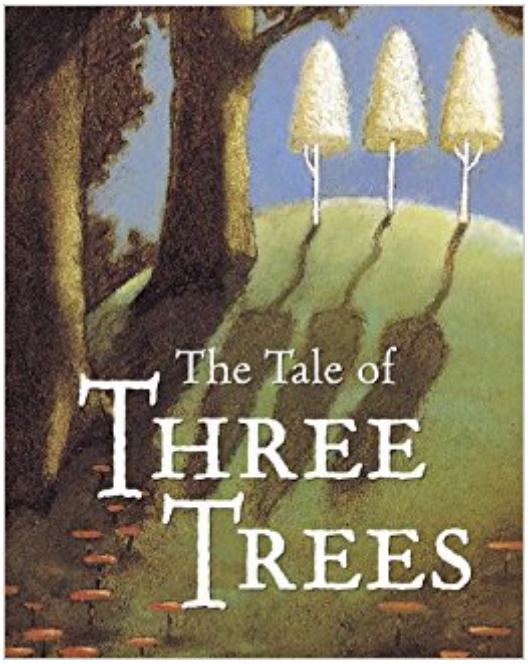
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The Tale Of Three Trees : A Traditional Folktale



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Synopsis

Once upon a mountaintop, three little trees stood and dreamed of what they wanted to become when they grew up. Each of their dreams come true in an unexpected way in this lovely retelling of an old folk tale. This Lion classic, beloved by young and old, is now retold in simpler text for younger readers.

Book Information

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Customer Reviews

"...hauntingly retold folk tale about three trees that grow up to be Jesus' manger, boat, and cross represents the best..." -- Christian Retailing, March 1991 --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Angela Elwell Hunt is the author of numerous books, including If I Had Long, Long Hair (winner of the Lorna Baslian Prize for children's books), Nat the Brat, Mom and Dad don't Live together Anymore. She lives in Largo, Florida, with her family.

If you haven't read this story to your children or grandchildren, do so! It makes 3 very clearly inspired points. Each tree had dreams and aspirations for how it wanted its life to go and, as you know, sometimes life turns out differently then we had expected or planned for ourselves. However,

we are often instruments in the creators hands without knowing it. We all have a role to play in this sojourn called earth life. Sometimes it takes a perspective across time though for us to finally see our great value, worth, and the role we played in the masters hands during his great symphony.This book is a special Christmas Eve tradition in our home. It eloquently sets the tone for the holiday. However, it could do the same thing for Easter, in a Sunday school lesson, or at a hospice bedside.

The Tale of Three Trees is a traditional folktale. This hardcover version is retold by Angela Elwell Hunt and illustrated by Tim Jonke. The text is clear, perfect for young readers. The illustrations are dark, but meaningful. They are full of detail often using silhouettes and great contrast.The story begins with three little trees growing on a mountaintop. Each has a dream. The first wants to be beautiful and hold marvelous treasures. The second hopes to be the strongest ship carrying kings across the seas. The third never wants to be cut down. She dreams only to grow tall and point people to heaven.The years pass and the three trees grow tall and strong. Three lumerjacks come and cut them down. The first two are initially excited, but then disappointed as they are turned into less than they had hoped. The first is built into a feedbox for animals. The second a small fishing boat. The third tree is simply cut into planks and left in a pile. They’re dreams are all but forgotten until one night a young mother lays her newborn baby in the manger. That tree knows he hold the greatest treasure of all. Then the small fishing boat watches a weary traveller calm the stormy sea. He knows he holds the King of heaven and earth. Finally, the third tree is taken from the pile to form a cross. She feels ugly and ashamed when a man’s hands and feet are nailed to her. But when the earth trembled on the third day, she knew "God’s love had changed everything. It had made the first tree beautiful ... the second tree strong ... And every time people thought of the third tree, they would think of God."What I Like: This tale is wonderful at Christmas, Easter and all year long! I love the simple story. It reminds us that God always gives us our desires, but sometimes they materialize in ways drastically different than we imagined.What I Dislike: My kids are bored by the pictures. The illustrations are beautiful, but not for this age range. They’re a little too dark and show very little action.Overall Rating: Very Good.Age Appeal: Baby-Preschool (according to), but I would say 3 and above.Tanya -- Christian Children’s Book Review (CCBReview *dot* blogspot)

It is my "Grandma" Christmas tradition to read this story to my family every year.It’s also my favorite "Gift Book".

This is one of my all time favorite books. I buy it for gifts and read and read and read it to my

grandchildren (ages new born to age six), just like I read them to my own children. If you are a christian you too will love this book.

Lovely illustrations, well-written narration; my children loved this story, and continue to talk about the lessons learned.

It's the same book I had growing up and I still love it! Great Christian book. Very much worth the money.

My 5 yo daughter asked for this book because she had heard it at preschool. I purchased it and it is fabulous, now I know why she asked for it.

Great book I read it every year to my kids at Christmas I have it on my coffee table and read it from time to time..

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