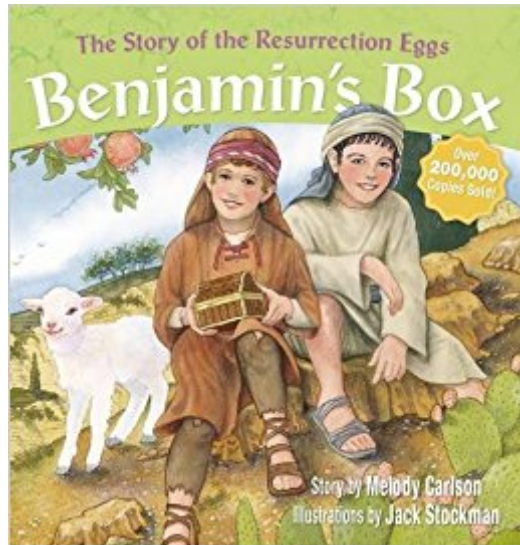




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# Benjamin's Box: The Story Of The Resurrection Eggs



## Synopsis

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## Customer Reviews

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Melody Carlson has written more than 200 books for teens, women, and children. Before publishing, Melody traveled around the world, volunteered in teen ministry, taught preschool, raised two sons, and worked briefly in interior design and later in international adoption. "I think real-life experiences inspire the best fiction," she says. Her wide variety of books seems to prove this theory. Jack

Stockman designs paper airplanes and snowmen. He has a whole collection of tin toys, yo-yos, and kites, but only one wife, one daughter, one son, and one daughter-in-law. He loves them all.

I absolutely LOVED the idea of this book, and when it got here I absolutely loved to read it with the kids. We do bible study daily in our homeschool, and they are learning God's Word and truth. My point? Well... they (my kids) are now relating a child named Benjamin and some of his friends and intertwining it with the real account in the bible, and I'm just not comfortable with that. I like the story, but now when my kids are telling the story of Jesus' death and resurrection, they are now talking about how "...then Judas gave Benjamin silver..." And I'm forced to tell them "Benjamin isn't part of the REAL story...but yes, the other characters are..." I'm just not sure if this will be a part of our reading any longer, just because I cannot expect them to believe the word of God if there is a fictitious character added to it, as in this book. It's causing confusion with the Word. I suppose for us, we'll stick with the original story in the bible. I reeaalllly liked this book... just cannot use it any longer. Perhaps this won't be a problem for anybody else.. but it was for us.

This story is wonderful. My 4 and 10 year olds love it. One problem - however this problem is NOT with this great book- was that after reading reviews I purchased the "Resurrection Eggs" from Family Life to go with it. The story matches up fairly well but there are a few pages that don't have eggs in that set, and there are a few eggs that don't match the pages. That is because they do NOT go together. The Resurrection Eggs are a wonderful set and have a little booklet inside that tells the story of each egg- not quite as well told as Benjamins Box. The Benjamin's Box book is an awesome book and at the top of each page shows a color of egg and a topic (I don't have it in front of me, so for example blue egg, whip). I'm not sure if there was a set of eggs at one time that was sold with this book. It doesn't matter. My 10 year old and I decided that next year, we make our own Resurrection Eggs! We will get the right color eggs and scavenge around until we can fill them to match the book and store them in an egg carton:) Then we will have two sets of Resurrection Eggs to choose from each year and two books. We are totally happy with our purchase of this book. I got my misinformation from some other reviews. But if I hadn't, we wouldn't have these two great products and a fun plan for 2015!

We have used this book with Resurrection Eggs (eggs that contain symbols of the Passion story) for almost twenty years. We have shared it with family as well as church and after school youth classes. It takes literary liberty as it is a sort of historical fiction. The story from a youth's viewpoint

as he lives during the biblical time of the passion week holds the children's interest. The story helps the children understand the culture and how this story affects them in a personal way. The children look forward to opening the eggs as the story unfolds.

I bought this book to go with our new Resurrection Eggs, and for the most part it works well. There are a few times that the book doesn't line up with the eggs (like the color of the egg is different than it is in the book, or there is a plastic donkey in the egg rather than a tuft of donkey fur). But overall, I was pleased with how well the two correspond. However, in the book, Benjamin is actually IN the story of the crucifixion. He is the one who tells Judas that there is silver being offered to whoever betrays Jesus, and subsequently feels extreme guilt when Jesus is crucified. That was a heavy, heavy emotion for little kids, in addition to simply not being Biblical. There are a couple other small things that I thought were too old for my kids, like stating that the piece of leather Benjamin picked up was soaked in Jesus' blood - just a little too graphic for us, and took some quick thinking on my part to change it as I was reading aloud. Unfortunately I don't think we will be using this book with our eggs in the future.

Cute story and I like how it ties into the resurrection eggs. My six year old especially loved it. But since reading another reviewer who mentioned it can be confusing to tie a fictional character into a non-fictional story at the age for which this book is intended, I gave it four stars. When it comes to historical stories, I just don't want her to remember fictional details as if they were true. An older child would likely have no issue with clearly understanding. (Obviously I did explain this to her but just don't want to risk having it remain tangled up in her memory.)

This book a great way to explain the Easter story! I also purchased the "Resurrection Eggs", as it was suggested as being compatible, but there are a few differences (ie, one egg contains a rooster and there is no rooster mentioned in Benjamin's Box). Otherwise, I love it.

The book is a little long to keep my younger children engaged but it's perfect for the older ones (8 years) to learn about Jesus' life. I like how its from the perspective of a young boy during the time of Jesus. It really does work well with the resurrection eggs.

I had high hopes for this book based on the reviews. I thought it to be more of the child telling the story but Benjamin is written IN the Easter story and this will be terribly confusing to my religious ed

class and I had to return.

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