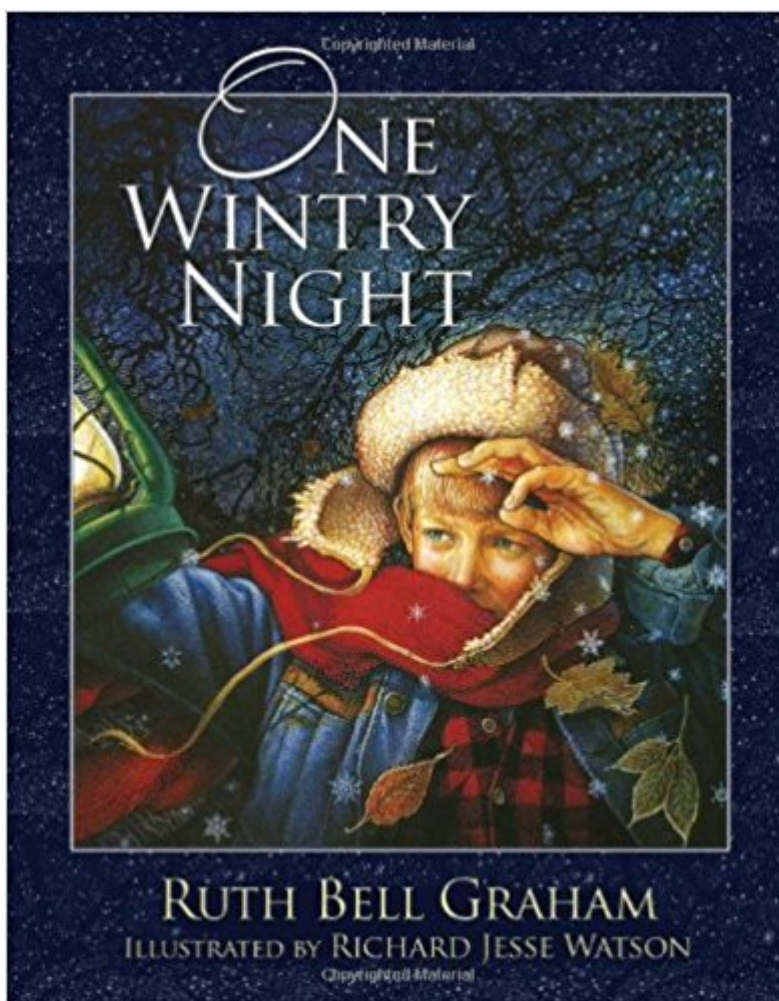


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# One Wintry Night



## Synopsis

A snowy night, a warm cabin, and a boy who hears the Christmas story told for the first time—beginning with Creation and ending with the Resurrection. A classic Christmas picture book, *One Wintry Night* tells the story of a mountain boy who is injured in a snowstorm and seeks refuge in a cabin. While he waits out the storm, the woman who lives there tells him the Christmas story. In a magnificent blend of a contemporary setting with the history of God's redeeming love, Ruth Graham created a wonderful and unique version of the Christmas story. Breathtakingly illustrated by renowned artist Richard Jesse Watson, *One Wintry Night* is the perfect gift for the young and the young-at-heart that will fascinate both those who have heard the Bible story many times and those who know only a few details. "Ruth Bell Graham has written the perfect Christmas book . . . with imaginative, stunning pictures. It is a book children and adults will love. The story is tried and true, well-told, and important. I can see children around the world sitting with a parent or grandparent saying, "Then what happened?" or, "Turn the page. Let's see the next picture." I love this story and I love this book." —Barbara Bush

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

Gr. 4<sup>^</sup>-6. In a complex, lengthy picture book for older readers, an injured mountain boy, caught in a

snowstorm at Christmastime, is taken in by a woman who lives in a log home the boy's grandfather helped build years before. After the snowbound pair become acquainted and the grandfather is notified of the boy's whereabouts, the woman launches into a telling of the Christmas story--beginning with the Creation and ending with the Resurrection. The setup seems awkward, but once the main story gets under way, things become more believable. Watson's artwork is unusually arresting, offering plenty of visual subtext to support the ambitious undertaking, which is actually a condensed retelling of the entire Bible. The double-spread Nativity scene truly commands attention, particularly the striking face of the young girl Anna, who has come to see the Christ child. Shelley Townsend-Hudson --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

The boy hunkered down and yanked his cap further over his ears as the wind rose to a roar across the ridge. . . . When a young mountain boy is caught alone in a sudden snowstorm, he takes refuge in a cabin his grandfather had helped to build many years before. The woman living there shelters the boy, attends to his badly swollen ankle, and spends the snowbound hours by telling the Christmas story--beginning with creation and concluding with the resurrection. In a magnificent blend of a contemporary setting with the history of God's redeeming love, Ruth Bell Graham has created a wonderful and unique version of the Christmas story. The rich texture of Richard Jesse Watson's illustrations makes *One Wintry Night* a captivating reading experience and a family treasure. With both instant appeal and an aura of timelessness, *One Wintry Night* will fascinate both those who have heard the Bible story many times and those who know only a few details. More than half a million copies of this Christmas classic have already been sold. Ruth Bell Graham is a mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother and is the wife of well-known evangelist Billy Graham. She is the author of a number of successful books. Richard Jesse Watson is the illustrator of many award-winning children's books. His recent version of *The Night before Christmas* was a *New York Times* bestseller, and his *Tom Thumb* was given the Golden Kite Award by the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

If you are looking for a book to share with your family that shows how Jesus' birth ties in with creation and beyond then this is for you! I disagree that this book is just suitable for ages 4-7. This story is not only ageless, it is timeless and has become a staple here in our family during the Christmas season. In fact I think it is better for older children and adults as although there is some absolutely amazing artwork in this book which is also in the Kindle version, it is not a picture book as such. Way more writing than pictures. Ruth Bell Graham managed to weave a story of sharing the

Bible in a nutshell with the story of a young boy named Zeb, who gets injured and stranded at the old cabin his grandfather helped build way back when. With his sprained ankle and the fact that they are snowed in, Zeb cannot get back home and so listens willingly as the woman of the house tells him the "Christmas story". You will read about creation. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Samson and more all the way through to the birth and resurrection of Jesus. Don't miss out on this one folks, it's a good one! The only thing I do not like is that it ends kind of abruptly without the boy getting home but the "real" story is completed.

I enjoyed this story myself. I like to read it at Christmas time as part of our family tradition. It is short enough to be read as a picture book over a period of 4 or 5 days, but it has enough depth to draw out a heart response to the situation of the boy who is the main character and to catch his excitement about hearing the story of the Bible. I like the way the author tied the whole story of the Bible to the birth of Jesus and even goes on to tell of His resurrection! I read this to my children when they are 6 to 12 years old. Children who have never heard the whole story of the Bible would benefit from this overview and would never realize they just had a Bible lesson!

I got two of these for grandson who are brothers 8 & 11 (and sisters 15 & 17 like it too) and another grandson who is 12. All 5 love the book. Parents too! Truly a wonderful gift for any child and adults too! What a creative way to present the birth of Christ but also from the beginning to awaiting His return. Ruth presents this story in such a rich way and the artwork is also outstanding!

We received this as a gift when my daughter was 6 and absolutely loved it. It quickly became tradition to pull it out every Christmas and read it and mull over the brilliantly done illustrations. My daughter discovered that the artist hid cats and roly polys in most of the pictures, so we had fun looking for those and noticing all the intricacies of the paintings. It took the artist five years to illustrate and each one is a masterpiece. The story is brilliantly done as well and takes the reader through the Bible from the beginning to Christ's birth. My daughter is now 23 and still pulls the book out every year as part of our decorating. We still enjoy sitting by the tree looking through the book. Every family should have this book.

I love the way Ruth Bell Graham shares the story of Jesus. Perfect not only at Christmas time but any time of the year. I love that she started it not with the birth of Christ, but the revealing of God's plan from the beginning. At first the story within a story of Anna and Aaron bothered me a little as

this is not Biblical. Then as I thought about it I realized it was a good way to engage children to enjoy the book. I would recommend this book to everyone, young and old. Maybe some day I will have grandchildren to share this book with. In conclusion I believe there is no more important book than the Bible and I love Mrs. Graham's unique way to tell the Gospel Story.

So glad I finally got to read this and have it for under the tree every year.

I love this book. My daughter received this book almost 20 years ago from her kindergarten teacher. We read it every year for Christmas. I order it again to give as gifts. The only reason I can't give it a 5 star is because they have made the book smaller. I suppose to keep the publishing cost down.

This is such a wonderful book and has become a meaningful tradition for our family to read aloud every evening from Thanksgiving, leading up to Christmas. Now that our daughters are grown and married it's a wonderful gift to give to families starting out with their young children. This book came very quickly and was in perfect condition. I would buy from this well at again.

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