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For the first time, the Old Testament and the New Testament together in one inspiring LEGO(R) collection! The Brick Bible series has taken the world by storm, and now, for the first time, Brendan Powell Smith's visually striking The Brick Bible: A New Spin on the Old Testament and The Brick Bible: The New Testament are available in a beautiful hardcover box set. With over two thousand color photographs depicting the major narrative scenes of the Bible, this slipcovered set (including new material and a bonus two-sided, full-color poster) is the gift you've been wanting to give your LEGO (R)-loving friends and religious family members for holidays, birthdays, or just because. Book one includes scenes from the Old Testament?the creation of the world, the temptation of Adam and Eve, the great flood, the presentation of the ten commandments to Moses on Mt. Sinai, and more. The Old Testament is a complex text, but Smith's "brick" illustrations help bring out the nuances of each scene and will make you reconsider the way you look at the Bible?and LEGO (R). Book two offers a new spin on the story of Jesus. Smith portrays Jesus's birth, miracles, last supper, and death and resurrection with meticulous attention to detail. From the fate of Judas to the life of Paul and his letters to the Ephesians; from the first book burning to the book of Revelations, this is the New Testament as you've never experienced it before. Find a place on your shelf for this beautiful two-book collector's set and continue to be amazed at the Bible as illustrated by your favorite toy. 2,000 color photographs

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Lynn Godek says

I was so excited when I discovered this set. I had some reservations about the content being accurate and the images being inappropriate for kids. I understood it was not geared toward children (but neither is the subject material of the bible). But come on, do you really need to show a "naked" pregnant Lego giving birth. complete with blood between her legs! Really? On the plus side our Lego kid won't go to bed without asking to read scriptures. So we are carefully to read parts that we think are age appropriate along with our King Janes version.

Jason says

See reviews for each book in the following links:

The Old Testament: ★★★★★

The New Testament: ★★★★★☆

Erik says

Five stars for the hard work that obviously went into making this book. Lots of creativity in depicting scenes from the Bible.

Darrell says

In his introduction, Brendan Powell Smith states he started this project because many people who say they believe the Bible is the word of God and a guide to morality haven't actually read it. The Bible is definitely a difficult book to get through, so turning it into a graphic novel using LEGO figurines does make it easier to read. A lot of parts are left out (otherwise this would be thousands of pages long), but the most well known stories are here, making it perfect for people who want to be culturally literate but who don't want to spend the time to read through the entire Bible itself. Note, as the Bible contains copious amounts of sex and violence, this edition may not be suitable for children. However, LEGO nudity isn't exactly NC17 and the blood is just red blocks, so it's not as bad as prime time TV. Also, this print edition is far less offensive than thebricktestament.com website which this book is based on since a lot of parts have been left out.

Smith consulted several different English translations of the Bible as well as the original Hebrew when putting this together. All the text in this book is taken from the Bible, although like all translations, he does add his own interpretation to the text. I was disappointed that he made the sin of Sodom be homosexuality when this isn't attested to in the Bible. When the sin of Sodom is mentioned in the Bible, it's referred to as inhospitality (Jeremiah 23:14, Ezekiel 16:49-50, Wisdom 19:13-14, Ecclesiastes 16:8, Matthew 10:11-14, Luke 10:8-12). Some modern people mistakenly think it was homosexuality because the Hebrew word "yadha" (know) sometimes refers to sex, however, the word yahda is used over 900 times in the Bible and

only refers to sex 10 times. When God says Abraham only have I known, he's using "know" in the modern sense, as does Jesus when he says a shepherd knows his flock. In the earlier version of the Sodom story (Judges 19), the sin of the townspeople is trying to kill the foreigner spending the night in their city (Judges 20:4-5), not trying to rape him. The writers of the Sodom and Gomorrah story did not have homosexuality in mind.

Smith's sense of humor is apparent throughout this book. When Yahweh makes leather clothes for Adam and Eve to wear, the picture shows Yahweh butchering a cow with Adam and Eve looking on in horror. When Noah and his family leave the ark, there are countless skeletons strewn across the ground from all the people who died in the flood. Inconsistencies that are easy to miss when reading the Bible stand out quite a bit when you see them illustrated. The fact that Genesis gives two different creation stories is more apparent in this version, as is the ridiculousness of Noah cursing Canaan because Ham saw Noah naked (although I think the reason for this is Ham "uncovering his father's nakedness" is a metaphor for Ham sleeping with Noah's wife, thus making Canaan a child of incest).

I admit I started to get bored with the Old Testament pretty quickly since it's mainly just one battle after another (it reminded me of the Book of Mormon in this way). The New Testament was more fun. The analogies of Jesus are depicted in modern day contexts. When Jesus says to turn the other cheek and forgive them that hurt you, the LEGOs depict a man letting himself get beaten by a criminal, who then proceeds to murder his family. In accordance with Jesus's teachings to love them that spitefully use you and let them borrow your things without expecting them to be returned, the man then gives the murderer his car. The ridiculousness of someone actually doing what Jesus says by selling everything they have and giving the money to the poor is also pictured.

I loved thebricktestament.com website, so I was quite disappointed when I found out this collection doesn't contain everything the website does. Some of the funniest parts are left out. The Laws, Job, and the Epistles aren't here. Also, the books which do appear are sometimes abridged. The layout also is different. On the website, the scripture is written underneath the picture to make room for word bubbles in which the characters sometimes say non-Biblical things. The word bubbles don't appear in the print edition in order to save room on the page, but this takes a lot of the humor out of it. For this reason, I have to recommend people visit the website rather than buy this book.

Greg Van Vorhis says

This was wild. Disturbing in places. Funny in other places. Irreverent in other places. And yet, there was one section that made me view the lesson in an entirely different light because of the way it was presented....with Legos. And I'm 43 years old.

Dimbo DingDong says

It's the BRICK BIBLE how could you not read it. The great thing is I haven't even read this book yet.

Heather says

HORRIBLY inappropriate!! NOT in the least but reflective of scripture...if anything, it mocks truth &

confuses the innocent person who picks it up just to take a peak.

My husband & I were excited to see it at Barnes & Noble until we picked it up & began reading. I am SO GLAD we did not buy this one for our Lego loving boy.

Lego figures in sexual positions...including gay sex is to much for me! How in the world did this thing get published!?

Meadow Frisbie says

Definitely mixed feelings about this book. The idea itself was brilliant, and the quality of the book was great! The makers really went into great detail to make sure everything was perfect. I enjoyed reading it at age 20. The downside was it can be misleading to some who don't really understand the Bible fully. There are some ideas that are different, and just not enough room in the book to explain everything. Which in the end leaves some things weird, a little twisted, and no explanation.

But again, everyone will interpret the Bible differently, and this was the LEGO interpretation. :)

Josiahmeyer says

This is a great idea done...well, poorly isn't quite right. Because for quality it is excellent. But the author seems to be taking the stories of the Bible out of context, or else reading them in the worst possible light. It's like reading the Bible through the eyes of an angry and cynical ex-Christian. Someone had a lot of fun with this book - but it wasn't the Christian parents buying it for their kids!

Emerson D'Agostino says

It takes the Bible to a whole new generation. I am not saying it is kid-friendly but Brendan Powell Smith did an absolutely great job.

Abram Dorrough says

The Old Testament is hilarious and true to the book. A fun and admirable project.
