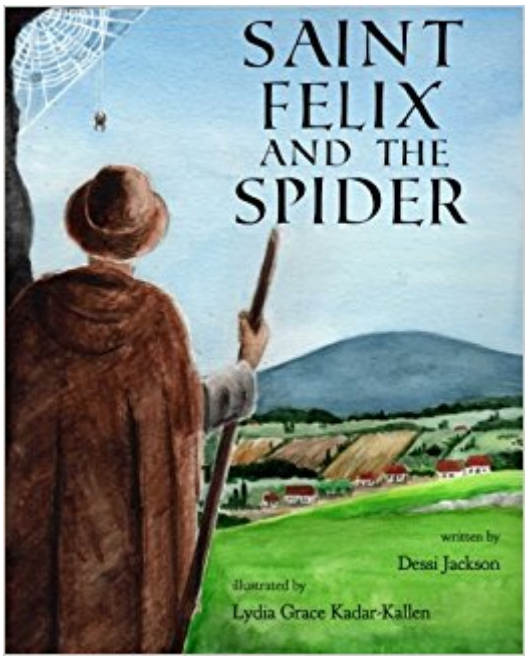
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Synopsis

When a tidy little spider is evicted from her home in an even tidier old womanÃ¢â ¬â„¢s cottage, she is cast away to begin her new life in a faraway dark place. Will she ever have a friend and feel at home in this new space? This fanciful tale of love and friendship was inspired by the life of Saint Felix, a third century priest who escaped the Roman persecution in part through the intervention of a spider. This delightful story is a pleasure to read aloud while the captivating illustrations are a joy for both young and old.

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Customer Reviews

ItÃ¢â ¬â„¢s no coincidence that Dessi rhymes with "messy." Her life is full of beautiful messes. Dessi Jackson has 6 beautiful children and every day is filled with books, toys, food, pets, chickens, gardening, and of course, family. To anyone else, it might look like a mess, but to her it is a beautiful mess. Dessi is a Byzantine Catholic immigrant from Bulgaria and now lives in the countryside of Maryland. This is her second picture book about a saint; she also writes for Seton Magazine .

This story is the wonderful tale of a saint and a faithful friend, a spider. The story is told in a delightful manner and the illustrations are so beautiful -- such attention to details. And the illustrator, a bird lover, places a different bird on each page. My 11-year-old daughter, also a bird lover, enjoyed pointing out and identifying (or trying to) each bird. This is a great book to keep and pull out each January for St. Felix's feast day, January 14.

We enjoyed this book so much that we decided to order more as Christmas gifts. It’s so hard to find books to give that you know the recipient doesn’t already own. This book is newly published and Saint Felix is a lesser known saint which we thought made it a unique gift, one that probably wouldn’t already be on our loved ones’ shelves. This saint’s story is the simple story of a man of faith escaping persecution but Mrs. Jackson tells it with the charm of an Old World storyteller. The watercolor illustrations are bright and lovely and my children enjoyed searching for and studying Miss Kadar-Kallen’s favorite bird buddies who were included in every illustration (according to the end notes). Highly recommend it for the saint and nature lovers in your life.

My kids really like this book and the pictures are gorgeous, however the spider has lots of FEELINGS in here that the kids found confusing. It’s not cartoony enough to let you know that doesn’t really happen. Read it WITH the story about Felix in Once Upon a Time Saints.

Richly illustrated true story of a saint who was saved by one of God’s lowly creatures. Short, quick read but shall be revisited again. Great read aloud or independently for ages 8 and up.

The spider and Felix is such an enchanting story for little minds. Desi has quite the abilty to tell a tale. Kids want to have a little friend and it’s inspiring. The water colors are beautiful- check out the other work that family of the illustrator does on Etsy, under the Fig and Thimble. Great story about a Saint!

My son is reluctant to read anything that doesn’t involve monsters, destruction, or zombies, but I used the Spider in this story to convince him to read it with me. He is 7 and did like the book. His morbid taste means that he probably won’t read it over and over, but introducing him to another saint’s story was my goal. My girls liked it also, but they enjoy stories of the saints.

A nice book all around, telling the legend of St. Felix and the spider who hid him from soldiers by weaving a large web across a cave opening. The art is done by a young newcomer and is pretty good all around; some of the backgrounds are simple but overall everything is bright and vibrant. Still, it’s great to see picture books on the non-traditional saints out there and I hope there are more to come! I liked this book and am glad to have it... but I have to add that I have a slight preference for Dessi Jackson’s other one: "The Saint and his Bees" all around.Wish it came in hardback!

This book was great. The pictures were excellence and the story was well told.

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