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# **SURGE**

# **DEVOTIONAL REVIEWS & BUYING GUIDE**



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24 Devotional titles aimed at preteen kids

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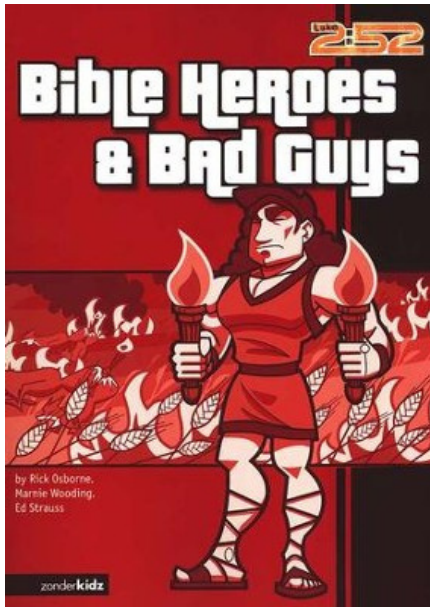
## **SPECIAL THANKS TO**

Our Kid Devotional Reviewers: Mackenzie, Sarah, Linden, Zion, Nolan, Frank, Rylan, Calee, Evan, Sloane, Everlee, and Reyna.

Want to be a reviewer? Ask to preview one of the titles we don't already have kid reviews for.

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# 2:25 SOUL GEAR - BIBLE HEROES & BAD GUYS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Twenty-nine key biblical heroes--and bad guys--shown in the midst of action-packed scenarios teach kids how they can grow smarter, stronger, deeper, and cooler just like Jesus did in Luke 2:52. Humorous illustrations showing lots of muscles and cool equipment draw attention to interesting features and significant characteristics of real men and women who lived in biblical times. As part of the new 2:52 Soul Gear series for boys, this book uses exciting, energy-filled stories to help boys develop into young men of God. Recommended for ages 8 to 12.

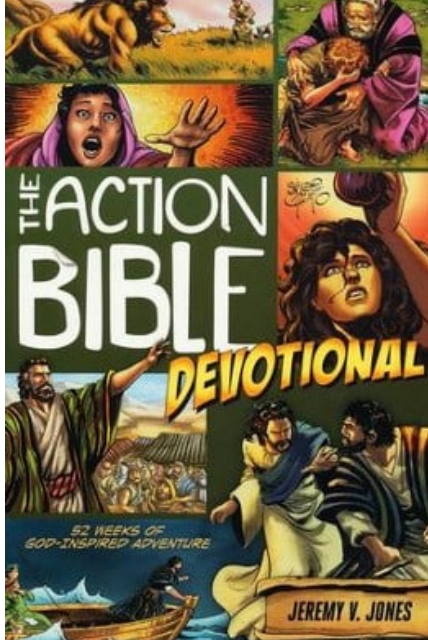
## OUR TAKE:

The 2:52 series is meant to reach kids - and boys, especially - with graphic illustrations, gross-out, and "Wow!" factor-stuff. It may be too kid-ish for some, while others will be hooked. Not really a "daily devotional", but a book meant to whet their appetite for Bible things. And, if they get hooked on this one, there's plenty more in the series to devour.

## KID REVIEW:

Our reviewer really liked how the language was up to date, like "blew my socks off." Although, it presented mostly familiar material. The only thing they didn't like was that the readings didn't go very deeply into the stories. As far as age appropriateness, "Just right for kids my age."

# ACTION BIBLE DEVOTIONAL



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Kids will say goodbye to Bible boredom with this 52-week devotional that launches their faith into everyday life! Pairing selected stories from the companion Bible with spiritual lessons, stunning comic-style artwork, and action-adventure activities, this engaging guide takes Scripture truths off the page and into your middle schooler's daily reality. Ages 9 to 12. 2013 CBA Winner!

## OUR TAKE:

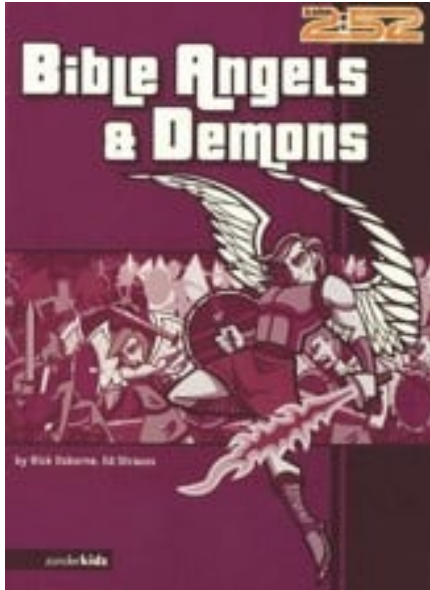
Kids love the Action Bible, so they'll naturally be drawn to this one. It includes some of the stories from the Action Bible, but after each one, a two-page reflection with "Your Mission", "Your Debrief", "Mission Accomplished", and "Share the Adventure" sections, which are all suggestions on how to reflect on and put into practice some aspect of the passage they just read. Will they? That's a harder question. The beauty of the Action Bible is how it draws them into the adventure of just the story itself. Kids can't put it down! The devotional is like interrupting a game of Minecraft to have kids reflect on what they like about Minecraft. This devo might be some kid's cup of tea, but I wonder how many will just read it cover-to-cover and skip the reflection pages?

## KID REVIEW:

Our reviewer liked the comic-book style of Bible stories, as well as the activities you could do. He said it made him feel closer to God because the devotional helped him understand what a particular story meant. Although it was "just about right" for kids his age, there wasn't a lot in it he hadn't heard before.

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# BIBLE ANGELS & DEMONS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Although not many people today have actually seen them, angels, demons, and heavenly beings are very real creatures in the Bible. It's important for boys to be aware of their existence in a way that is positive and based on biblical truth. This book presents the truth about these creatures—with illustrations interpreting their appearance. Recommended for ages 8 to 12.

## OUR TAKE:

This book doesn't hold back. And it's interesting! You can't deny, if you believe the Bible, that angels and demons exist. Because of the content and the graphic novel-style of illustrations, this is one that will definitely ignite kids' spiritual imagination. Some kids will find it fascinating; others might be frightened. So go with caution on this one. Although it ends on a note of hope and encouragement, just be aware that it's going to spark reflection, and probably questions, about spiritual beings of all kinds. Be ready!

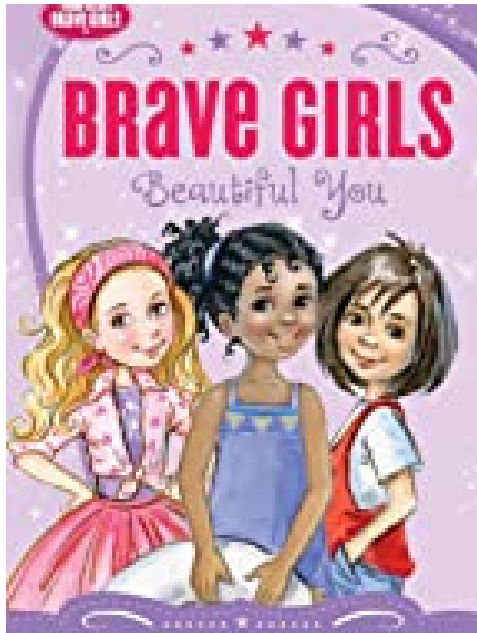
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# **BRAVE GIRLS: BEAUTIFUL YOU: A 90 DAY DEVOTIONAL**



## **PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:**

Sometimes it's tough being a girl! Whether you are outgoing or shy, a tomboy or a girly girl, silly or serious, it can be really hard to feel comfortable with yourself. This devotional is filled with stories and thoughts about how God created us to be healthy, strong, and confident—both with our bodies and our minds—because we are daughters of the great heavenly Father. The goal of Brave Girls® is to encourage you to appreciate yourself as God made you and to help you grow strong in your relationship with Him. Beautiful You will help you really see yourself as brave and beautiful inside and out . . . just like God made you!

## **OUR TAKE:**

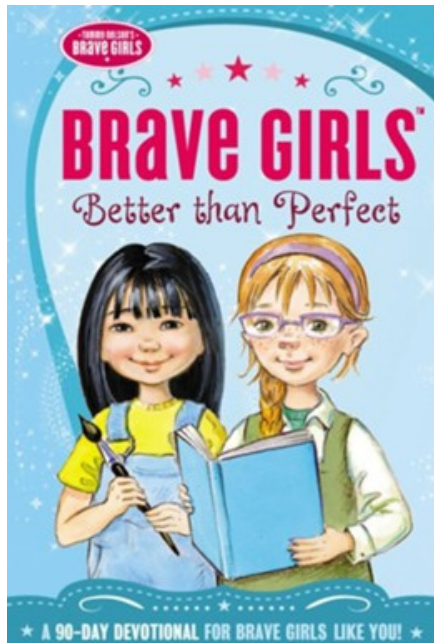
This is a well-written devotional. Each reading either begins with a thought-provoking question or relatable scenario, but the questions won't feel like a homework assignment. Don't be turned off by the title or the section headings - Beauty Basics, Radiant Reflections, Works of Beauty - and so on. It turns everything back to scripture and emphasizes action over appearance. The design suggests this is for younger (9-10 years old), even though the content is great for girls of any age.

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# BRAVE GIRLS: BETTER THAN PERFECT



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Better than perfect-that's what every girl is in God's eyes! A young girl's doubt in her own self-worth starts from an early age. Am I pretty enough? Am I smart enough? Will I fit in? Do people like me? These aren't just the questions asked by teens, they're asked from precious girls in grade school! Brave Girls Faith and Honor will help girls navigate these questions and learn just how wonderful they are! Brave Girls: Better than Perfect includes 90 engaging devotions to help young girls find their place in the world, learning that the beauty of their imperfections is what makes them unique, loved, and "better than perfect" in God's eyes.

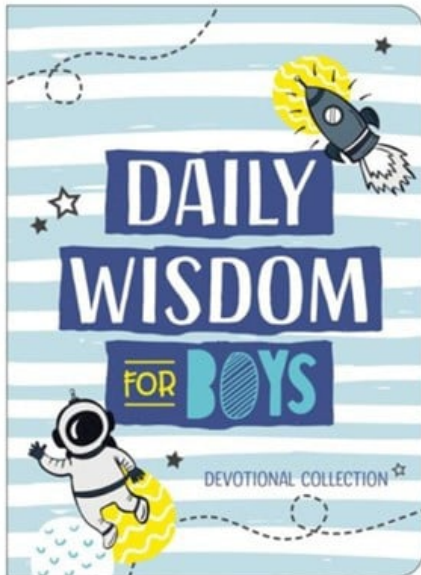
## OUR TAKE:

Another solid devotional in the Brave Girls series. Over 90 days, the devo walks through different focuses, and so the readings for each section are formatted differently. Some are activity based, others ask questions, others contrast Truth vs. Lie ("I Need to get my own way to be happy"). Again, the presentation suggests it's for younger girls, but the truths are rock-solid.

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# DAILY WISDOM FOR BOYS | DAILY WISDOM FOR GIRLS



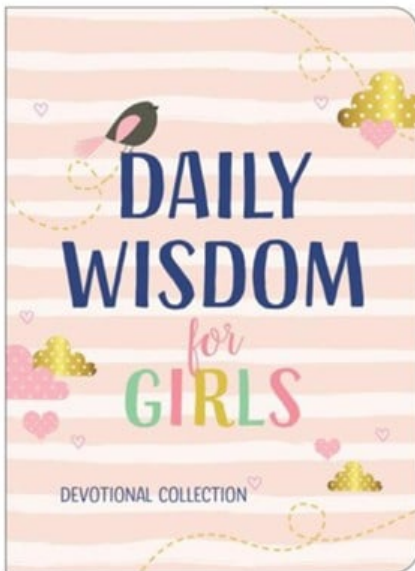
## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Start your day off right with the Daily Wisdom devotional collection. With an engaging devotion and related scripture selection for every day of the year, Daily Wisdom is designed to draw you closer to your heavenly Creator. Spend daily quiet time with Him and experience encouragement and faith-building inspiration as you come to know and understand God loves and cares about you - always!

## OUR TAKE:

Simple truths, simply presented. Each reading is just one page, and starts with a Bible verse, then the devotional, then a short prayer. There are no themes tying these all together, just 365 separate readings. I have to confess, the very first reading turned me off a bit. It's on having trouble sleeping, then invoking Proverbs 3:24 about having restful sleep. It's a stretch, but I didn't see a lot of this on follow-up pages. The main ideas are simple, but don't go super deep.

It appears the daily readings are the same in each book; the only difference between them are the titles and the covers.

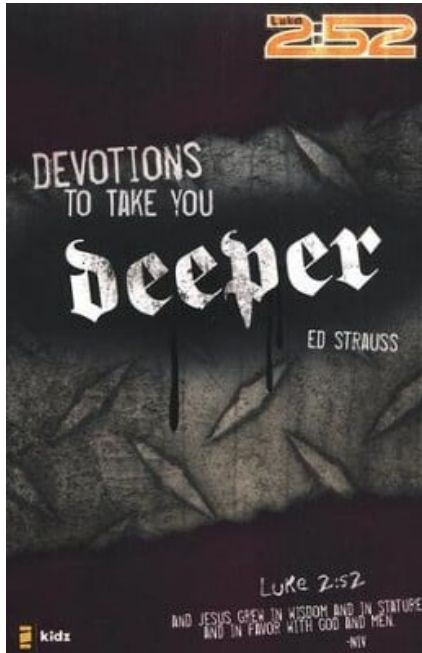


## KID REVIEW:

Our reviewer (a boy) said it "had answers to all of my questions," and that "through this book God told me my purpose." There was nothing he disliked, again highlighting that the devotional took on questions he himself was already wondering about. He rated it just right for kids age 10-12.

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# DEVOTIONS TO TAKE YOU DEEPER



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Devotions to Take You Deeper focuses on the spiritual aspect of growing up the way Jesus did as described in Luke 2:52. In the humorous and sometimes gross style that makes the 2:52 series so engaging and fun, this 90-day devotional guides boys in developing their faith. It explores many facets of spiritual growth, such as Bible study, worship, and prayer. It also warns of the dangers of harboring bitterness, storing up treasures on earth, and worrying all the time. Combining important principles with practical messages, the book teaches lessons boys need to learn and helps them put this valuable knowledge into practice. Each devotion presents a Bible verse, explains it, and shows how it relates to boys' lives, then offers tools to help boys mature in their walk with God, inspiring them to make changes that will ensure that their spirituality grows deeper and deeper. Recommended for ages 8 to 12.'

## OUR TAKE:

The whole 2:52 series is pretty good, and prides itself on being really boy-friendly, with honest answers and kind of an in-your-face style. The breadth of what's covered is impressive. There are no themes - every day stands on its own. Kind of a bland presentation, graphically.

## KID REVIEW:

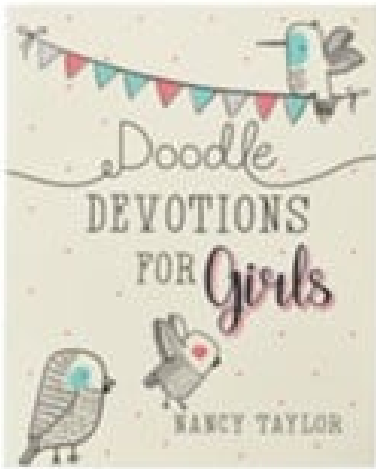
Our reviewer said this devo was "very head on" and talked about different things each day, which he liked. "I learned how our daily life can kinda be translated into a God perspective." There was some material that he already knew, but most of it was new to him. "It makes you want to pray and read the Bible a lot more than you probably do right now."

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# DOODLE DEVOTIONS FOR GIRLS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

The best devotionals for youth are the ones that encourage them to engage with God's Word and spend time meditating on what they've read. Doodling, coloring, and journaling are some great ways to do that, and Doodle Devotions for Girls by Nancy Taylor fits the bill. Sixty devotions designed especially for teen girls will help your daughter, niece, or Sunday School student get deeper into her Bible in a way that's fun and creative!

At just 152 pages, this book is easy for a young person to manage, and the illustrated black-and-white inside pages present the perfect canvas for the reader's own colorful doodles and notes. As the author says, "Write all over this book!" Ideal for preteen and teen girls.

## OUR TAKE:

It's called "Doodle Devotions," but much of what girls are asked to jot out in response to the readings are words - much like any other devotional. Which isn't wrong, but don't be misled that this is a book of prayer exercises using art. The layout is artsy; the degree to which girls engage by doodling depends on how artsy they are. The readings cover a good scope of subjects.

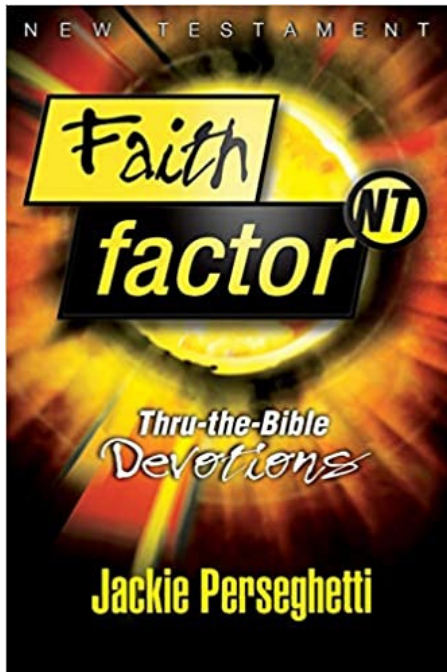
## KID REVIEW:

She liked that you get to draw; the downside was that the devotions were all pretty short. She rated it just right for kids her age, and said it did make her feel closer to God, like any devotional usually does. Along with doodling, the book contained interesting new stuff, too.

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# FAITH FACTOR NT: THRU-THE-BIBLE DEVOTIONS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Unfortunately many children are familiar with only a few stories in the Bible. Faith Factor offers parents and teachers the opportunity to provide their children with a book that will develop and deepen an authentic relationship with Jesus through reading and prayer. Faith Factor NT covers the books of the New Testament and is full of "I-didn't-kknow-that-was-was-in-the-Bbile!" facts. This book will gently challenge children and new believers to study God's Word.

## OUR TAKE:

Walks kids through the NT and the content of each book. Each book starts with an overview and the individual readings give analysis. Of course, this is not everything in the New Testament, but the ground covered here is impressive. The readings are not assigned to dates. Each reading is preceded by a prompt to help kids prepare their hearts. Very Bible-centered.

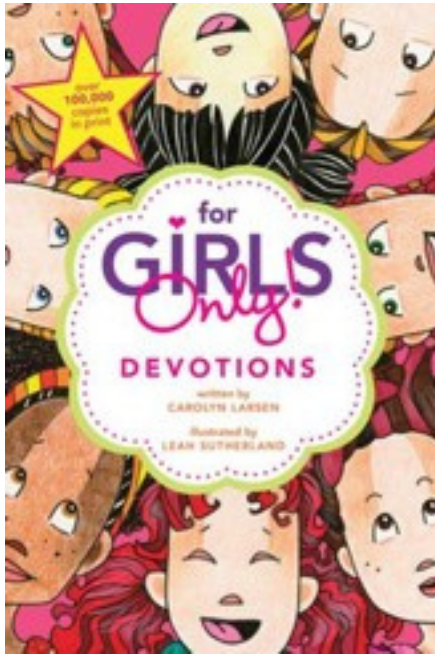
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# FOR GIRLS ONLY! DEVOTIONS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Your 8- to 12-year-old girls will find this fun devotional---filled with whimsical, girl-centric art---hard to put down! Applying biblical concepts to the issues in your tween's daily life, each meditation includes a modern-day story and interactive exercises---including a to-do list, self-assessment quiz, related Scripture verses, and quotations---that reinforce the lesson.

## OUR TAKE:

Proceeds from a life situation to a biblical principle or application. What's impressive is the "Checkup Time" that follows each reading. Girls are asked to rate their own attitudes, feelings, and behaviors related to the topic, so it challenges them beyond just giving a simple answer to an open-ended application question. Then there are concrete action steps and relevant Bible verses to ponder or memorize. A really comprehensive devotional.

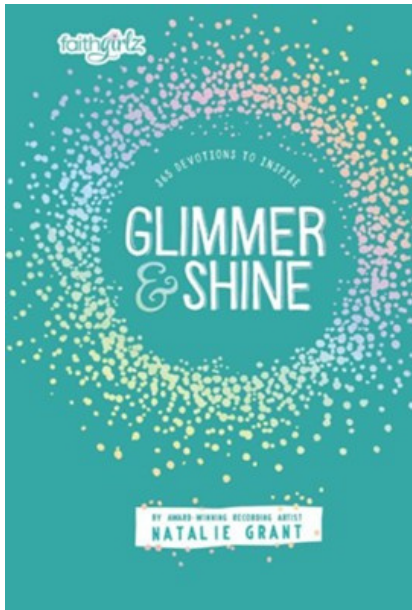
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# GLIMMER AND SHINE



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Glimmer and Shine: 365 Devotions to Inspire includes daily devotions filled with Bible verses, thought-provoking readings and prayers, interactive weekend pages that included quizzes, coloring pages, and so much more! Author Natalie Grant's message flows through every page: girls will be more confident and have fun when they decide to follow Jesus. Growing in faith, building up confidence, and trusting God even when they may not know where he is leading is an adventure for all girls when His promises fill each moment.

## OUR TAKE:

These devotions are short and get right to the point. One Bible verse, and about three paragraphs of illustration, plus a closing prayer. Except the days it's not - certain days have a fill in the blank question or a word puzzle. Readings are grouped under seven themes, but really, all of the days stand alone.

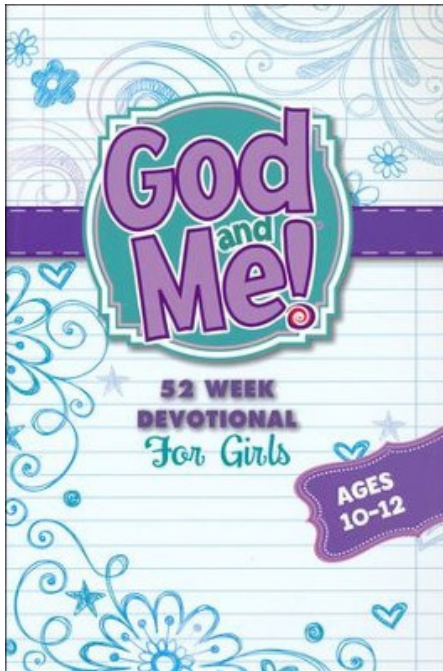
## KID REVIEW:

Our reviewer liked that it was interactive, with fun games throughout the book. "This devotion made me feel closer to God because I got to learn more about him." While there wasn't anything she disliked, "I already knew" some of the information presented. She rated it just right for girls ages 10-12.

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# GOD & ME!: 52-WEEK DEVOTIONAL FOR GIRLS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Encourage your tween girl to grow with God with the God and Me!: 52 Week Devotional for Girls Ages 10 to 12 Years. This 52-devotional book includes relatable situations that girls may face at school and at home. Each devotion includes a prayer and Scripture, with additional fun activities like crafts and puzzles in between to reinforce the week's key Scripture memory verse and theme.

## OUR TAKE:

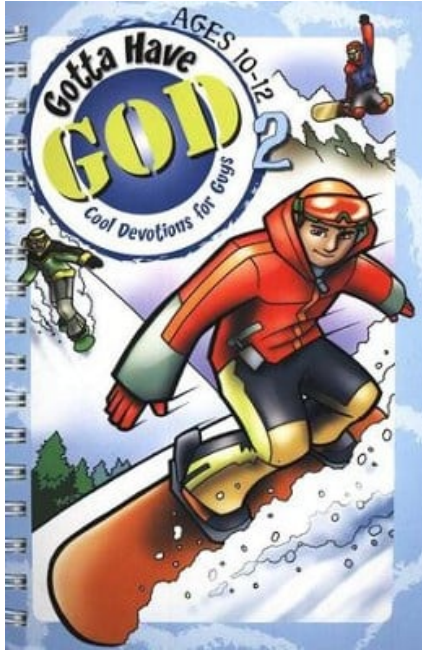
These are really simple devotions - one per page. A 52-week devo is ambitious - will girls stay with it for an entire year? Each one proceeds from a real-life scenario, with a couple of reflection questions. On weekends, it changes up with word puzzles or other exercises (some more interesting than others). (There's a numbering error on the first week.) This isn't Bible study; it's practical, but theologically thin.

## KID REVIEW:

"I like the encouragement that God is with me and not to be scared," our reviewer wrote. The reminders that God is with us helped her feel closer to God. She rated it just right for kids ages 10-12.

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# GOTTA HAVE GOD 2: COOL DEVOTIONS FOR GUYS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Have you ever wondered what God is really like? God already knows everything about you and He wants you to know Him too. Gotta Have God devotions will help you find out more about God and His ways. If you are like most guys, there is stuff in your life that needs God's help. That's what's really cool about this devotion—it talks about topics you face at school, home, and church. After each devotion, it includes an activity, puzzle, maze, or reflection questions that will help you grow closer to God.

## OUR TAKE:

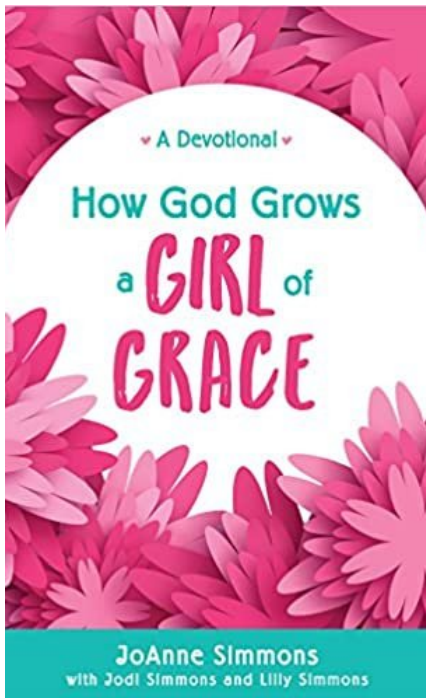
This devo is balanced between readings with one thought-provoking question and a prayer, and an activity on the facing page. The topics are relevant and the format is easy to read. Some of the names used make the writing feel dated, which hurts relatability. And sometimes the scenarios that could lead to great discussion instead get resolved too neatly.

## KID REVIEW:

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# HOW GOD GROWS A GIRL OF GRACE: A DEVOTIONAL



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

How God Grows a Girl of Grace is a devotional designed to grow up today's girls God's way. Featuring 180 devotional readings complemented by easy-to-understand scripture selections and prayers, this delightful collection offers a powerful blend of inspiration, encouragement, and godly guidance just for you. You'll be motivated to spend one-on-one time with God as you read about topics that are important to you, including Family, Friendship, Hope, Prayer, Trust, and more. Your faith will grow right alongside your relationship with the heavenly Father, as He fashions you into a lovely girl of grace.

## OUR TAKE:

These are straightforward and very short readings. They start with a Bible verse, proceed to a one-paragraph explanation, and close with a scripted prayer. Almost pocket-sized, with no frills or illustrations - it'll get the job done, but there are no activities, quizzes, or reflection questions, which some girls may want.

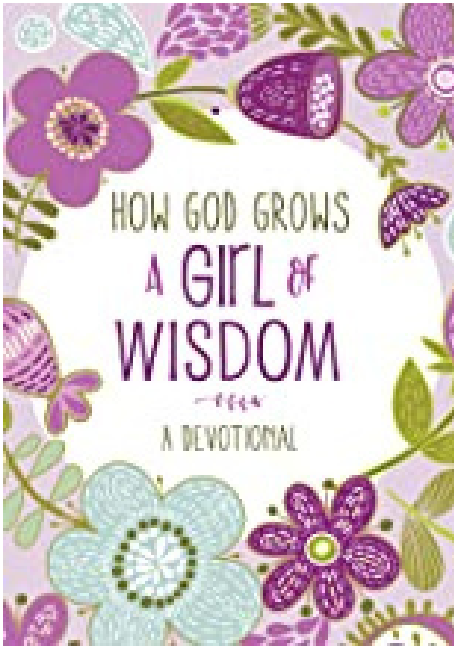
## KID REVIEW:

Our reviewer liked that it was fun and easy to understand. "It has a verse and a prayer at the end but the thing I liked the most was the meaningful message the author gives. I learned lots of things from it. I wish I'd found the devotional sooner." The only drawback was age-appropriateness; this book may be better for young readers below 4th grade.

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# HOW GOD GROWS A GIRL OF WISDOM



## **PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:**

How God Grows a Girl of Wisdom is a devotional designed to grow up today's girls God's way. Featuring 180 devotional readings complemented by easy-to-understand scripture selections and prayers, this delightful collection offers a powerful blend of inspiration, encouragement, and godly guidance just for you. You'll be motivated to spend one-on-one time with God as you read about topics that are important to you. Your faith will grow right alongside your relationship with the heavenly Father, as He fashions you into a lovely girl of wisdom.

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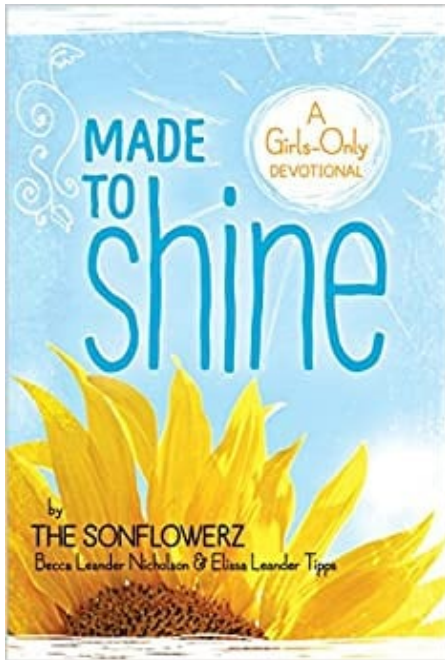
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# MADE TO SHINE: A GIRLS-ONLY DEVOTIONAL



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

The teen years can be a time when relationships are challenged and hard questions about life are asked. They're also a time when role models who stand for truth are needed most. In *Made to Shine*, sisters and coauthors Becca Leander Nicholson and Elissa Leander Tipps present an exciting devotional journey that points teen girls to Jesus—the ultimate shining star.

Each day for a month, you'll find an engaging devotional reading that shares a real, honest story about Becca and Elissa's experiences as teens and their passion for Christ. Throughout the pages of this fun and creative devotional, you'll be reminded that you are chosen, loved, and empowered by God to shine in the light of His glory.

## OUR TAKE:

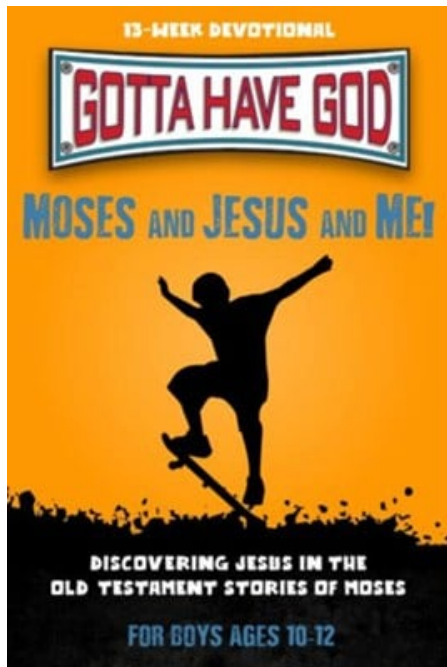
These readings are a little longer than a typical devo - 3-4 pages each, plus a "Reflection and Action" section that follows. The breadth of topics is good, although the reflection questions tend to be a little generic. Each day points girls toward an original song written by the authors' band, the Sonflowerz.

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# MOSES & JESUS & ME! DISCOVERING JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT STORIES OF MOSES; FOR BOYS AGES 10-12



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In Moses and Jesus and Me, boys ages 10 to 12 years discover God's awesome plan for them! This 13-week devotional features real stories from the Bible, plus guided prayers and questions, fun games, crafts, and activities. A wonderful tool to help guide tween boys in their spiritual walk with God and is helpful in relating all of these important lessons to their own lives.

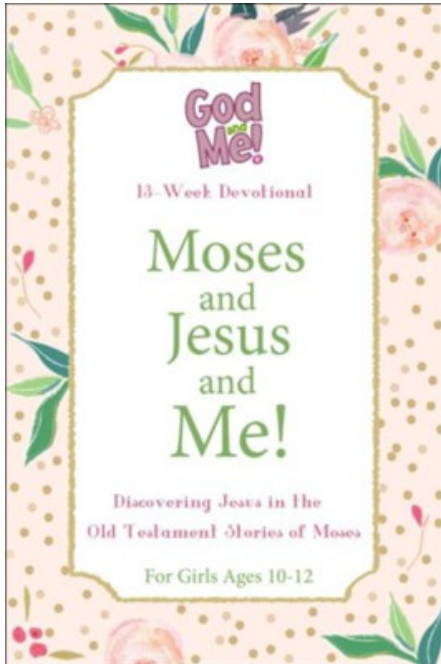
## OUR TAKE:

It's a really cool concept - connecting the Moses story from the OT with Jesus in the NT. It's also ambitious (pages 7-9 have the supply lists for the various activities across 13 weeks!). That might make this a non-starter for some kids. Because of the complexity, it's almost like a curriculum, more than a simple daily devotional. This content appears to be exactly the same as in the girl's version, just presented differently.

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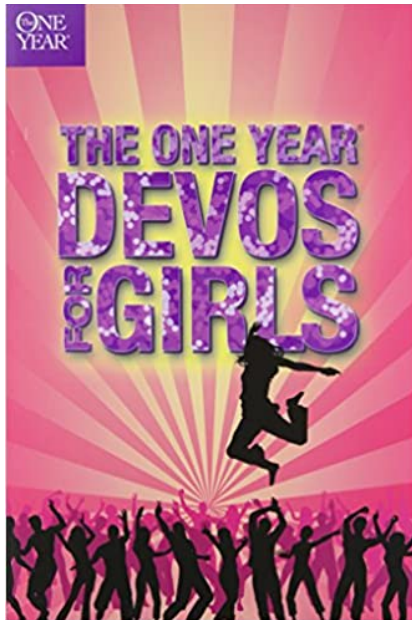
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# THE ONE-YEAR DEVOS FOR GIRLS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Girls ages 8-12 will be eager to read these devotionals created especially for them from the same publishers who created the One Year Book of Devotions for Kids. Each devotion features a contemporary story that will get the special young lady in your family into God's Word, using subjects that girls are really into. Each lesson will invite a personal life response with a section titled, "How About You?" and a "key" at the end of each day's devotion will summarize how the lesson can be applied to her life. The One Year Book of Devotions for Girls will give girls what they need for establishing quality, daily time with God.

## OUR TAKE:

"One Year" is a franchise. You may have seen the "One Year" Bible, for instance. It follows a dismaying Christian trend, that whenever anything gets hot in one sector of the Christian world, publishers race to adapt it for other demographics. This isn't wrong, but it can lead to watered-down content, just because they're trying to get "something for [girls, kids, teenagers]" out there in the marketplace.

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# THE ONE YEAR DEVOTIONS FOR ACTIVE BOYS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

This fun devotional includes 365 upbeat devotions, each with a special twist or dose of humor to keep active boys engaged. The devotions combine Scripture and a spiritual message with jokes, riddles, puzzles, and hands-on activities to engage tween boys. The devotions help boys find how real people interacted with God and help them discover solutions to contemporary issues. Each devotion will help guide a young man in developing a lifetime habit of learning from the Bible. Themes include how to navigate the Bible, make good choices, discern God's will, use good and uplifting language, avoid temptation, choose good friends, trust God.

## OUR TAKE:

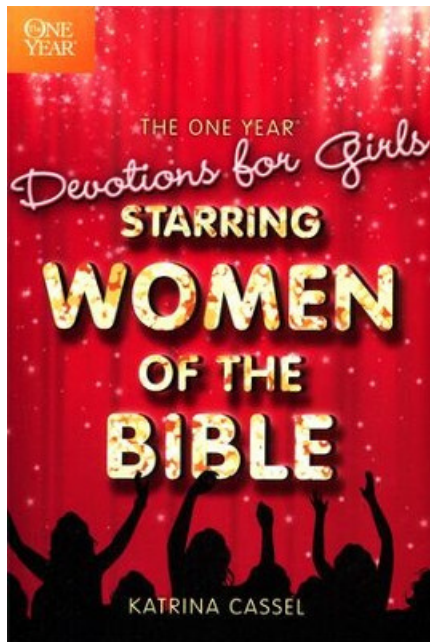
These are meaty, consequential devotional readings. One of the best things is that the prayer at the bottom of each page is a prompt, rather than a script, so it invites kids to put the prayer into their own words. Some of the puzzles/experiments/exercises that accompany each reading are "meh" - they seem like they were added just to fill the space.

## KID REVIEW:

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# THE ONE YEAR DEVOTIONS FOR GIRLS: STARRING WOMEN OF THE BIBLE



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

This one year devotional of the Bible features 76 women of the Bible and shows how their stories apply to tween girls today. In 365 days, girls will know more about the role women play in the Bible and will be more committed to following the godly examples and avoiding the ungodly ones. After each devotion, girls are encouraged to "Think It Through" with a section that asks them question related to the devotion and prompts them to apply the lesson to their lives. Other features include activities such as puzzles, word searches, quizzes, and more!

## OUR TAKE:

This is a unique approach. These are basically character studies of 76 women in the Bible - which is great, because so many Bible stories we teach feature men as the central characters. The verse at the head of each day's reading isn't necessarily from an account about that character, so there's the danger of drawing a connection where the Bible doesn't necessarily imply one. But overall, it's meaty and biblical and the quizzes sprinkled throughout are really self-assessments that help girls internalize the main themes.

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# ONE YOU ONE YEAR: 365 FOR BOYS ASK. BELIEVE. EXPECT.



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Following God and hearing from Him each day is an awesome adventure, and you - yes, you - are invited! This book is full of great stuff, specially picked out for guys like you, to help you along the way. Inside you'll find some action-packed Bible passages, real talk about living for God, and power-filled prayers - all to get you geared up for the journey. Topics include: the armour of God, the names of Jesus, the life of David and a look into the book of Judges. Dive in each day and see what God is keen to say to you right now.

## OUR TAKE:

This is a strong devotional. The readings are short - one page, which can be good or bad. But it's not fluffy. It extends a particular theme over 20 or so days, then picks up a new one. It dives right in to the character or theme being developed, and draws in different scriptures on different days. Because it's not topical - "Here's a chapter on bullying...suppose you and your friend Joe are sitting at lunch..." some kids may find it dense and hard to relate. But overall the guidance is really solid.

## KID REVIEW:

"I liked that I read from the Bible." The reviewer said it did make him feel closer to God because, "I learned more about him and learned more about myself," even though the content was mostly familiar to him. Our reviewer said this is probably better for older kids.

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# ONE YOU ONE YEAR- 365 FOR GIRLS - LIVE, LOVE, LEAP



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

There are some important truths that God really wants girls like you to know, and as you travel through this book, you'll come across quite a few of them! Light up each day with these specially selected Bible passages, honest and down-to-earth points to get you thinking, and prayers full of fierce faith. Topics include: some leading ladies of the Bible, talking with God, knowing who you are and the Holy Spirit. You'll find out more about God and about the gifted girl that He has made you to be, as you hear from Him every single day.

## OUR TAKE:

Short and to the point, similar in format to the boys' version. The readings are short - one page, which can be good or bad. But it's not fluffy. It extends a particular theme over 20 or so days, then picks up a new one. It dives right in to the character or theme being developed, and draws in different scriptures on different days. Girls who want a topical approach, or narrative about a hypothetical situation should look elsewhere. But overall the guidance is really solid.

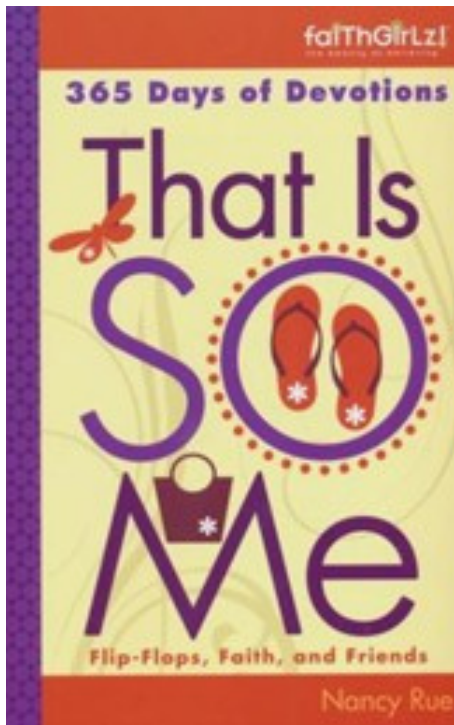
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# THAT IS SO ME



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

Here is the devotional you have been waiting for: a place for everyday inspiration for everyday girls. On your 365-day journey through the Bible, discover topics that will have you saying "That is SO me!" over and over again. Featuring interactive quizzes, activities, prayers, and journaling prompts written by Faithgirlz! author Nancy Rue, this meaningful devotional is just for girls and tackles the issues that you face every day. Use this girl-friendly guide to nourish your authentic self through the incredible example and gift of Jesus' life and teachings.

## OUR TAKE:

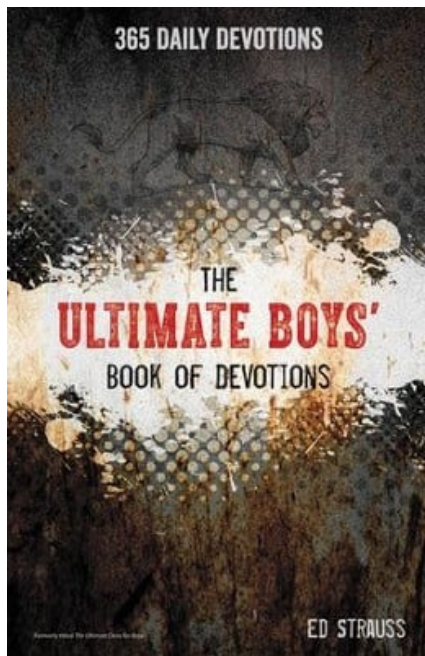
One of the best things about this book is that it starts out with 4 pages on why and how to have a devotional time. The application exercises are different for each day of the week, and they're great. Because the readings aren't uniform, what happens when you fall behind? There's a LOT here; girls who stick with it for the whole year will be richly rewarded for the investment of time.

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# THE ULTIMATE BOYS' BOOK OF DEVOTIONS



## PUBLISHER'S DESCRIPTION:

This 52-week devotional will help tween boys understand what being smarter, stronger, deeper, and cooler is really all about according to Luke 2:52, helping them grow up the way Jesus did---in God's Word. Humorous, cheeky, and sometimes gross, this year-long devotional combines important principles with practical messages, teaching lessons boys need to learn, and helping them put this valuable knowledge into practice. Each devotion presents a Bible verse, explains it, shows how it applies to boys' lives, and offers tools to help boys live in a godly way.

## OUR TAKE:

The devotional readings proceed from the Bible and end up in real life. Sometimes they'll take a well-known verse (like "pray continually" and explain the full meaning. Straightforward, without flashy presentation or extras. Some readings move too quickly toward application, while others (rightly) focus mainly on the meaning of the text. Also, the lack of chapters means it would take real perseverance to work all the way through this one!

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