maryland.

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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