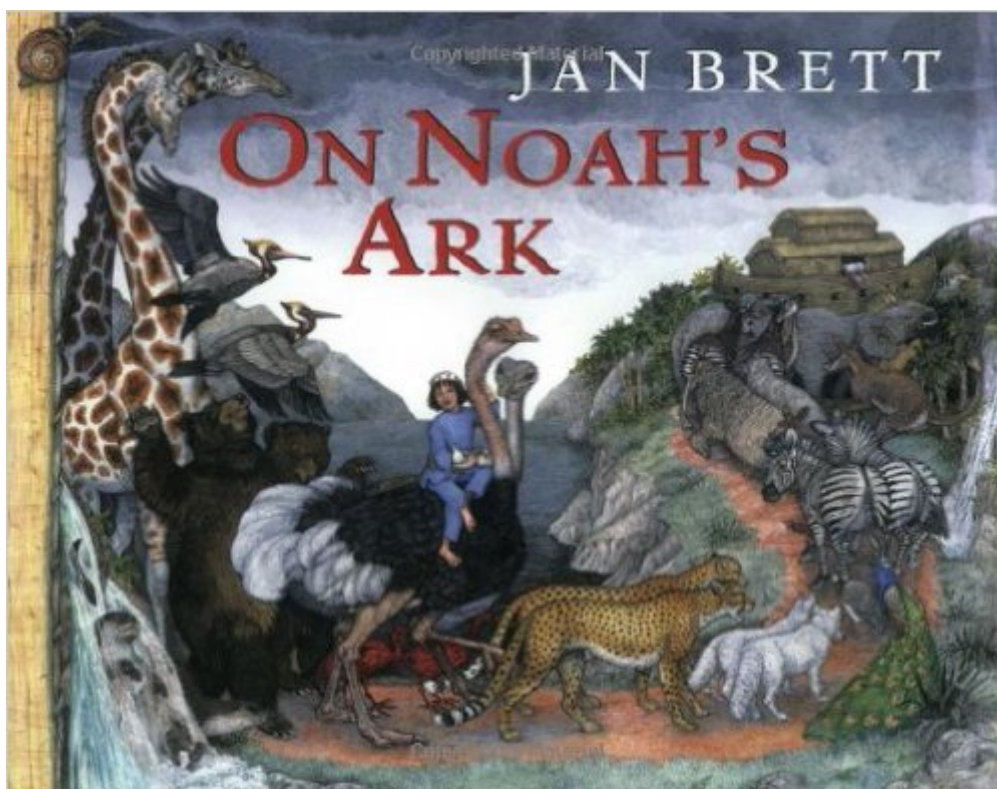


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# On Noah's Ark



## 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

Brett presents this rendition of the story of Noah's Ark from the perspective of Noah's granddaughter. She watches the construction of the ark, and sees all the animals boarding. When the storm ends, Noah releases her pet dove to look for land. The animals leave and look for new homes, and Noah plants a tiny seed. I enjoy all of Jan Brett's books because her watercolor illustrations are so beautiful and detailed. This book is no exception. She treats the viewer to many visual delights. The text is simple and is a good read for little ones.

Most children have heard the story of Noah's ark, but I think they're rarely encouraged to imagine

what the inside of such an ark would be like. This book approaches the story from that angle and really gets a child's imagination going. What would it be like if I were on this ark? What would it look like to have so many different animals all together? This is a great book for children who love animals. The pictures will have them entranced. I would probably not use this book to tell the story of Noah's ark to a child for the first time. I think the book is mainly geared towards children who already know the story.

Beautiful illustrations and a creative storytelling make this version of the Noah's Ark story a must have! Jan Brett is one of my favorite author/illustrators and this book will not disappoint any of Brett's fans. This book is a joy for both parents and children to read. My 2 year old daughter loves it.

Once again Jan Brett's illustrations are a treat for the eye. This is a simple telling of the ark story from another point of view. Noah wasn't the only one on the ark and children love to imagine what other people on the ark were like. This is a wonderful book to use to get a discussion going with young children and get them thinking about the ark and its passengers.

The negative reviews were primarily concerned with the fact that there is no mention of God in Jan Brett's book. I am actually not disappointed by this fact because I plan on using the book as a supplement to teaching the actual biblical story of Noah and the Ark. The Jesse Tree is a Christmas tradition in our home and Noah's Ark is one of the first stories told during Advent. This book will make a lovely addition to our devotion. The pictures are beautiful ~ as is the case with most of Jan Brett's books. In this unique version of the Biblical story of Noah's Ark, his granddaughter is the narrator and tells of this wonderful adventure and all of the creatures on board Grandpa Noah's ark. After 40 days and 40 nights the rain stops and the granddaughter sends out her dove who, as expected, returns with a green leaf revealing that the waters have been subdued. In the end, Grandpa Noah plants a seed and all begin to settle in their new land and life...with the final picture depicting the granddaughter with her dove, Grandpa Noah off to work farming the land and a beautiful rainbow in the background as a symbol of God's covenant.

This is another lovely book by Jan Brett. The artwork is wonderful and the text is from the viewpoint of Noah's grandson. I bought this for our church library and am glad I did. I also suggest "Naamah: The Story of Noah's Wife" by Sandy Eisenberg Sasso for little girls. It stresses Naamah's job in preserving seeds and plants for use after the flood, and makes the Noah story less of a "men did

the whole thing" story. Women were there too and obviously did a lot of work in saving the family and animals, too.

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.

While this book does have lovely pictures, that is about all this book has to offer. The title could have been "On Grandpa's Boat" and been no less meaningful. This book is no more than a grandchild sitting out a month-long spring rain storm with a bunch of animals (which would be fine if that is what you were looking for). However, if you're looking for a book to bring alive the Biblical account of Noah's ark...a story that recounts God redeeming a family in His great mercy and kindness...look elsewhere.

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