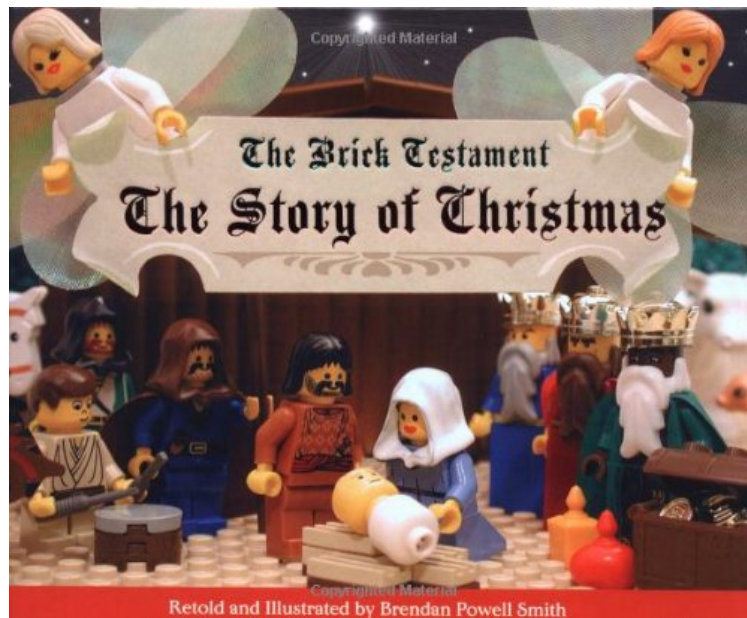


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**Brendan Powell Smith : The Brick Testament: The Story of Christmas** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Brick Testament: The Story of Christmas:

4 of 4 people found the following review helpful. Neat, but not a kid bookBy TManParents - Mr. Smith has advised that when buying his books for a younger audience, to look for the "for kids" in the title as those books are a little less graphic in their illustration.I, as an adult, realize that there are some very expensive Lego sets on the market, and that Lego's have as much of an adult/teen audience as they do a "toy" --- but, as a parent, I think of Lego's as a children's toy, and an illustrated "bible" with Lego's would then be assumed to be a children's bible... But, if we visualize many things that are presented in the Holy Bible - they aren't necessarily things we'd want visualized by young minds, even if they are historically accurate.In this particular book, the illustrations presented are not all illustrations I would want in front of my child. That includes the decision to call out the circumcision of Jesus (knife included) and in the Old Testament Brick Bible (different book), a similar scene with blood and "foreskin" suggested with Lego jewels (new meaning to the family jewels, eh?). In addition, this Story of Christmas Lego book has blood and knife to throat of babies from Herod's rage after Joseph and Mary have fled to Egypt. Again, accurate, but not necessarily a scene I want visualized for my kid.On the aspect of beliefs, there is a Rolling Stone article referenced from the Brick Testament site that documents Mr. Smith's beliefs as an avowed atheist. This link comes from the "press" link on the site.So, I as a Christian and as a parent, choose to not have this visualization in front of my Lego playing aged children.... We live in a free country, and Mr. Smith certainly has his right to produce this book as he sees fit. All in all, I give him credit for the time spent illustrating these books.This particular book is not a "rated G" kid's book and parents should be cautioned.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Smith strikes againBy CamilleI love every book I've ordered so far by Brendan Powell Smith, as does my son. Smith is a true original.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Awesome!By shdwareWe bought this for a white elephant gift exchange for our religious family.

Everyone loved it and fought over it. So awesome!

With *The Brick Testament: Stories from the Book of Genesis*, Brendan Smith reimagined ten classic Bible stories using nothing but LEGO bricks -- and the results were praised by everyone from *People* and *Entertainment Weekly* to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (they've recommended the book to their entire congregation!). *Publishers Weekly* called it "hilarious" and wrote, "One rejoices that the franchise possibilities could extend for many years." We couldn't agree more. Just in time for the holidays, Quirk Books is proud to present the best-known Bible story of all time: *The Story of Christmas*. Using verses from the New Testament and a series of elaborate LEGO dioramas, Smith illustrates the birth of Jesus Christ -- from his arrival in the manger to the wrath of King Herod and the famous visit from the three wise men. It's the perfect stocking stuffer for anyone who celebrates Christmas!

From *Publishers Weekly* Fans who loved Smith's surprise hit *The Brick Testament: Stories from the Book of Genesis* or who have enjoyed his popular Web site ([www.thebricktestament.com](http://www.thebricktestament.com)) will relish this curious take on the Christmas story. Wise men out of Legos? A grumpy Lego King Herod who looks as though he hasn't slept in weeks? The book offers some hilarious sight gags; check out the fairy wings on the Angel Gabriel, or the rapidly protruding Lego shelf that is Mary's belly. And when Gabriel tells Mary that the Holy Ghost will come upon her, standing beside him is a friendly, smiling white ghost figure. Readers will be surprised to see some elements of the tale that are left out of the usual Hollywood renderings; Smith depicts the circumcision scene, for example, with Joseph standing over a very naked baby Jesus with a shiny dagger poised in an opportune spot. Despite the bemused, if cynical, tone that pervades the book, parents should note that not all of it is funny or suitable for small children. There's a disturbing image of soldiers murdering a male child, per Herod's decree, in front of his devastated mother; the background shows two decapitated children's heads rolling in blood. Still, *Brick Testament* fans will delight in this fresh rendering of another biblical tale, and the book should win Smith some new followers as well. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. 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.