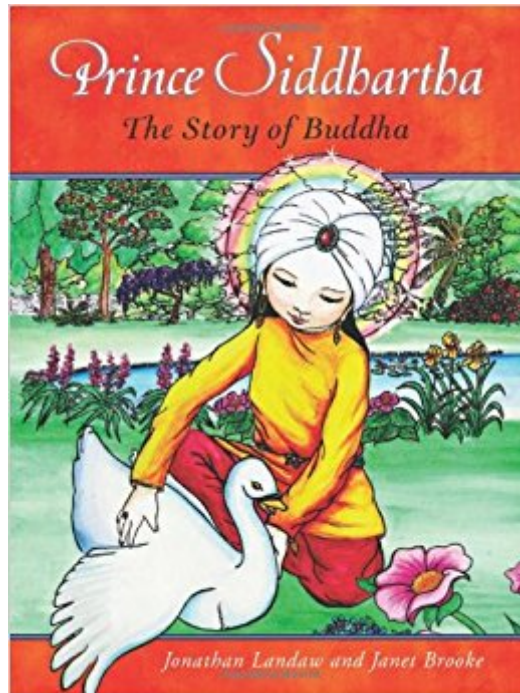




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Prince Siddhartha: The Story Of Buddha



Synopsis

This is the story of Prince Siddhartha and how he became Buddha, the Awakened One. Lyrical verse and beautiful full-color illustrations depict each major life event in Siddhartha's development. His message of nonviolence, loving-kindness, and unselfishness is vitally necessary for today's--and tomorrow's--children. A story made for the telling--open this tale to a child and shore up the possibility of a bright and loving future!

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Customer Reviews

"Highly recommended." (Mid-West Book Review)"Superb writing and illustrations merge to produce another of those rare books that no child's bookshelf should be without." (Light of Consciousness)"The early life of the Indian prince is presented with enough simplicity that a young reader has no trouble identifying with a child who lived long ago and far away." (Tricycle)"The fascinating story of the Buddha has been narrated so vividly as to inspire the imagination of children of all ages." (East and West)"A must-have on the list of any parent interested in exposing a child to the basics of Buddhism is Prince Siddhartha: The Story of Buddha. This work is a movingly simple retelling of the story of the Buddha's birth and enlightenment. Written by Buddhist scholar Jonathan Landaw, with vivid watercolors by artist Janet Brooke, the book is written in language preschoolers can easily absorb, laid out in short chapters perfect for bedtime reading. A companion coloring book includes line drawings of each of the images." (Beliefnet.com)

Jonathan Landaw was born in New Jersey and has traveled the world since 1970. He spent six years living in northern India studying Tibetan Buddhism and is the editor and author of a number of Buddhist books, including *Wisdom Energy*, *Introduction to Tantra*, and *Buddhism for Dummies*. He lives in Santa Cruz, California. A long-time student of Tibetan Buddhism, Janet Brooke lives in Los Gatos, California.

Fun to read with my 7 year old. She really loves it. Good story, and good way to learn a little about world religion. The tale is told well, with some nice pictures, and sticks pretty well to the traditional popular version of the story. Hopefully she will come back later in life and explore the wonderful, rich, loving and mind-expanding ideas of buddhist philosophy, which I have found so insightful and reflective of my own experiences - but if not, no big deal, it is still a great children's story as a stand alone. Easily competes with any Disney princess story (which she seems to have outgrown already) and hangs with the cool autobiography-for-kids type stuff she loves (presidents, supreme court judges, artists, heroes of various types, one on the underground railroad, etc). She's into Harry Potter now, too, fwiw. Perhaps I digress a bit, but I figured a little background might lend some perspective what at least one slice of the audience is into.

Every spring around Bodhi Day, after we have studied different spring festivals around the world, I read this book to my second and third graders. They LOVE it, no matter what their religious and cultural background. In fact, I often have to go looking for it because they fight over reading it for themselves during silent reading time! (For those who might be upset, we have a "Holy Book" section in the classroom with holy books from many different religions, including many different versions of the bible. My students are not taught religion, but are taught ABOUT the different religions of the world and learn to be respectful of others, no matter what their faith.)

This was a beautifully written story, benefiting both kids and adults alike. It brings up sensitive issues such as death and suffering in a graceful and respectful manner. I cannot imagine anybody from any religion being offended by the beautiful way in which Buddha's life is told. It made my eight year old child think and become more pensive. In addition, the pictures were so gently and beautifully illustrated. I really felt calm when turning the pages to view them. I think most people would =)

Hey guys :-))I originally bought this book for my nephew to read. I wanted to expand his horizons on subjects he wasn't familiar with, so I figured this book would be a great introduction to Buddhism. I never read it myself, but when it arrived in the mail today, I was tempted to jump right in. Wow! It was so good, I finished it in one session. So often, I came across Buddhist books and teachings that seemed to complicate the Buddha's simple message of inner transformation and showing kindness and respect for others. It was difficult for me to find information on the Buddha's life without it complicating things, so this book was a breath of fresh air. Colorful illustrations wonderfully complemented the exciting story of how Prince Siddhartha came to be the Buddha. This book was both easy to understand and inspiring. I was particularly excited at the vivid account of Siddhartha meditating under the Tree of Enlightenment as Mara (the evil force representing our negative thoughts and emotions) tried everything in his power to thwart his efforts ('The Great Battle', pages 92-97). I feel this represents the struggle we all face to overcome our limiting, self-destructive selves. Even though I'm not a Buddhist, reading about the Buddha's interactions with all kinds of people inspired me to practice my own spiritual exercises more fervently in hopes of one day attaining the same conscious state of bliss the Buddha experienced. The Buddha's behavior and lifestyle very much reminded me of the Gnostic Jesus. Please keep in mind that this book is an introduction to Buddhism. Don't expect to find any detailed description of practices used to attain Buddhahood. That's beyond the scope of this book. This book isn't just for Buddhists; it's for anyone open-minded and willing enough to learn from a great human being. It's all about LOVE. :-))What more can I say? I loved this book from start to finish, and I'm sure my nephew will too. Thanks for your time. Take care. Kevin :-))

Liked it, gave it as a gift. However, my oldest grandchild is 4 and this is a chapter book. He will grow into it, but I would have liked a better description of the appropriate reading level.

Beautiful book!!

Prince Siddhartha: The Story of Buddha Love this book , I have been looking for this story for quite some time that was easy to read to children, and also interesting. The story is interesting, and the illustrations are colorful and keep a child's interest. I would highly recommend this story to anyone who wants to explain the first Buddha to a small child.

This is an excellent book. My children really enjoy the way the story flows and it makes the

explanation of Siddhartha's life and cause easy for them to understand. My kids are 10, 9, and 4, and they all love it and have read it over and over. Highly recommend it

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