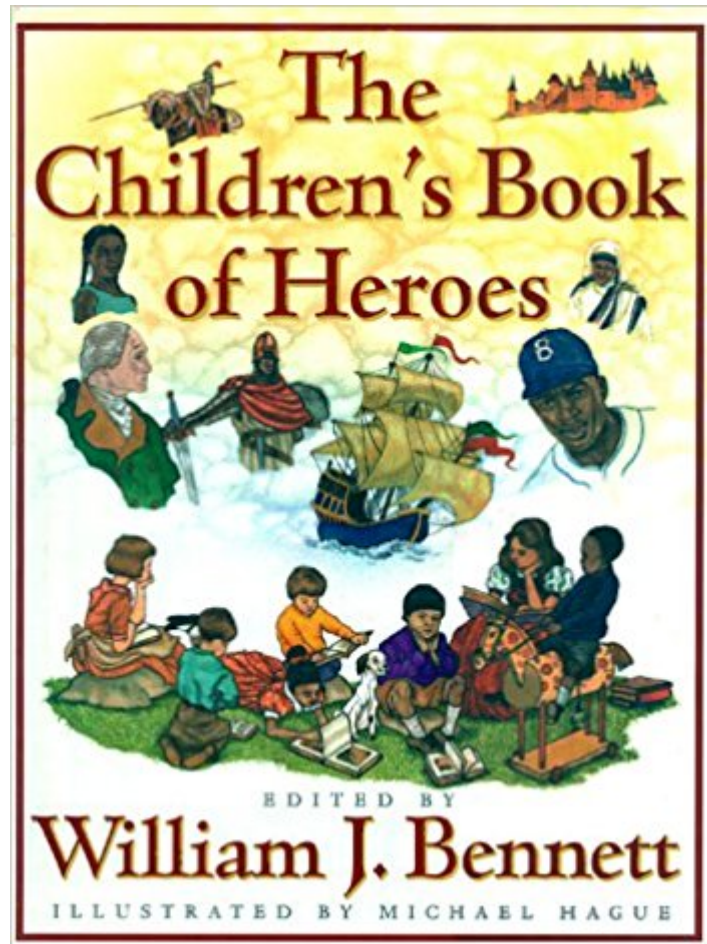




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# The Children's Book Of Heroes



## Synopsis

William Bennett and Michael Hague, the team that brought us the national bestseller *The Children's Book of Virtues*, have once again collaborated to create *The Children's Book of Heroes*, a beautifully illustrated celebration of heroic deeds, both real and fictional, that will delight and inspire millions of young children and their parents. "We all need a hero or two to help us stand fast and think right," says William J. Bennett, author of *The Book of Virtues*, the #1 bestseller that millions of American families turn to for moral inspiration. With excerpts chosen for young children, this new treasury presents splendid tales of the valor and indomitable spirit that are a lasting testament to our cherished values. Jackie Robinson stands fast on the playing field -- and his strength of character inspires a nation. David slays Goliath -- and his faith and bravery give hope to underdogs everywhere. A little boy goes in search of an angel -- and finds one who guards him day and night: his own mother. From Abraham Lincoln and Mother Teresa to warriors on the battlefield, real moms and dads, and even young girls and boys, here are worthy and heroic figures all kids can look up to and emulate. *The Children's Book of Heroes* is a celebration of the endurance, sacrifice, courage, and compassion that characterize truly heroic deeds.

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

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## Customer Reviews

William J. Bennett served as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under President

George H. W. Bush and as Secretary of Education and Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities under President Reagan. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Williams College, a doctorate in political philosophy from the University of Texas, and a law degree from Harvard. He is the author of such bestselling books as *The Educated Child*, *The Death of Outrage*, *The Book of Virtues*, and the two-volume series *America: The Last Best Hope*. Dr. Bennett is the host of the nationally syndicated radio show *Bill Bennett's Morning in America*. He is also the Washington Fellow of the Claremont Institute and a regular contributor to CNN. He, his wife, Elayne, and their two sons, John and Joseph, live in Maryland.

Chapter 1 Heroes  
William Canton  
Our favorite heroes live forever in their stories and in our memories,  
cheering us forward in our own brave fights.  
For you who love heroic things  
In summer dream or  
winter tale,  
I tell of warriors, siants, and kings,  
In scarlet, sackcloth, glittering mail,  
And helmets  
peaked with iron wings.  
They beat down Wrong; they strove for Right.  
In ringing fields, on grappled  
ships,  
Singing, they flung into the fight.  
They fell with triumph on their lips,  
And in their eyes a glorious  
light.  
That light still gleams. From far away  
Their brave song greets us like a cheer.  
We fight the same  
great fight as they,  
Right againgt Wrong; we, now and here;  
They, in their fashion, yesterday.  
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Great book! I was looking for something to ballence my sons obsession with super heros and bought this book. He just loves the idea now of real heros and understands that superheroes are imagination. He gained so much respect for some of out real historical heros. It was shipped on time and in perfect condition.

Love this book! A good look at History for children! From what i have seen, All of His books are good!

This book provides its readers with with stories about great accomplishments by ordinary people. It will give its readers perspective while showing one how ordinary people can rise to extraordinary challenges, accomplishing great things. Very good to be exposed to these concepts at an early age.

This beautiful book contains 18 stories that are 4 pages long on average. The pages are not stuffed full of words, but contain 1/2 words & some beautiful colorful illustrations. The stories include well known heroes lik Dad, Jackie Robinson, David & Goliath, Abraham Lincoln, Mother Theresa, Helen

Keller, Hero of Indian Cliff, and more. These stories can be enjoyed as a family read aloud as early as 4-5 years. Children could read on their own by 3rd grade. What a lovely addition to our library!

Great book - thanks

Good quality

Bennett's compilation offers a nice mix of the very familiar (to older listeners) and the new. As a panorama of the many faces of heroism, the anthology works well dealing with duty, physical bravery, inspiration and integrity. There were instances where the audio quality of the presentation tended to be a bit uneven, especially the difference between the volume of the musical breaks and the performers' readings. Mr. Bennett's introduction, targeting the youngest readers, seemed redundant for older readers. The delivery by the female performers lacked some of the strength and vibrancy of the male performers. Even though excellently performed by Mr. Scott, "A Prayer at Valley Forge" was by far the weakest of the stories. Strongest among the stories were "Knights of the Silver Shield", "The Minotaur" and "David and Goliath". Despite some minor problems, the collection offers a good variety of stories that touch on the same moral lesson. Children should find it entertaining and instructional, while adults can enjoy the storytelling skills of fine performers retelling well-remembered tales.

I like the stories and illustrations, but would caution parents of the very young about the content. I'll wait awhile before reading it to my 4 year olds. A range of recommended ages would have been helpful. Dr. Bennett is awesome, - wish he was still on the radio!

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