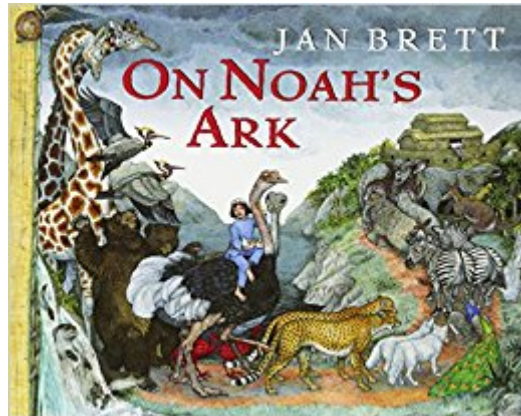




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# On Noah's Ark



## Synopsis

Jan Brett's intricate illustrations against a beautiful papyrus background make a stunning picture book of a favorite story-this time featuring Noah's granddaughter. As the floodwaters rise, she helps take the animals onto the ark and get them settled down. But it's not easy when giraffes are sleeping next to pandas and lions are curled up with turkeys. Finally the gentle rocking of the ark lulls them all to sleep until the waters recede and Grandpa Noah, his family, and all the animals leave the ark. This simple telling, combined with extraordinary illustrations of every animal imaginable, makes *On Noah's Ark* perfect for young and old.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

PreSchool-Grade 2-Brett presents the biblical story from the perspective of Noah's granddaughter. The child watches the construction of the ark and the arrival of its passengers. Once they are on board and the rain falls, she untangles the crowded beasts so that they can all sleep peacefully. When the storm ends, Grandpa Noah releases her pet dove to search for land. After the creatures disembark, she helps him plant a seed to start life anew. This familiar story serves as a vehicle for Brett's watercolor-and-gouache panoramas of animals, birds, and insects from all corners of the Earth. Even the dodo appears. Each spread features a large scene surrounded by a papyrus border. Smaller pictures that relate to the central image are presented in animal-shaped frames to

the left and right. Close-up views of insects appear near the corner of some pages and the dove also has a spot in many illustrations. Such details add to the book's interest for older children, who can find something new to explore during repeat readings. Brett's fans will recognize her artistic style, and where her work is popular, this book is a "must purchase." Other librarians may want to assess demand for Noah stories versus the number of titles in the collection, including Jerry Pinkney's *Noah's Ark* (North-South, 2002). If there is room for one more interpretation, this one is worth considering. Kathy Piehl, Minnesota State University, Mankato Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc.

PreS-Gr. 1. There's no mention of a wrathful God in this beautifully illustrated retelling of the familiar story of the ark, which is related through the viewpoint of Noah's granddaughter. As the water rises, Noah and his family prepare while the animal pairs march aboard. The 40 days and nights in the ark are restless and crowded, but the girl tries to make everyone comfortable. Finally, she sends her dove in search of land, and a new world begins. The words are basic and effective; it's the detailed watercolors of the animals that are the real attraction here. In precise brushstrokes and vivid colors, Brett creates incredibly textured feathers and fur, and the appealing book design positions the images on backgrounds made to resemble papyrus scrolls. Very young children will want to point out their favorite animals in the parade; older ones who know the story may enjoy this kinder, secular version. Gillian Engberg Copyright © American Library Association. All rights reserved

Jan Brett's Artwork is ALWAYS a Feast for the eyes! My Granddaughter Loves this Book. Although it takes a few 'liberties' with The Scriptural Account, it is a springboard to introduction and discussion concerning TRUE HISTORY.

more on the images of a child (Noah's grandson), and the animals as he sees them- sleeping, awake, crowded, etc. The story is told mostly through the images, with very short narrative of 1-2 sentences per page. This was a nice baptism gift for our niece, who is not extremely religious- as it was a bible story presented in a very friendly non-preachy tone. It would be just as nice for a child who regularly attends church/ Sunday school and is familiar with the story, as they would enjoy the pictures and be able to discuss the meaning and events in more depth with their parents.

Good book about Noah's Ark written in a way for children to understand.

I love Jan Brett and this book is great. The perspective of using Noah's granddaughter made the story more relevant to my students.

Jan Brett offers so much to children around the world. Her stories are wonderfully written, while her illustrations are works of art. On Noah's Ark is written from the perspective of Noah's grandchild. It is a creative way to really help children imagine what it may have been like on the ark with all of those animals. Just like Brett's other more well known books, such as the Mitten, this one also has the great pictures. She is a master at creating a main picture, while hiding details of what's to come around the edges. A definite favorite.[...]

Jan Brett books are requested gifts in this family.

Totally inaccurate accounting of the flood if you are a christian. So disappointed. The illustrations were good but I couldn't get past the way she totally screwed up the story. Seriously, did she even read Genesis and if she did, I wonder what version of the Bible she used. I bought two of them for baby shower gifts and couldn't make myself give them away knowing they would teach children an inaccurate account of the story. Come on, it's not that hard to get it right and kids have enough trouble remembering the facts without authors and illustrators leading them astray whether on purpose or from ignorance, I found it inexcusable.

Product exactly as described and shipped on time.

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