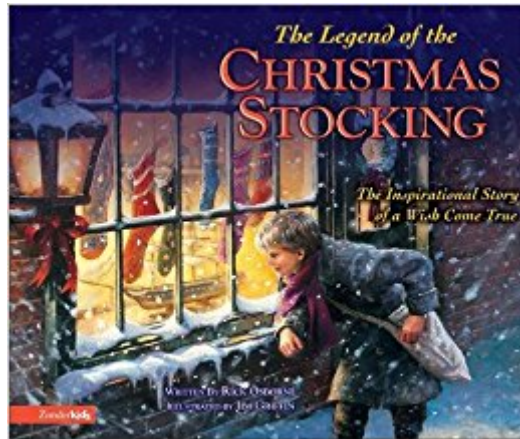


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# Legend Of The Christmas Stocking



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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Growing up, Rick Osborne really liked Superman. Superman did what was right, he did cool things that other people couldn't do, and he never quit. The Bible is full of great Superman-type stories where God helps good guys battle evil guys with his awesome supernatural help. By telling these stories, Rick loves to help boys see the real-life superhero that God wants each of them to be. Rick lives with his family up north in Canada, closer to where Superman built his fortress. Jim Griffin, illustrator and award-winning artist, studied at the renowned Pratt Institute. His work has been shown in numerous exhibitions and can be found in prestigious private collections.

We purchased this one here during a search for some new Christmas books. It's lovely and we all liked it...however, there are some inconsistencies with the other book in this series "The Legend of St. Nicholas". It was immediately noticed by both of my older children (ages 7 and 6). In this one, Nicholas throws the money in through the window at three different times, and the last one lands in a stocking. In the other one, Nicholas throws the money in all at the same time, in three different bags, and the window isn't open, so he throws it down the chimney...the other noticeable difference is that in this one, Nicholas finds out about the three sisters needing the dowry by talking to their father. In the other one, he finds out from the youngest sister, who is clearly made out to be his friend in that book, as he's talking to them about what to do with the money that his parents left him. In this book, Nicholas is a grown man when he leaves the money (after talking to the father of the girls). In the other book, he is just a boy...looks like a teenager, and is talking to other children as friends...anyway, this sort of thing is a tad disappointing, but it is otherwise a good book. I made the mistake of reading both of these stories back to back, so the discrepancies were pretty obvious. Since this seems to be in the same series, I would have thought that someone would check for these sorts of things ahead before printing. Other than that gripe, I would recommend this book, as the illustrations are lovely and it's a nice Christmas story to read, since it's based loosely on real events. I think if I had it to do again, I would probably choose one or the other, not both for the reasons above...

It's a beautifully illustrated book. I wanted a little MORE from the story--at the moment I couldn't

exactly explain WHAT it was that I wanted, it just doesn't quite enchant me the way some stories do. My girls could take it or leave it. They haven't really requested it. We will see as they grow older into the age range this book was designed for. That being said, my oldest DOES request books from this reading level with frequency, just not this one. So, would I buy it again, sure!

Great Christmas story for children.

Ties back to St. Nicholas and how we ended up with Christmas Stockings. Good book for your Catholic book collection, specifically for Advent and Christmas. It's not a saint biography as you can obviously tell from the summary, but it's wholesome and appeals to large audience with little children.

My students absolutely loved this story! This was one of their favorite Christmas stories that I read!

I sent this book to my grandchildren a couple of states away. It's a Christmas ritual that I send several Christmas books for them..it's more fun for me than for them I think. I got raving reviews from all of them. The children are 6,4,and 2. They wanted mommy and daddy to read it over and over again. I was so pleased they enjoyed it so much!

Read it to my kindergarten class and they made stockings following! A perfect accompaniment!

Good message, the pastor read it to the children at all our services. On Christmas Eve.

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