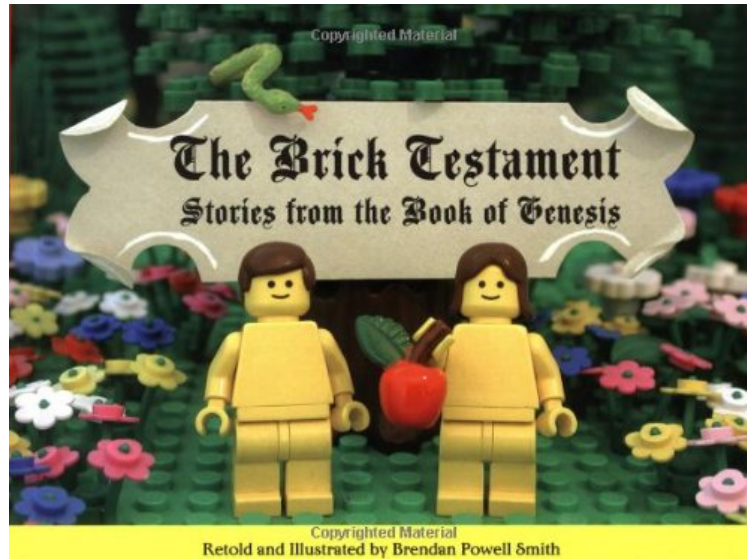


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**Brendan Powell Smith : The Brick Testament: Stories from the Book of Genesis** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Brick Testament: Stories from the Book of Genesis:

17 of 23 people found the following review helpful. Ingenius...By J. J. EppersonThere are few things, and few people I consider creative Genius'Rev. Brendan Powell Smith is one of them. I was first introduced to his Brick Testament several years ago on his website. I found myself smiling to the depths of my soul.I was overjoyed to hear that such would finally be in print. The book is wonderful, cute, intelligent...and endeavors to be Biblically accurate. Excellent for children, new christians, old christians, atheists, heck...this book is so cool even a Satanist could get away with having this version of the Bible on his living room coffee table.And at only \$10 and change...what a deal!Perhaps my one complaint, and a minor one at that, is I loved and laughed so hard when I read these on the original website where they were marked with view ratings: V=Violence, N=Nudity, etc. I definitely can't wait for the next book in the Brick Testament series..."Stories from the Book of Exodus"=)22 of 29 people found the following review helpful. My Favorite Bible... is rendered in LEGO!By J. FieldRegardless of your religious beliefs, it's hard to deny that the bible is one of the most important books ever written. Its influence on modern life in America, and much of the world, is hard to overstate. Still, most people have not read much if any of the bible, regardless of their religious beliefs.This book is the most fun and readable bible book I've come across.I like that it's composed of verbatim bible verses, rather than narrative retelling. Many books that aim at making the bible casually readable do so by playing with the content. That is not done here. Certain verses and chapters are omitted to move things along, but the content you read is the purported word of God.The book maintains its readability by virtue of its beautifully realized images. The artwork is whimsical yet effecting. Watching these classic stories unfold visually is great fun. I would say that the bible is "brought to life" moreso here than in many other forms. In fact many of these images have become the images that I see when visualizing biblical tales!Only ten stories from Genesis are covered, but the book is substantial since each

verse is on a page of its own accompanied by a beautiful full sized, full color illustration. It's a quick read, but I find myself showing it to friends and flipping through it again and again. I'll be leaving this on the coffee table for quite a while :) Whether you are a fundamentalist or an atheist (like myself) this is a great, fun little book. 11 of 15 people found the following review helpful. Good, but not as great as on the internet. By Fredrik I saw the Brick Testament on the internet and thought it was hilarious, and very well done, with good quality photographs of the meticulously managed little cute lego scenes, so I ordered two of the books. However, the book version was something of a disappointment. First somehow the picture quality didn't seem the same. The photos appeared blander and more unfocused. I don't really know what it depends on, but they simply do not look as good in the books as in the internet version. Second, maybe to avoid offending the religiously conservative, the most funny, or should I say provocative, pictures have been edited out. Those were what really made the whole thing such a great thought provoker, or parody if you so prefer. In contrast to the internet version, the books are simply a lego-illustrated bible, very creative and original, but no more, no less. I have a suspicion that those of the reviewers above who are most concerned about "lack of respect to God's word" have not actually seen the books, just looked at the web version and written (or should I say copied?) their "reviews".

Two years ago, Brendan Powell Smith embarked on a crusade to illustrate the entire Bible - all 66 books of the Old and New Testament - using only Lego bricks. Here, for the first time in print, are the earliest fruits of his labors. With more than 175 photographs in all, *The Brick Testament: Stories from the Book of Genesis* features ten classic tales as you've never seen them before: Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, Sodom and Gomorrah, the Tower of Babel, and more. Every story is accompanied by original verses from scripture - and photographs of intricately detailed models composed out of thousands of Lego bricks. Whether you're a Christian fundamentalist, a devout atheist, or somewhere in between, you're bound to be dazzled by Smith's thoroughly original artistic vision.

From Publishers Weekly In Taco Bell one day, Smith claims, his burrito suddenly burst into flames and the voice of God boomed out that he needed to illustrate the Bible entirely out of LEGOs. "But I'm an atheist," Smith objected. "Then you are especially unqualified to question me!" God thundered. "Now get to work!" This hilarious book, which interprets some of the most famous stories from Genesis, is Smith's first; with 39 books in the Old Testament alone, however, one rejoices that the franchise possibilities could extend for many years. The full-color photographs of Smith's chosen scenes invite the readers into each story. We see the Garden of Eden replete with plastic green shrubbery and LEGO animals; the building of the Ark and the wicked people drowning in the flood (just their heads float over a blue LEGO foundation); Joseph's brothers trying to throw him down a well. One has to admire Smith's LEGO engineering, Noah's Ark and the Tower of Babel are genuine feats as well as his twisted, keen sense of humor. He's also refreshingly honest about some parts of Genesis that tend to be ignored by Christians, such as a naked, drunken Noah cursing one of his sons. This creative, iconoclastic book is colorful in every sense of the word, and will be appreciated by LEGO enthusiasts everywhere as well as whimsical Sunday School teachers. Copyright 2003 Reed Business Information, Inc. About the Author Brendan Powell Smith exhibits his Lego artwork on his acclaimed website [www.thebricktestament.com](http://www.thebricktestament.com), which has received rave reviews from Time, Spin, National Public Radio, and The Church Times. He lives in Mountain View, California.