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## PUBLISHING CREDITS

### BOOKS FOR CHILDREN

#### PICTURE BOOKS

#### DAVID AND I TALK TO GOD

A series of 15 first-person paperbacks, for ages 3–8, paraphrasing favorite psalms

- Published by Chariot Books, 1980–1987
- Translated into seven languages (Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, Finnish, French, German, and Greek)
- Imprinted by Guideposts
- Notable Children’s Book Award, The Episcopal Women’s Caucus
- Best Children’s Book Award, The Association of Logos Bookstores
- More than 1,500,000 copies sold, excluding foreign-language sales

1. *Sometimes I Get Scared* (Psalm 23)
2. *Where Are You, God?* (Psalm 139)
3. *What Can I Say to You, God?* \* (Verses on prayer)
4. *Sometimes I Get Lonely* (Psalm 42)
5. *Sometimes I’m Good, Sometimes I’m Bad* (Psalm 1)
6. *Everybody, Shout Hallelujah!* (Verses on praise)
7. *Sometimes I Get Mad* \*\* (Psalm 73)
8. *Sometimes I Have to Cry* \*\* (Verses on tears)
9. *Sometimes I Need to Be Hugged* \*\* (Psalm 84)
10. *It’s My Birthday, God* (Psalm 90)
11. *Make Way for the King* (Psalms 145 and 24)
12. *I’m Listening, God* (Psalm 19)
13. *Sometimes I Think “What If?”* (Psalm 46)
14. *Sometimes Everything Feels Just Right* (Psalm 104)
15. *God, You Fill Us Up with Joy* (Psalm 100)

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\* Notable Children’s Book, The Episcopal Women’s Caucus, 1985

\*\* Best Children’s Book, The Association of Logos Bookstores, 1982

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## PICTURE BOOKS (continued)

### GOD'S WORD IN MY HEART

A series of 15 first-person paperbacks, for ages 3–8, paraphrasing favorite verses

- Published by Chariot Books, 1983–1987
- Translated into French
- Imprinted by Guideposts
- **Gold Medallion Award of Merit**
- More than 750,000 copies sold, excluding foreign-language sales

1. *God Cares When I'm Disappointed* (Jeremiah 29:11)
2. *God Cares When I'm Sorry* (I John 1:9)
3. *God Cares When I'm Worried* (Philippians 4:6, 7)
4. *God Cares When I'm All Tired Out* (Matthew 11:28)
5. *God Cares When I Don't Like Myself* (Zephaniah 3:17)
6. *God Cares When I'm Thankful* (I Thessalonians 5:18)
7. *God Cares When I Do Something Stupid* (Psalm 145:8)
8. *God Cares When I Need to Talk to Somebody* (Psalm 116:1, 2)
9. *God Cares When Somebody Hurts Me* \* (Ephesians 4:32)
10. *God Cares When I'm Feeling Mean* (Luke 6:31)
11. *God Cares When I Don't Know What to Do* (James 1:5)
12. *God Cares When I'm Wondering* (Ecclesiastes 3:11b)
13. *God Cares When I'm Being Punished* (Hebrews 12:11)
14. *God Cares When Someone Else Has More* (Hebrews 13:5b)
15. *God Cares When I Don't Feel Good* (II Corinthians 12:9a)

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\* Gold Medallion Award of Merit, 1985

## **PICTURE BOOKS (continued)**

### **MY FIRST BOOKS ABOUT JESUS**

**A series of four board books for preschoolers recounting the life of Christ**

- Published by Chariot Books in 1980; repackaged in 1990
  - Translated into Dutch
  - More than 500,000 copies sold
1. *Jesus Is God's Son*
  2. *Jesus Loves Children*
  3. *Jesus Does Good Things*
  4. *Jesus Tells Us About God*

### **TUBABLE, HUGABLE BOOKS**

**A series of four waterproof books, for ages 1–3, celebrating water-play and story time**

- Published by Chariot Books in 1983
  - More than 200,000 copies sold
1. *Jesus and the Big Storm*
  2. *Noah's Ark*
  3. *God Made Wonderful Me*
  4. *Guess Who Likes the Water God Made?*

### **LITTLE EPISTLES FOR KIDS**

**A series of four hardcovers, for ages 4–7, illustrating important themes from the New Testament epistles: *cooperation, hospitality, perseverance, and caring*; and featuring introductory letters from the author to parents and teachers**

- Feature Barney Wigglesworth and three other church mice “kids”: Gwendolyn Scoot, Tillie Nibbles, and Sam Scurry
  - Published by Chariot Books in 1988
  - More than 111,000 copies sold
1. *Barney Wigglesworth and the Party That Almost Wasn't*  
(I Corinthians 12:27; Romans 12:4, 5)
  2. *Barney Wigglesworth and the Church Flood*  
(Romans 12:13; I Peter 4:9)
  3. *Barney Wigglesworth and the Birthday Surprise*  
(Galatians 6:9, 10)
  4. *Barney Wigglesworth and the Smallest Christmas Pageant*  
(Romans 12:15)

## PICTURE BOOKS (continued)

### PROVERBS TO GROW ON

A series of four paperbacks, for ages 4–7, illustrating favorite proverbs in action, proverbs that are interwoven throughout everyday life stories

- Published by Chariot Books in 1988
- More than 91,000 copies sold

1. *Sometimes It's Hard to Be Friends*

(Proverbs 27:14; 25:20; 25:14; 17:19)

2. *Some Words Help, Some Words Hurt*

(Proverbs 17:27; 11:12; 12:25; 12:18; 15:1; 15:23; 16:24; 10:23; 30:5)

3. *Kids Can Be Wise, Too*

(Proverbs 3:15; 18:15; 19:2; 12:1; 10:23; 20:11; 9:10; 10:1a; 3:13)

4. *That's Not Fair!*

(Proverbs 2:9; 12:5; 28:5; 19:28a; 17:15; 31:8, 9; 2:7, 8)

### BRENDA LEARNS ABOUT GOD; MICHAEL LEARNS ABOUT GOD

A series of eight hardcovers/paperbacks, for ages 2–5, celebrating life from a preschool point of view

- Feature three-year-old Brenda and Michael and their families and friends
- Published by Chariot Books in 1987 and 1990
- More than 76,000 copies sold.

1. *Who Lost a Mitten?* (God is pleased when we do good things for others.)

2. *Where's My Lamb?* (God watches over all of his children.)

3. *The Littlest One* (God has a special place for everyone.)

4. *Too Many Bunnies* (God wants us to be kind to our friends.)

5. *The Big Surprise* (Michael learns about overcoming fear.)

6. *Go Home, Squirrel* (Michael learns about God's care.)

7. *The Friendly Bear* (Michael learns about being a friend.)

8. *The Big Red Truck* (Michael learns about sharing.)

## PICTURE BOOKS (continued)

### PRAYERS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Hardcover gift books for preschoolers and their parents, featuring a unique pairing of prayer-poems for children and Scriptural meditations for adults (along with a brief introductory letter from the author to the adults)

- *Do You See Me, God?* was published by Chariot Books in 1989, won the 1990 **Gold Medallion Achievement Award**, and sold more than 40,000 copies.
- *Happy Easter, God!* was published by Bethany House Publishers in spring 2001.
- *Look What You Made, God!* was published by Bethany in spring 2002.
- *Is It Christmas Yet, God?* was published by Bethany in fall 2003.

### TABLES OF CONTENTS FOR THE FOUR BOOKS

#### *Do You See Me, God?*

“Watch Me, God! Watch Me!”	(Psalm 139:1, 2, 5)
“Hiding”	(Psalm 91:1, 2)
“Going Bananas”	(Psalm 103:2, 5)
“Water! Water!”	(Psalm 143:6)
“Brand-new Shoes”	(Isaiah 52:7)
“Not My Birthday”	(Romans 12:10)
“Today Is the Day”	(Psalm 23:5b)
“God Bless”	(Romans 8:26, 27)
“Bad Mood”	(Psalm 42:11)
“From the Top of the Slide”	(Psalm 24:1)
“God’s Dogs”	(Psalm 104:24)
“Ow!”	(Psalm 103:13, 14)
“Decisions! Decisions!”	(Luke 2:52)
“Little Red Car”	(I John 3:2)

#### *Happy Easter, God!*

“Good Morning!”	(Psalm 118:24)
“Basket Rabbit”	(Psalm 103:5a)
“Easter Greeting”	(Acts 13:29b–31)
“Easter Egg Hunt”	(Hebrews 4:13a)
“Easter Lily”	(Psalm 150:3a)
“To Church on Easter Morning”	(Psalm 122:1)
“Welcome!”	(Matthew 19:13, 14a)
“Sleepy Bunny”	(Deuteronomy 33:27a)
“A Story! A Story!”	(John 21:25)
“Jerusalem”	(Matthew 28:5, 6a)
“Paper Lamb”	(Isaiah 40:11a)
“Armful of Ducklings”	(Psalm 104:24)
“Butterfly”	(Philippians 4:5)
“Shout Hallelujah!”	(Revelation 19:1)
<i>Final Page</i>	(I John 3:2)

## PICTURE BOOKS (continued)

### PRAYERS FOR YOUNG CHILDREN (continued)

#### *Look What You Made, God!*

“Long Way Down”	(Psalm 148:7a, 9a, 13b)
“Hey, Kids!”	(I John 3:1a)
“Windy Day”	(John 3:8)
“Sparrow Talk”	(Luke 12:6, 7)
“Mmmmmmmmm!”	(Matthew 1:22, 23)
“Plop!”	(Psalm 104:27, 28)
“At the Beach”	(Jeremiah 5:22b)
“Hide and Seek”	(Hebrews 4:13a)
“Flower Beds”	(Luke 12:27)
“Chipmunk”	(Psalm 95:4a)
“Cozy Cat”	(Psalm 29:11b)
“Happy Dog”	(Psalm 98:4)
“City Horse”	(Psalm 104:24)
“Little Baby”	(Psalm 139:14)
<i>Final Page</i>	(Genesis 8:22)

#### *Is It Christmas Yet, God?*

“Is It Christmas Yet, God?”	(I Peter 1:20)
“Christmas Lights”	(Isaiah 9:2)
“Nativity”	(Luke 2:11, 12)
“Christmas Pageant”	(Luke 2:15)
“Treetop Angel”	(Luke 2:10, 11)
“Follow the Star”	(Matthew 2:9b, 10)
“Glitter!”	(Jude 2)
“Toys”	(II Corinthians 9:7b)
“It’s a Secret”	(James 1:17a)
“Along the Road to Bethlehem”	(Luke 2:1, 3, 4)
“Little Donkey”	(Luke 2:6)
“Swaddling Clothes”	(Luke 2:7)
“Christmas Eve”	(John 8:12)
“Christmas Day”	(Psalm 118:24)
<i>Final Page</i>	(John 1:1)

## FIFTEEN FLAMINGOS

**A high-flying celebration of joy in which a young girl handles her anxiety about her imminent birthday party by inviting fifteen flamingos into her imagination and her home**

- Published by Bethany House Publishers in spring 2000

## BOOKS FOR CHILDREN (continued)

### NOVELS

#### THE THREE COUSINS DETECTIVE CLUB®

A series of thirty 64-page first chapter books, for ages 7–10, based on the classical virtues as reflected in the fruit of the Spirit and favorite biblical proverbs

- Published by Bethany House Publishers, 1994–2000
- Features the three detective-cousins from “The Ten Commandments Mysteries” and “Beatitudes Mysteries” series: Timothy, Titus, and Sarah-Jane
- THREE COUSINS DETECTIVE CLUB® and TCDC® are registered trademarks of Elspeth Campbell Murphy.
- Translated into four languages (Chinese, French, Indonesian, and Norwegian)
- More than 1,000,000 copies sold, excluding foreign-language sales

1. *The Mystery of the White Elephant* (Love)
2. *The Mystery of the Silent Nightingale* (Joy)
3. *The Mystery of the Wrong Dog* (Peace)
4. *The Mystery of the Dancing Angels* (Patience)
5. *The Mystery of the Hobo’s Message* \* (Kindness)
6. *The Mystery of the Magi’s Treasure* (Goodness)
7. *The Mystery of the Haunted Lighthouse* (Faithfulness)
8. *The Mystery of the Dolphin Detective* (Gentleness)
9. *The Mystery of the Eagle Feather* (Self-control)
10. *The Mystery of the Silly Goose* (Proverbs 24:3, 4)
11. *The Mystery of the Copycat Clown* (Proverbs 17:22)
12. *The Mystery of the Honeybees’ Secret* (Proverbs 16:24)
13. *The Mystery of the Gingerbread House* (Proverbs 25:13)
14. *The Mystery of the Zoo Camp* (Proverbs 14:8)
15. *The Mystery of the Goldfish Pond* (Proverbs 11:13)
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17. *The Mystery of the Birthday Party* (Proverbs 3:29)
18. *The Mystery of the Lost Island* (Proverbs 20:12)
19. *The Mystery of the Wedding Cake* (Proverbs 27:4)
20. *The Mystery of the Sand Castle* (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 3b)

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\* A C. S. Lewis Noteworthy Book, 1995

21. <i>The Mystery of the Sock Monkeys</i>	(Ecclesiastes 9:10a)
22. <i>The Mystery of the African Gray</i>	(Proverbs 15:23)
23. <i>The Mystery of the Butterfly Garden</i>	(Proverbs 2:4)
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30. <i>The Mystery of the Golden Reindeer</i>	(Proverbs 16:16)

## THE TEN COMMANDMENTS MYSTERIES

A series of ten 48-page first chapter books, for ages 7–10, based on the Ten Commandments

- Published by Chariot Books in 1988
- Translated into three languages (French, Portuguese, and Spanish)
- More than 650,000 copies sold, excluding foreign-language sales

1. <i>The Mystery of the Laughing Cat</i>	(“You shall not steal.”)
2. <i>The Mystery of the Messed-up Wedding</i>	(“You shall not commit adultery.”)
3. <i>The Mystery of the Gravestone Riddle</i>	(“You shall not murder.”)
4. <i>The Mystery of the Carousel Horse</i>	(“You shall not covet.”)
5. <i>The Mystery of the Vanishing Present</i>	(“Remember the Sabbath day ...”)
6. <i>The Mystery of the Silver Dolphin</i>	(“You shall not give false testimony.”)
7. <i>The Mystery of the Tattletale Parrot</i>	(“You shall not misuse the name ...”)
8. <i>The Mystery of the Second Map</i>	(“You shall have no other gods ...”)
9. <i>The Mystery of the Double Trouble</i>	(“Honor your father and mother.”)
10. <i>The Mystery of the Silent Idol</i>	(“You shall not make ... an idol.”)

## THE BEATITUDES MYSTERIES

A series of eight 48-page beginning chapter books, for ages 7–10, based on the Beatitudes

- Published by Chariot Books, 1989–1991
- More than 320,000 copies sold

1. <i>The Mystery of the Empty School</i>	(“Blessed are the meek.”)
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| 2. <i>The Mystery of the Candy Box</i>           | (“Blessed are the merciful.”)                                     |
| 3. <i>The Mystery of the Disappearing Papers</i> | (“Blessed are the pure in heart.”)                                |
| 4. <i>The Mystery of the Secret Snowman</i>      | (“Blessed are the peacemakers.”)                                  |
| 5. <i>The Mystery of the Golden Pelican</i>      | (“Blessed are those who mourn.”)                                  |
| 6. <i>The Mystery of the Princess Doll</i>       | (“Blessed are those ... persecuted.”)                             |
| 7. <i>The Mystery of the Hidden Egg</i>          | (“Blessed are the poor in spirit.”)                               |
| 8. <i>The Mystery of the Clumsy Juggler</i>      | (“Blessed are those who hunger and<br>thirst for righteousness.”) |

## **YOUNG COUSINS MYSTERIES™**

**A series of 32-page beginning chapter books, for ages 6–8, using favorite biblical passages as themes; a prequel series to the three other Timothy, Titus, and Sarah-Jane mystery series**

- Published by Bethany House Publishers, 2001–2002
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| 1. <i>The Birthday Present Mystery</i> | (James 1:17a)      |
| 2. <i>The Sneaky Thief Mystery</i>     | (Ephesians 4:28a)  |
| 3. <i>The Giant Chicken Mystery</i>    | (Proverbs 20:12)   |
| 4. <i>The Chalk Drawings Mystery</i>   | (Proverbs 25:13)   |
| 5. <i>The Purple Cow Mystery</i>       | (Colossians 3:9a)  |
| 6. <i>The Flying Pigs Mystery</i>      | (Romans 13:13a, c) |

## **THE KIDS FROM APPLE STREET CHURCH**

**A series of six first-person paperbacks, for ages 8–11, in which six kids talk to God, in their journals, about the trials, anxieties, and joys of growing up**

- Published by Chariot Books, 1985 and 1986
- More than 125,000 copies sold

1. *Mary Jo Bennett*
2. *Danny Petrowski*
3. *Julie Chang*
4. *Pug McConnell*
5. *Becky Garcia*
6. *Curtis Anderson*

## BOOKS FOR ADULTS

### THE WORLD IS ME: A HANDBOOK FOR PRESCHOOL TEACHERS

- Published by David C. Cook Publishing Company in 1979
- More than 100,000 copies sold

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- ... **About Reaching Out with the Gospel?**

### CHALKDUST: PRAYERS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR TEACHERS

**Originally released as two separate books of prayer meditations for teachers and all those who want to encourage and support them**

- The first book, *Chalkdust*, was published by Baker Book House in 1979
- The second book, *Recess*, was published by Baker in 1987
- More than 600,000 copies sold
- Many appearances on various best-seller lists, including ones published in *Publishers Weekly*
- Combined and repackaged by Baker Book House in summer 2003 under the title *Chalkdust: Prayers of Encouragement for Teachers* (see [TOC on next page](#))

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