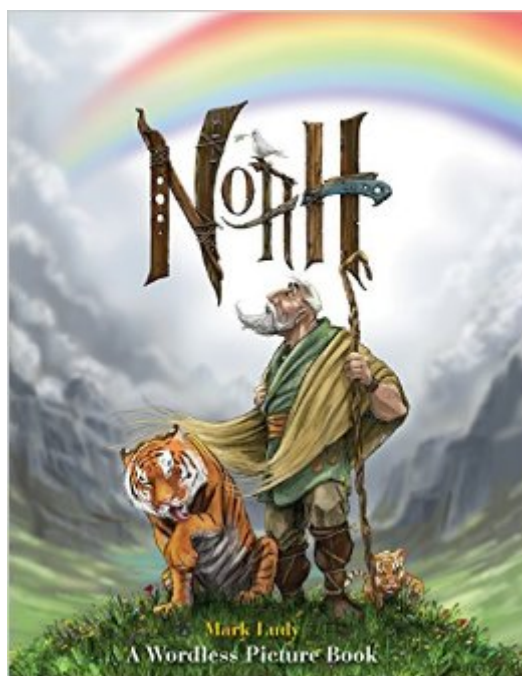


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# Noah: A Wordless Picture Book



## Synopsis

Mark Ludy's latest book will appeal to adults and children alike. Digging deeper than the Sunday school tale of cuddly animals on Noah's ark, the story follows the biblical text and illumines Noah's relationship with God, his wife, family, nature, and humanity. Ludy's world-class artwork lets people see, as though for the first time, the beauty within this story - revealing a clearer picture of the nature and character of God and his relationship to humankind. It's immersive and epic in scale and scope. The wordless format invites conversation and storytelling, key building blocks of literacy. And as with his previous books, Ludy's signature mouse Squeakers appears hidden on every page.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

When my youngest daughter was 3 or 4 years old, she took a couple pages of white typing paper folded them in half and then drew some stick figured people on each half sheet. She announced that she was making a "story book."After helping her put the pages together in a book, I asked her, "What shall we call the story?" "The Snowman," she replied. There were no words in the book. It was a wordless book. In fact, there were many, many words hidden in those pages. Often when we sat together on the sofa or the floor, she would turn the pages of her wordless book and tell me the story of the snowman. The story was always the same, but the words she used to tell the story would change. That little wordless book she made was the door to a magic

world that only a child, or an adult guided by a child's imagination, can inhabit. I still have that little wordless book, both the original and photo copies. I thought of THE SNOWMAN after receiving a review copy of Mark Ludy's NOAH: A WORDLESS PICTURE BOOK (New York: Plough Publishing House, 2014). Ludy's NOAH is a beautifully illustrated book. Every page is filled with colorful, detailed pictures. The faces of Noah, Mrs. Noah, the other people, and even the animals have expressions that invite the reader to feel the emotions and enter into the story. I have difficulty finding the words to express my delight with Mr. Ludy's illustrations. One feature I noticed that I feel enhances the book's value is that the characters are always very human, but generic. By "generic" I mean they are not racial stereotypes. After all, we have no idea what people of Noah's day looked like, except that they were as human as we are today.

This book is beyond visually stunning! It truly brings new life to the story of Noah, and is the most beautiful book of the year! Miss Grace and I had to go through all the book together, then start over at the beginning, while SHE told me the story. I added in some of the adult nuances told in the illustrations, and we had a very interactive tale going! How many times does that happen with a BIBLE story? One of my favorite pages in the book is the picture showing Noah making the plans for the ark, based on the dimensions given to him. We always seem to think of Noah as a very simple man, don't we? But in Mark's hands he is intelligent, driven, and sure of his faith. But that doesn't mean he doesn't commit the plan to paper first! How modern is that thinking? My daughter loved the picture with Noah and the animals inside the ark, as it is probably the most realistic one she has seen, for how the animals were packed into the ark. Obviously the birds would have been flying around (we had a LONG discussion about whether or not they ate all the insects, and why not!), and the ark as big as it was was still being struck by the massive waves that would have been sent to clean everything. It is a new way to look at the simple elements of the story! If you look at the Kickstarter videos for this project, you'll realize how much of Mark himself is in Noah- and that's a good thing! Another favorite picture of ours is the joy in Noah's eyes, and his wife's, as they see snow landing for the first time. There is so much life and personality in each character- that you feel like you know them. And that is the key- you get a better understanding of Noah and his family, and how their faith was tested, the conditions they suffered through, and how the animals coped.

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