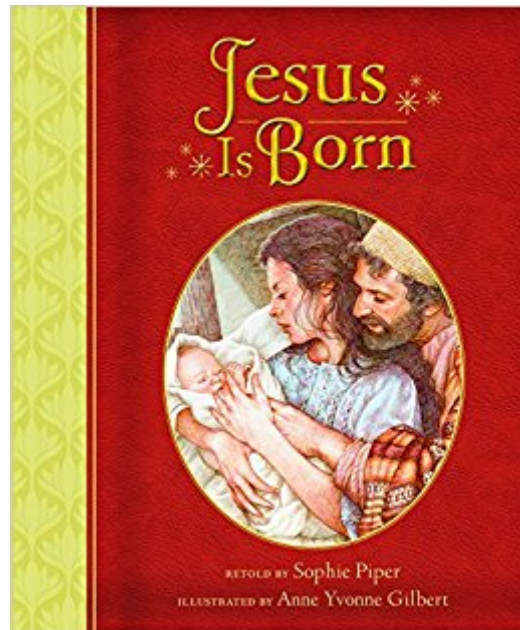




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# Jesus Is Born



## Synopsis

No story is more beloved or more often told than the story of the first Christmas, when Jesus was born. In text that echoes the language of the Gospels of Luke and Matthew, *Jesus Is Born* tells the entire story of the nativity, from the angel Gabriel's awe-inspiring message to the Virgin Mary to the miraculous birth of Christ in a lowly manger in Bethlehem; from the luminous star that led shepherds and three wise men to the newborn king to King Herod's terrible threat and God's promise to keep Jesus, Mary, and Joseph safe. A timeless and complete retelling of the tale, *Jesus Is Born* is the perfect introduction to the story at the heart of Christmas. The good news of Jesus's birth is brought to life in this instant classic. With illustrations full of detail and emotion from one of the world's most celebrated artists, *Jesus Is Born* will be treasured by parents and children alike. Sky Pony Press, with our Good Books, Racehorse and Arcade imprints, is proud to publish a broad range of books for young readers; picture books for small children, chapter books, books for middle grade readers, and novels for young adults. Our list includes bestsellers for children who love to play Minecraft; stories told with LEGO bricks; books that teach lessons about tolerance, patience, and the environment, and much more. While not every title we publish becomes a New York Times bestseller or a national bestseller, we are committed to books on subjects that are sometimes overlooked and to authors whose work might not otherwise find a home.

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## Customer Reviews

K-Gr 2 • This retelling uses the Gospels of Luke and Matthew in approachable text for younger readers. Beautiful and captivating soft-hued illustrations draw readers into each page. The story begins with the visit by the angel Gabriel, who lets Mary know about God's plan for her, and moves to the journey to Bethlehem with Joseph and the birth of God's only son in a stable. The shepherds are visited by angels telling them of the special birth, and three wise men arrive with their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. King Herod's unease about the birth of a new king is explained to the wise men by an angel in a dream, and they make the decision to return to their home country by a different route. The holy family's escape into Egypt concludes with the hopeful words, "When he grows up, he will bring God's blessing to the world." Angels appearing in people's dreams definitively tie the threads of the Nativity tale together. VERDICT This charming introduction to the story of the birth of Jesus should be considered for all holiday collections. • Diane Olivo-Posner, Los Angeles Public Library

"This accessible retelling is more complete than most Nativity stories for children, contextualizing the joyful scene of the birth in the stable against the imminent danger to the newborn child. Appealing colored-pencil illustrations in a muted palette are an excellent match to the fairly lengthy story. Most of the characters have light skin; one of the wise men and a court musician have dark skin. An excellent choice for church libraries and Christian families who want a contemporary retelling of the Christmas story. (Picture book/religion. 5-9)" --Kirkus Reviews

Can there ever be enough Christmas books? New ones are always welcome, especially when they are as beautifully written and illustrated as *Jesus is Born*. Sophie Piper has retold the Christmas story, in its most classic, nativity scene, Christmas pageant glory. Anne Yvonne Gilbert's illustrations provide the perfect accompaniment, recalling Sunday school lessons and flannel boards from childhood. Piper's text loosely paraphrases the Bible story, while remaining faithful to the text and original intent. She captures the heart of the story and reflects the message of Mary and Joseph's faithfulness and the hope our Savior brings. *Jesus is Born* is not original, but I mean that in the best way. Piper and Gilbert capture the spirit of Christmas and point readers young and old to God's best gift, his son Jesus. Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for the complimentary electronic review copy!

This book is just beautiful from beginning to end. It is a classic retelling of the birth of Jesus Christ and the illustrations are stunning. It would be a perfect book to set out on your coffee table for the entire Christmas season, showcasing it right beside your nativity scene. It is an adaption from the Gospels of Luke and Matthew. No story is more recounted at Christmas time than this one. It is the complete story of the birth of Jesus from start to finish including the visitation by the Angel Gabriel to inform Mary that she is chosen by God Himself to be the mother of His only child and all the God-ordained magic that surrounds this miraculous event. It tells of the wondrous luminous star that shines brightly in the heavenliness to proclaim His holy birth. The magnificent star phenomenon is followed by three mysterious Kings journeying from the far east to seek out their saviour. They track the star for a long time and finally it leads them to the tiny baby Jesus who is lying in a lowly manger. The Kings offer Him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh and worship the Christ -child. Hosts of angels sing on high and shepherds come to see the baby who is wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger. They know that they are invited by God to meet baby Jesus face-to-face and that they are privileged to be part of this supernatural happening. The story is documented so beautifully. It is a timeless tale and speaks to the very heart of why Christians celebrate their beloved Christmas. The illustrations are truly lovely and a gift to the reader. The colour pallet with its muted colours make the book a treasured classic and that is why it should be included in Christmas collections and definitely find a permanent home in libraries and in homes everywhere

This is a beautiful picture book of the Christmas story. I loved the realistic, soft pictures, and my 6-year-old son loved the book, too. He said he liked both the pictures and the story, and wanted me to print it out for him. I believe even a 1- or 2-year-old would like this book.

This is a beautiful picture book about the birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour. It starts with the angel telling Mary she will give birth to the son of God and continues through the birth. It also includes the story of the Wisemen meeting with King Herod, their dream after seeing Jesus and the escape to Egypt of the Holy Family. A complete telling of the story from the gospels. The illustrations are very lifelike, including the angels and that really adds to the book. A book to be in every Christmas library at home and in public. I received a copy of this book from Netgalley in exchange for an honest review.

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