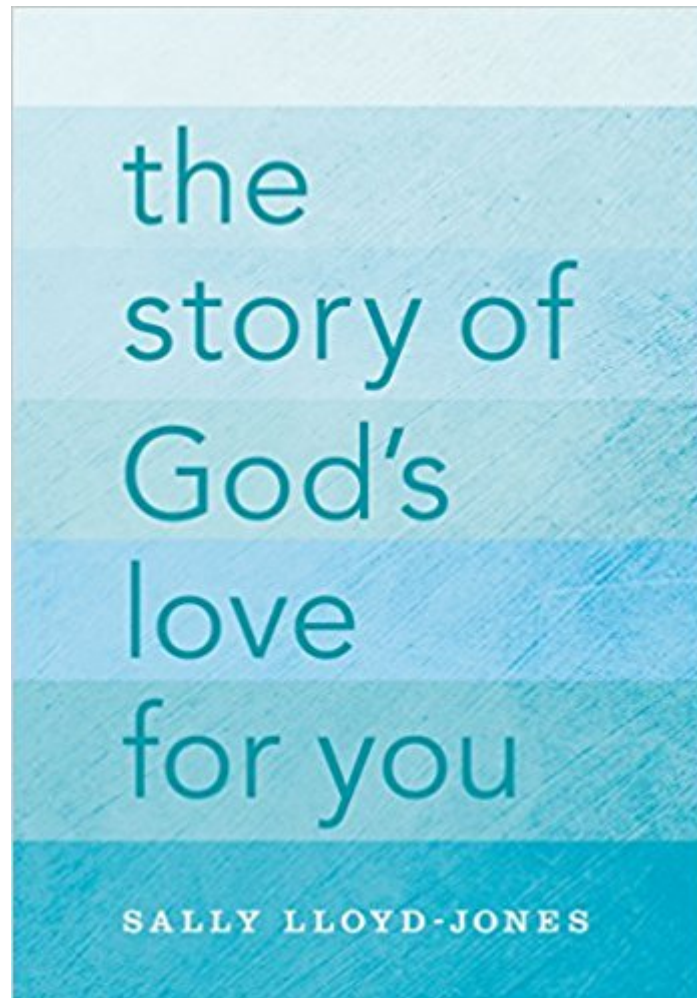


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## Customer Reviews

I have a secret confession to make. Any book with the name Sally Lloyd-Jones on it I want. I don't even have to open it up to know that I want it. Her name on the cover is enough to make me put it in my cart. Why is that you ask? It's because I can be assured that she is going to take the reader's hand and draw them to Jesus. For years now we have been enjoying her beautiful story books with all the littles in our lives. She teams up with a talented artist and the two of them create a masterpiece that brings the wonderful words and concepts of Scripture to life. If you've not enjoyed one of her books with your kids you are missing out. In the back of my mind I have always thought it would be lovely to read an adult book written by her. She has

such a gentle way with words that quietly brings the Gospel into your reading experience. Well, my wish has somewhat come true. With the release of The Story Of God's Love For You I can now unashamedly bask in the beautiful words that bring me into the presence of God. The Story of God's Love For You is the adult version of The Jesus Storybook Bible. The words are the same but it is packaged for an adult to read. There are forty-four short chapters that lead you through the beautiful love story of the Bible. This book is a must for all the worn out mommas out there! It would be perfect for those moments when you just need to regroup. Think about where you go to escape the madness. Is it the bathroom, the laundry room, or even the car in the garage? Wherever it is keep a copy of this book there and when you think you are about to lose your marbles go there and read a chapter. You'll be exposed to the flawed people that God chose to use to bring about His perfect plan. Every time I read a chapter it reminds me that none of us are perfect but God is and has a part designed just for you in the midst of the crazy day-to-day. Maybe you're an empty-nester like me. I recently took it with us on a business trip and read it aloud to my husband as we were driving. I simply could not put it down! Not only did it make the trip go faster but we were blessed with the beautiful redeeming love story that God wrote just for us. I highly recommend this book to everyone who wants to be covered in the story of God's great love for us. I received a copy of this book to facilitate my review.

First, I LOVE Sally Lloyd-Jones' "The Jesus Storybook Bible". I forget what number of copies our family is on now. With four kids we have literally read the covers off of that thing... repeatedly. It is an amazing book, and it is easily the book my wife and I most gift and recommend to new parents. I can't express enough how much I LOVE "The Jesus Storybook Bible"... but this isn't a review on "The Jesus Storybook Bible". This is a review on "The Story of God's Love for Us", and therein lies the problem. I received my copy of "The Story of God's Love for You" with great anticipation. (Pre-ordered it 2-3 months ahead of time.) And as I started to read, I found myself disappointed. This book literally is just "The Jesus Storybook Bible" without the pictures and in a slimmer profile. It is the exact same text, which was disappointing because the text (not just the pictures) of "The Jesus Storybook Bible" was written specifically to appeal to pre-K age children. In my experience, by the time a child is hitting 1-3 grade they are ready to engage at a level of storytelling, imagery, phraseology, and sentence structure that is higher than what I read to my 2-3 year old. As a result, I believe this book is actually less appealing to older children than "The Jesus Storybook Bible". In fact, they may prefer "The Jesus Storybook Bible" because the illustrations are so excellent. I was hoping that "The Story of God's Love for You" would make TEXTUAL and editorial updates to "The

Jesus Storybook Bible" (not just eliminating the illustrations). This would make it more age appropriate for older children and perhaps even pre-teens/teens. Unfortunately this wasn't what happened. So if you intend to buy this book, you should know that it literally is just a stripped-down "Jesus Storybook Bible". On the plus side, it would be easier to give this book to an adult or teenager (who has ABSOLUTELY no idea about the Bible) than it would be "The Jesus Storybook Bible". After all, it doesn't immediately scream, "Written for little children!" the moment you see the cover. I was just hoping it would be edited in such a way that it actually WOULDN'T be written for little children but for teens and young adults, as it's marketed. Alas...I am still thankful for the book, but I don't think I'll be buying nearly as many copies to give away to older people as I was originally forecasting.

"The Bible is most of all a Story. It's an adventure story about a young Hero who comes from a far country to win back his lost treasure. It's a love story about a brave Prince who leaves his palace, his throne - everything - to rescue the one he loves. It's like the most wonderful of fairy tales that has come true in real life! You see, the best thing about this Story is - it's true." The above prose is found in the first chapter of this quite wonderful little book. If you have read anything by Sally Lloyd-Jones, the beauty of the words would not be a surprise. Which is why I wanted a chance to review this retelling of Bible stories by her. Unlike some of her other books, this one is not full of illustrations. It is simply stories we all know retold for young people. In my opinion, they should be read aloud by one who loves the children and can answer their further questions. I can see this book in many a basket sitting by a bed or perhaps by a comfy reading chair, ready for when the reader and the child have a special time together for a Story that is Real. For such stories when told when young will return later in a desire to know more about the God and the Scripture from which they were taken. Get it for a child for Christmas. Give it to a grandmother or grandfather or aunt or uncle or parent or older sibling for a child to add to their library of "books to read when the children visit". It is the Bible story book I wish I had when my kids were children. This book was provided by the publisher for a review but the opinions are my own.

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