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A Travel Guide To Heaven For Kids



Synopsis

Soon after his popular *A Travel Guide to Heaven* was published, bestselling author Anthony DeStefano recognized that children also have many questions about heaven. In celebration of the tenth anniversary of that book, Anthony wrote this fun-filled, action story about a little boy named Joey who gets to take a whirlwind tour of heaven with his guardian angel, Gabby. Artist Erwin Madrid's stunning illustrations bring the story to life, showing heaven to be a place where everyone is happy, the animals all get along, and God's glory is more amazing than anything Joey had ever seen in his whole life. This long-awaited children's edition will quickly become a favorite for the reader and the child alike. Imagine the comfort and peace children will experience when they hear about this incredible place God has prepared for them.

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Customer Reviews

"A Travel Guide to Heaven for Kids is a wonderful adventure for both the heart and mind of any child or adult. Quite frankly, this is the type of book that is a conversation starter for the most important decisions in a young person's life. Every parent should have this resource at their child's bedside to remind them of the greater purpose and the greater calling in their life. If you want to introduce your child to God and get them started on a path to powerful prayer and a deeper understanding of truth, then read this book to your child today." John Bornschein, Vice Chairman, National Day of Prayer and Senior Pastor, Calvary Fellowship "Eventually every child asks the same

question: Where do we go when we die? With the help of an angel named Gabby and a winged suitcase, one little boy gets the chance to see heaven as Anthony DeStefano does. It is a journey both magical and mystical, a joyful ride for any boy or girl!

— Meredith Vieira, former host of The Today Show and The View

Anthony DeStefano is the bestselling author of the adult Christian books *A Travel Guide to Heaven*, *Ten Prayers God Always Says Yes To*, *Angels All Around Us*, as well as the gift book *I Just Can't Take It Anymore!* and the children's books *Little Star*, *The Donkey That No One Could Ride*, and *Roxy, the Ritzy Camel*. He has received prestigious awards from religious organizations worldwide for his efforts to advance Christian beliefs in modern culture.

Erwin Madrid earned his BFA in illustration from the Academy of Art College in San Francisco. During his last semester, PDI/DreamWorks Animation hired Erwin to work on the animated feature film, *Shrek 2*, and later became a visual development artist for the ongoing *Shrek* franchise and the *Madagascar* sequel. Erwin lives in the Bay Area where he continues to provide concept art for the entertainment industry.

This is such a beautiful little book - comforting and gently written. What a reassuring book Anthony DeStefano has written, and Erwin Madrid's beautiful illustrations are the perfect complement. Little "Joey" in the book looks to be just about 5 years old - same age our grandson was when we purchased this book, and Joey has his own questions about what Heaven is like, so it immediately drew our grandson in. Typically, he's the type who would ask question after question while reading a book for the first time, but he was completely quiet, sitting mesmerized as I continued reading on about Joey's "visit" to Heaven with his guardian angel, Gabby, all of the beautiful and amazing sights there, how happy everyone is... "They're celebrating," says Gabby. "That's what happens when people die and go to heaven. They're greeted by all their friends and family. Grandpas, grandmas, mothers, fathers, sons, and daughters - everyone is here! They know that they will never again be separated, never again be sick, never again be sad or cry - and they will be able to live here together in heaven forever and ever." Over the past seven years, life's circumstances worked out so that I was given the opportunity to babysit while my daughter-in-law worked, and it has been THE best, most challenging, and most rewarding "job" I've had in my years on this earth! My daughter-in-law became a stay-at-home mom a few months ago, so I'm doing my best to battle a second round of "empty nest syndrome" by going back over some of the treasured books and toys we've accumulated during these special years. This book has been incredibly special. Our oldest grandson began all-day kindergarten in the fall of 2013, and despite having had two years of

3-half-days-a-week preschool to start getting used to the "separation" (not to mention a second, year and a half old grandson by that time with whom I'd have my hands full), we'd developed a super special bond over those first 5-1/2 years, and I REALLY looked forward to any school holidays and having him back over. The Thanksgiving break was one such opportunity, and - as was our habit when his baby brother took his afternoon nap - I plunked him into the tub to get him washed up before my son came to pick him up, and we'd sit there as he played with his bath toys, singing kooky songs and talking... so many great memories stem from those times. One day, I mentioned to him that he was just growing up too fast, and asked if he would please stop doing so, because the older HE got, the older I got! This led to him asking me how old I would be when he turned 10, 20, etc. When he got to "How old will you be when I'm YOUR age?", I responded "Oh my gosh, honey, I'll be long gone by then!" He asked what I meant, where was I going? I responded that by the time he was my age, I'd be about 100 years old, and most people have died and gone to Heaven by then. Oh my goodness - he BURST into tears, saying "But I don't WANT you to die, Grandma!" Took quite a long time to calm him down, and later that night, I began thinking about how difficult the whole concept of dying is for a youngster. Within the week, I'd found this book on and thought it'd be worth a try - pulled it out over the Christmas school break, and we read it together for the first time. He was snuggled up against me through the whole story, and I could literally feel what started out as tenseness in his little body slowly relax as we read. When we were finished, I asked him if he understood a little bit better about what happens when people die and go to heaven, how much I knew his great grandparents would be missing me and be looking forward to seeing me when I joined them, and how excited Grandpa and I would be one day when it was time for his dad to join us, and the big party we would ALL have when he finally joined us too. He said, "Yes... but Grandma? Could you PLEASE still not go to Heaven for a reeeeeeeally long time?" I told him I certainly had no plans to leave any time soon! As we're all aware, none of us knows when our ticket's going to be punched. But I think this book can be very helpful and reassuring not only to children who've already experienced a death in the family, but also to youngsters - like my grandson - who are beginning to question and may be fearful of what lies ahead. I was very happy with this little book!

Very soothing. Cute. Kid friendly ideas and graphics. Love the animals in heaven, even though the Catholic Church may disagree.

A sweet book for all ages, it brought tears to my eyes.

not so great

This along with other books with the topic "Heaven" was a gift for our grandchildren. We have been told by them that they are enjoying all the books.

This is my favorite children's book! It is an incredible story that very child should read. The illustrations are beautiful as well.

Was a gift. Person receiving seemed to like very much and was going to use in class.

In this book a guardian angel takes a little boy on a tour of heaven. I would recommend reading this book to kids before someone close to them dies, and then hopefully they will understand and appreciate the beauty and happiness of heaven. Death is always hard to explain to kids and I really think this book takes a very positive approach to explaining heaven so a kid can understand it. Not only is the story great, the artwork is bright and beautiful. I also recommend "There's A Party In Heaven!", another great book.

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