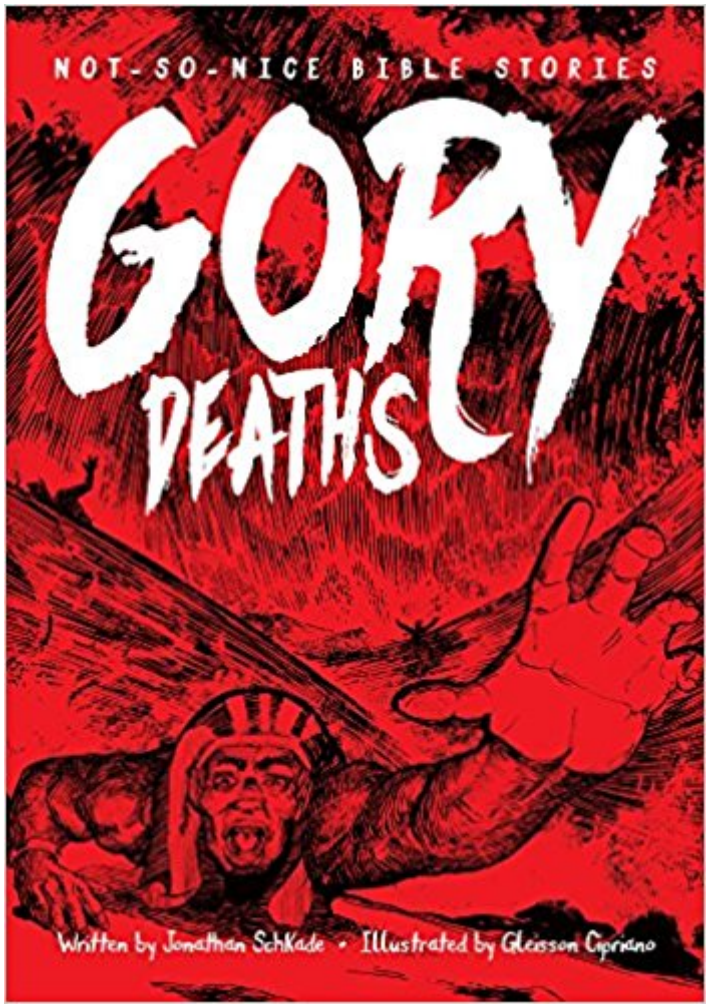
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Synopsis

Drowned. Burned. Hanged. Crushed. Stabbed. Eaten by dogs.This is not a book of fairy tales. Happy endings are few and far-between. This is a book of historyÃ¢â ¬â •true tales of people who lived and died long ago. These 18 chapters give you cool trivia, factoids, and things to think about, like Why the story is in the Bible How it can guide your life What it shows you about Jesus These TRUE stories show how GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s justice smashes the sinful, the sinister, the sneaky; and they show how Jesus conquers death and gives you life.

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Praise for Not-So-Nice Bible Stories: Gory Deaths Ã¢â ¬Å“I'm always on the lookout for inventive books to keep our family devotions engaging. Jonathan SchkadeÃ¢â ¬â„¢s are the first ones my children bring to me themselves and inform me, Ã¢â ¬Ëœlt's devotion time!Ã¢â ¬â„¢ Schkade's writing style is entirely honest, introducing hard biblical truths, while utilizing humor and lightheartedness when helpful, and always leaving room for GodÃ¢â ¬â„¢s abundant mercy to shine through. I especially enjoyed the sidebars and sections like Ã¢â ¬ËœJust wondering!Ã¢â ¬â„¢ and Ã¢â ¬ËœThat reminds meÃ¢â ¬â„¢ to introduce connecting Scripture passages and fun (and sometimes creepy) historical facts. Gory Deaths gives us an out-of-the-box vantage point of some of the messier stories of Scripture, drawing in kids and adults alike. Our family gives it a 10!Ã¢â ¬Â• --Deaconess Heidi GoehmannÃ¢â ¬Å“When addressing difficult passages in the Bible, it can be tempting to do one of two things: gloss over it and skip to the easier, happier verses or exploit the ick factor to shock others into listening. Jonathan Schkade, in his new

book, does neither. Gory Deaths, the first of Concordia Publishing HouseÃ¢â ¬â„¢s Not-So-Nice Bible Stories, could easily have become a book to make kids and adults alike squirm just for the fun of it, but Schkade knows that this book has a greater purpose.Ã¢â ¬Å“When we contemplate the mortality of others and ourselves, we are confronted with the full weight of our sin. And then, we see the full love and grace of our Savior. Through engaging text, helpful asides, and added research, readers will gain a better understanding of these true Bible accounts as well as a better understanding of their Lord. Kids (and adults!) who read this book will learn that we have a God who has seen it allÃ¢â ¬â •and who has gone through it all for us. Life can get messy and downright gory, but our Redeemer is with us in every part of our lives and goes through His own gory death to bring us restoration and resurrection.Ã¢â ¬Â• --Lisa Clark, author of The Messengers: DiscoveredÃ¢â ¬Å“Overall, I really enjoyed the book and the authorÃ¢â ¬â„¢s writing style. Jonathan Schkade does a terrific job of taking Ã¢â ¬Ëœgory storiesÃ¢â ¬â„¢ and bringing terrific faith applications to light. Gory Deaths is a refreshing read and take on familiar biblical accounts.Ã¢â ¬Â• --Dr. James Pingel, Director of Graduate Education, Concordia University Wisconsin

Unique way at looking at many Bible stories. Well done and entertaining as well as educational.

This book is one of gory expectations and it did not disappoint, but it goes way beyond that it gives you avaricious appetite for more and more. It is put in such an interesting way that girls - yes I said girls would just love it, and want more. It opens the flood-gates of the Bible wide open to the underbelly of all the uckyness of the Bible stories we don’t hear and some that we do - it is brilliant in how it pulls you in with your curiosity for more - wanting to know - what else is in there - and it gives you beauty to see how the LORD GOD ALMIGHTY works then and it shows how it can work now. Praise the LORD. I received a copy of this book from NetGalley in exchange for an honest review.

I learned so much from this book! I was expecting to just be grossed out but discovered that I was instructed soundly in important Bible stories, encouraged to consult Scripture directly, and entertained in the process. And the gross-out factor is really pretty low, even though the title may lead you to believe otherwise. Great for jr. high and teen Bible studies and even for adults.

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