

# Books for Children

## **A Bucketful of Dreams: Contemporary Parables for All Ages**

*Christopher Buice*

Delightful tales invite you to ponder ethics and values. Read about the good Samaritan who doesn't look all that good and the lonely frog who needs a kiss but doesn't turn into a prince. Includes playful cartoon illustrations by the author. A cartoonist in his college days, Buice now serves as minister to the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church.

## **Earth Day: An Alphabet Book**

*Gary Kowalski*

Each of the Children and adults will delight in Earth Day, a poem of gratitude that celebrates life on earth. From apricots to groundhogs to junebugs, from quahogs to zinnias, zucchini and zebras, plants and animals come alive with Rocco Baviera's bright and imaginative illustrations. In alphabetical order, the wonders of nature leap from the page, reminding readers that every day is a reason to give thanks and that miracles are as simple as ABC. For ages 3 and up.

## **Our Seven Principles in Story and Verse: A Collection for Children and Adults**

*Kenneth W. Collier*

Each of the seven Unitarian Universalist Principles is illustrated with a story, a poem and a brief essay. This is an excellent and flexible resource for worship, personal reading and group discussion. Collier is parish minister at the Unitarian Society of Santa Barbara, California.

## **Unitarian Universalism Is a Really Long Name**

*Jennifer Dant*

Colorful introduction to Unitarian Universalism for children. Richly depicting congregational life—from a chalice lighting to a fundraising walk-a-thon, the simple language and lively illustrations offer children accessible answers to commonly asked questions such as "Who Are We?", "What Do We Believe?", "Do We Pray?" and "How Do We Celebrate?" Perfect for families, religious education teachers and children new to our faith. For ages five to nine. Dant has taught religious education to all ages.

## **From Long Ago and Many Lands: Stories for Children Told Anew, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed.**

*Sophia Lyon Fahs*

First collected in 1948, these classic fables are culled from cultures and wisdom traditions the world over. Here are the timeless themes to illuminate a child's religious development: life, death, faith and human diversity. Illustrated by Cyrus LeRoy Baldrige. Includes discussion questions and enrichment suggestions for parents and teachers. For all ages.

## **Meet Jesus: The Life and Lessons of a Beloved Teacher**

*Lynn Tuttle Gunney*

This is a beautifully illustrated, full-color hardcover book for parents and teachers to introduce Jesus to young children. Focuses on Jesus' life and lessons of love, kindness, peace and tolerance, including his early years, his teaching and how he is remembered today. Gunney is a religious education teacher at Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church in Walnut Creek, California.

## **Everyone a Butterfly: Forty Sermons for Children**

*Randy Hammer*

Forty sermons for use in worship and at home. Based on biblical and classical literature, everyday observations and anecdotes from history. Includes presentation suggestions, objects for sharing and follow-up activities. Hammer is a minister in the United Church of Christ with a doctor of ministry degree in congregational leadership from Meadville Lombard Theological School.

## **The Everything Seed: A Story of Beginnings**

*Carol Martignacco*

The big-bang theory from a feminist perspective—a universe is born from a seed of infinite possibility, a seed that holds the blueprint for everything that exists. Beautiful batik illustrations accompany a simple story that is told in language that children can understand and adults will enjoy. The author is a Unitarian Universalist minister. Color illustrations by Joy Tryer. Ages 3-7.

## **What If Nobody Forgave? And Other Stories, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**

*Edited by Colleen M. McDonald*

Nineteen tales bring the Seven Principles to life. Suitable for family time, intergenerational worship, children's chapel and home-schooling. McDonald has served as minister of religious education to the Unitarian Universalist Church of Rockford, Illinois, since 1989.

## **Hide-and-Seek with God, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**

*Mary Ann Moore*

Twenty-nine enchanting stories present God through a variety of images—transcendent mystery, spiritual forces, mother and father of life. A wonderful way to explore theological questions with youngsters ages 4 to 8. Moore is author of *God Images* and other well-regarded Unitarian Universalist curricula.

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## **And Tango Makes Three**

*Peter Parnell and Justin Richardson*

The Central Park Zoo is home to all kinds of animal families. But Tango the penguin's family is a bit different—she has two fathers. This true story about the meaning of family is a must for any library. Color illustrations by Henry Cole. Ages 4-8.

## **Telling Our Tales: Stories and Storytelling for All Ages, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition**

*Jeanette Ross*

Traditional and original tales from around the world explore the classic themes: creation, action and consequence, heroism and romance. Includes story outlines, performance suggestions and tips for creating original tales with various age groups. Ross, a professional storyteller, is a TV producer and occasional host on Idaho's public access station.

## **Butterflies Under Our Hats**

*Sandy Eisenberg Sasso*

Inspired by a Jewish folktale, this beautifully illustrated story teaches children the importance of hope. Perfect for reading aloud. Color illustrations by Joani Keller Rothenberg. Ages 4-8.

## **Magic Wanda's Travel Emporium: Tales of Love, Hate and Things in Between**

*Joshua Searle-White*

In this collection of fifteen colorful stories, award-winning storyteller Joshua Searle-White presents off-the-wall characters—from pirates and trolls, to a sorcerer and an enchantress, to a red rubber ball from a distant planet. These stories offer children a wonderful view of the richness of life and the importance of relationships. Searle-White's unique combination of rhyme, alliteration and wordplay make this an ideal collection for reading aloud. Suitable for story hour, church groups, children's sermons and home. Searle-White has performed and led workshops at districts and congregations around the country. He is a professor of psychology at Allegheny College and a member of the Unitarian Church of Meadville, Pennsylvania.

## **Ten Amazing People: And How They Changed the World**

*Maura D. Shaw*

Profiles of Black Elk, Dorothy Day, Malcom X, Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Janusz Korczak, Mother Teresa, Albert Schweitzer, Thich Nhat Hanh and Desmond Tutu show kids that spiritual people can have an exciting impact on the world around them. Includes a timeline and a map showing the place of origin for each individual. Color illustrations by Stephen Marchesi. Ages 6-10.

## **Aisha's Moonlit Walk: Stories and Celebrations for the Pagan Year**

*Anika Stafford*

Honor the eight pagan holidays with the fictional Aisha and her family. Realistic yet charming stories explore the beliefs, values and traditions of modern-day pagans. Author was the director of religious education for the Free Church Unitarian in Blaine, Washington. "This magical book is a treasure and a must-have for every pagan family library." —*New Age Journal*. Ages 5-12.

## **UU & ME! Collected Stories**

*Edited by Betsy Hill Williams*

From *uu&me*, the Church of the Larger Fellowship's children's magazine, twenty-six stories—some fiction, others UU history—bring our Principles to life and stimulate reflection on how our faith informs our lives. Learn about Joseph Priestley, Clara Barton, John Murray and more. Ages 5-10. Williams was director of religious education at CLF for more than ten years.

## **I Can Make a Difference: A Treasury to Inspire Our Children**

*Marian Wright Edelman*

Beautifully illustrated, these stories, poems, songs, quotations and folktales from a variety of cultures and peoples reflect twelve principles to inspire and empower children to make the world a better place. Some ways to make a difference include "aiming high and holding on to my ideals," "being nonviolent and working for peace" and "being faithful and struggling for what I believe." Color illustrations by Barry Moser. All ages.

## **Journey for the Planet: A Kid's Five Week Adventure to Create an Earth-Friendly Life**

*David Gershon*

Illustrated workbook for every child who wants to make a difference in the world! Guides children through a series of action steps that can affect both climate change and the environment. Taught by a series of animal characters, 46 action lessons illustrate in clear language how simple actions can change the world. Ages 4-8

## **The Curious Garden**

*Peter Brown*

The enchanting tale of a little boy who transforms a struggling garden into a lush, green world. Beautiful illustrations become more vibrant as the garden blooms. Ages 4-8.

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## A UUA Bookstore Reading List