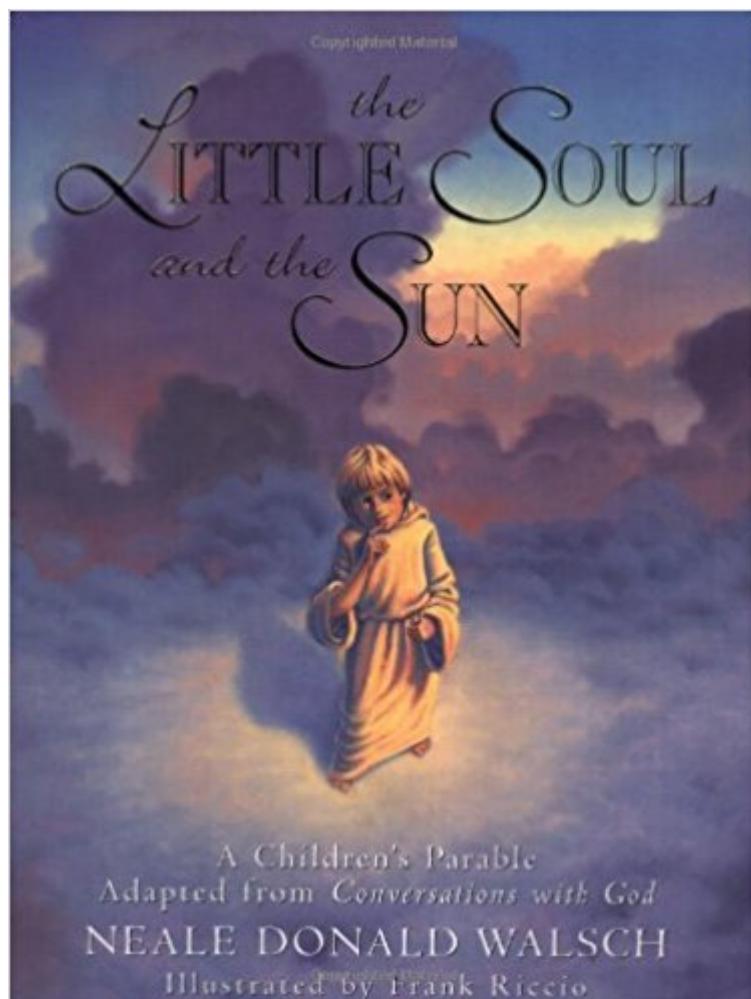


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The Little Soul And The Sun



Synopsis

The Little Soul and the Sun is a simple and powerful story that brings children a very profound truth: there is not absolute good or bad--that underneath all that happens in the world, all that we call "good" and all that we call "bad," is love. Your child will discover a God that she or he can love, because God is love, as are all the Little Souls who are a part of God. And perhaps parents, too, will rediscover who they really are.

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Customer Reviews

Neale Donald Walsch's Conversations with God series has enjoyed boundless success, making his dialogue with God accessible to a worldwide audience of adults. The Little Soul and the Sun distills the essential message of the Conversations with God books and sews it into a story that even children can identify with. Frank Riccio's poignant illustrations are the perfect companion to Walsch's parable of a little soul who discovers that it is "the light" but still wants to know how it "feels" to be the light. This proves to be a problem, as God created nothing else but the light. God's solution, with the help of another soul, is to surround the little soul with darkness, so that it can feel what being the light is like. This deceptively simple tale of self-discovery carries such a profound message that adults as well as children will read it over and over, each time learning a little more about who we really are and why we are here on earth. --Brian Patterson

Though his Conversations with God, Book 1 may be a bestseller, Walsch's attempts to scale down part of that book into a work for children may well leave young readers, and their parents, scratching their heads. In this utterly confusing parable, a little soul discusses at length with God how he can learn to experience who he really is and which "part of special" he wants to be. The little soul decides he wants to be forgiving; thus another little soul soon obliges by offering to do something "not-so-nice," so that the first little soul can experience forgiveness. Amid the cryptic phrasing and the often cumbersome sentence structures, some strong imagery and positive Christian attitudes do come through. Such messages as "everybody is special, each in their own way" and "it is special to be kind; it is special to be creative" are important for all children to hear, regardless of their faith. Unfortunately, some readers may not stick with this story long enough to glean such lessons. Riccio's scene of child-angels in monk-like frocks walking on what appear to be clouds will surely inspire further questions about perceptions of Heaven. Ages 6-10. Copyright 1998 Reed Business Information, Inc.

This book was recommended to me by my Kabbalah teacher. After studying up to level 3 at the center, students were offered the opportunity to meet one on one with teachers to discuss how the teaching of the Zohar could help with daily life. I was familiar with Walsch's work but I had not read anything by him before purchasing this book. "The Little Soul and the Sun" is so simple and pure in its message that I was not put off by the fact that it is pretty much packaged as a children's book. My teacher had mentioned this, and she was very clear that the powerful message of forgiveness that is inherent in the story would help me deal with some of the issues I was dealing with in my relationships with family, friends and business associates. But primarily with family. The premise is that before our souls incarnate here in the material realm (Malchut in Kabbalah), we decide what challenges we will face, as well as the souls who will present those great challenges to our own soul's journey. Walsch personifies this experience as an interaction between two children in a heavenly realm making an agreement to not reject each other when these challenges arise. A promise is made that no matter what, no matter how awful the exchange between these two souls in the material realm, remember that it is just a lesson in a long journey of spiritual development, and necessary if we are to evolve to higher states of consciousness and compassion. I read the book in about 15 minutes. A very powerful 15 minutes. For anyone who is struggling to move past the heavy duty roadblock of resentment toward those who have hurt them, and can't seem to forgive no matter what, this little book can help free up some of those blockages.

This is our favorite christening gift, because it is always deemed a keeper by like-minded parents. It's good for adults, too, and the illustrations are rich and inviting. It is very spiritually provocative in posing the possibility that perhaps those who harm us, spiritually agreed to teach us forgiveness in this life. Whether or not you believe in that type of thought, the idea that those who hurt us are giving us an opportunity to practice and master forgiveness is a powerful, crucial skill in having a happy life. Children will understand the agreement made between child angels, and parents can begin teaching forgiveness as a profound spiritual quality.

Beautiful story and fabulous illustrations. I bought it for myself because I want to share this "love story" with kids in my ministry as well as my grandkids.

I was most impressed with the excellent service given when I had problems with a book that was defective. This seller went out of his way to make right the wrong done and then some. Highly recommend buying more products from this seller. Good to communicate and please the buyer. This book is so beautifully written and easy to understand. In my own personal opinion, this is not just a 'children's' book. I gave this book to my sister and she told me "she just couldn't put the book down!" The story behind this book gave her better insight into the beauty of how Love and Joy explode in your soul when giving your Creator praise. (Like king David dancing through the streets of Jerusalem and filled with ecstasy and praise and absorbed in God alone.) A freedom of the soul that is hard to explain. The conversations between this little angel and God were soft and not complicated to understand. Simple language produces great results. ALL souls are created equal and 'special' in the eyes of God. He is the Sun behind the sun allowing His divine grace to come forth and flooding your soul with happiness. For a very brief moment, the cares of this world disappear and you are found absorbed in a story divinely given. We all have a purpose in this life and how we handle this life, depends solely on us. You see it in the stars at night (God's nightlights) and in the song of a bird or the birth of a baby or the joy of just BEING children regardless of your age! Excellent book for seniors too! Would highly recommend the book regardless of your age. "The Little Soul and The Earth" is a good companion book too. Love it, Love it, LOVE IT! God bless.

What a great book! I wanted to introduce my 9 year old daughter to a deeper meaning of life while she's still forming her view of the world. She's at the age now where her peers are starting to make fun of each other and bully other kids to establish dominance. This book came at a perfect time and really opened her eyes. We read it together. At one point we were both crying after realizing the

message this book points to. It's the first time she's ever seen her father cry. With all of the mixed messages in children's entertainment these days it was very refreshing to sit together with my daughter and share this positive experience!

What a great perspective of our relationship with Heavenly Father. I recommend this as a bedtime story for all God's children.

I bought this for my nephew after reading several of Walsch's Conversations with God. In one of those books he mentions this parable, and I just found it so beautiful. I really wanted the book for myself but gave it to my nephew instead. The story is about remember who people really are -- a lesson that, even from a non-spiritual standpoint, can be about seeing humans as humans, about seeing us as all in this together. Even though sometimes we do things that aren't so nice, we all still have a common bond and (I believe, anyway) there's something valuable and beautiful in each of us. That's definitely a lesson I would like my nephew to learn.

Good as long as you can read with your child to help them understand some of the complex information being presented. Well written and if you are familiar with the authors 3 books "Conversations with God" it is easier to know what is being presented in this charming book.

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