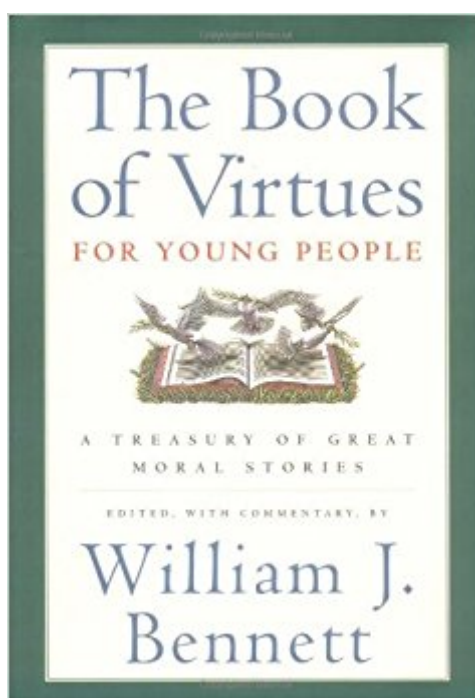


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# The Book Of Virtues For Young People: A Treasury Of Great Moral Stories



## Synopsis

Stories from the best-selling *The Book of Virtues* for a younger audience. *The Book of Virtues for Young People* is a treasury of timeless stories, poems, and fables selected from William J. Bennett's national best-seller, *The Book of Virtues*, that teaches young people the importance of incorporating virtues in one's daily life. The collection, which also includes new material, offers tales of self-discipline from Aesop; poems by Walt Whitman, Rudyard Kipling, Robert Frost, and Emily Dickinson; and fiction by O. Henry, Tolstoy, and Guy de Maupassant. Also included are stories of personal courage and biographies of great people such as Rosa Parks, Abraham Lincoln, and Anne Frank. Like *The Book of Virtues*, this collection focuses on ten core virtues, from courage and compassion to hard work and self-discipline. The perfect gift for graduation or other special occasions, *The Book of Virtues for Young People* belongs on every young person's bookshelf.

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## Customer Reviews

Having scored a resounding success with *The Book of Virtues* (more than 2.2 million copies sold), erstwhile politico William J. Bennett now turns his attention to what his publisher deems the "growing demand for character education" with *The Book of Virtues for Young People: A Treasury of Great Moral Stories*; included under such headings as Self-Discipline, Responsibility and Loyalty are

works by the likes of James Baldwin, Emily Dickinson, Victor Hugo and Thomas Bulfinch (S&S/Silver Burdett, \$14.95, ages 7-12 ISBN 0-382-24923-2 July). Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Grade 6 Up? Bennett has compiled fables, stories, and poems that have served as inspiration since time immemorial. Courage, friendship, loyalty, honesty, self-discipline, compassion, responsibility, friendship, work, and faith are represented, with an introduction and commentary for each. Classics such as O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi" and "Echo and Narcissus" are indicative of compassion. A sweet, illuminating letter from "F. Scott Fitzgerald to His Daughter" lays out her responsibilities. An account by Helen Keller of meeting her teacher, Anne Sullivan, provides a beautiful portrait of friendship. And poignant examples of courage are presented back to back in "Excerpt from the Diary of Anne Frank" and the poem "If?" by Rudyard Kipling. This old-fashioned volume may not be picked up by today's world-weary readers, but those who do dip into it will find that every generation had its share of problems addressed by eloquent and, yes, virtuous writers. ?Julie Halverstadt, Douglas Public Library District, Castle Rock, CO Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Every child should have these stories read to them when young, and to read on their own later. It makes me think of my grandmother, who told us stories about "crying wolf", and "birds of a feather flock together", and the tale of the industrious ants and the carefree and workfree grasshoppers. The ants and the grasshoppers helped us learn about the benefits of storing up food for the future. She helped us learn that it was not only food which must be set aside for future need. It also became apparent that there are a lot more grasshopper style of living than there are 'ants'.

This is a classic. I've loved this book for years. Getting it for grandchildren now.

I've had several people read a section and they were all delighted.

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I homeschool my 6 kids so I am always on the look out for good books. This one I happened to check out at the library and while I don't usually purchase books if I can get them at the library, this one was added to our curriculum on a daily basis. It is a great reference on character, which I feel

all kids should learn. My kids and I have enjoyed the stories and discussions we have after reading them.

We have always been Bill Bennett fans in our house and this book did not disappoint. We bought this for our son who is turning 13 to inspire and provoke thoughtful conversations. The book is full of stories and poetry broken down into 10 categories. (ie.courage, work, honesty, loyalty) This book is written so that an adolescent could read it themselves or it is also very well suited as a read aloud. I would recommend this book to anyone from 8 to 108.

This is simply a selection of stories from the original Book of Virtues, which I also have. I ended up preferring to make my own selections for our granddaughter out of the original book, so I really didn't need to buy this book.

Great book with wonderful content. I am going through the stories one by one with my daughter and we are enjoying them. Excellent tool to instil good values. Very pleased with this and the Moral Compass. Book received in great condition.

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