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Thank you for visiting SneakerBlossom Books!

I would like to tell you about the inspiration behind SneakerBlossom Books. I have two sons. My older boy loves history and literature. He devoured books like a starving man from the time he was little. As a homeschool mom, this delighted my heart. I gave him more and more complex books to read and finished off his homeschool education with a five-year-long great books course from a popular publisher. And ruined his love of reading. Now, four years after he graduated from high school, he doesn't read anymore. He's burned out.

My younger boy struggled with reading and writing. He has dyslexia and dysgraphia. I wanted him to have the richness of the study that his older brother had, but the books at his reading level didn't lend themselves to an in-depth study of the human condition, sin, love, courage, honor, or any of the other topics people discuss in a great books course. He was left out.

I felt like I failed them both. Is it necessary, I wondered, to cram a broad range of classical literature into the teen years? Is it doing any good? Everyone has different styles of teaching and different styles of learning, but for our family, it wasn't the way to go. I've come to believe that if the introduction to the great conversation is gentle and accessible, students will want to keep up the conversation beyond the years of their schooling. And that's the goal. Lifelong learners.

SneakerBlossom Study Guides are based on children's versions of classical works of literature. Students study the same stories, the same heroes, the same concepts as they would in a great books program, but without the agony. I'm not endorsing a completely pain-free education. Stretching involves pain. Growth involves pain. But it should be the good kind of pain. The kind of pain you feel when you stretch upon waking, or when someone gives you a backrub when your shoulders are sore. There is a pain that inhibits growth. And that's what SneakerBlossom Books seeks to avoid.

SneakerBlossom Books also publishes Quick Guides intended to ease parents through teaching award-winning and popular children's chapter books. Quick Guides put Christian-worldview-based discussion questions at your fingertips. They also include comprehension questions so you can make sure your student has done the reading, and vocabulary words to ease your student over tough words. SneakerBlossom Quick Guides are available as parent answer keys and as student workbooks.

Thank you for your interest in SneakerBlossom Books!

Lisa Pelissier

About SneakerBlossom Study Guides

SneakerBlossom Study Guides are the heart of SneakerBlossom Books. Each Study Guide is available in seven different versions.

- Answer Key (print & e-book) The Answer Key includes all comprehension and discussion questions and answers. You can use the Answer Key if you're planning to do all your work orally. Or you can use the Answer Key to grade the workbooks.
- **Complete Edition (print only)** The Complete Edition has two sections. The front of the book has comprehension and discussion questions. The back of the book has the questions AND the answers. This is the "use your own paper" version. Have the student work from the front of the book. Grade their work from the back of the book. Also includes the answers for the multiple-choice questions in the Relaxed and Comfortable Workbooks.
- **Questions Only (e-book only)** The Questions Only e-book includes all comprehension and discussion questions. Use this if you want an inexpensive way for your student to do the work on their own paper, or if you want to do all the work out loud and don't want to be given the answers.
- **Relaxed Workbook (print only)** The Relaxed Workbook includes comprehension questions only (no discussion questions). Answers are in multiple-choice or fill-in-the-blank format. Character indexing and map work include main characters and places only ("Level A").
- **Studious Workbook (print only)** The Studious Workbook includes comprehension questions only (no discussion questions). Blank lines are given for the student's answers. Character indexing and map work include main and secondary characters and places ("Level B").
- Scholarly Workbook (print only) The Scholarly Workbook includes comprehension questions with blank lines for the student's answers. It also includes discussion questions. Character indexing and map work include main and secondary characters and places ("Level B") plus optional "Level C" indexing—every character and place mentioned in the work being studied.
- **Comfortable Workbook (print only)** The Comfortable Workbook includes comprehension questions with multiple-choice answers. Font is *dyslexia-friendly* and more space between sections is intended to be easier on the eyes for dyslexic students. All indexing is cut-and-paste, eliminating the need for the student to write any words at all in order to complete this workbook. Discussion questions are included. Character indexing and map work include main characters and places only ("Level A").

All SneakerBlossom Study Guides include . . .

Comprehension Questions: After reading a chapter, the student will answer comprehension questions to show understanding of the text.

Discussion Questions: After the parent or teacher has ensured that the student has understood the content of the chapter, they can have rich discussions about the text. Discussion questions are presented from a Christian worldview. Please note that suggested answers for discussion questions are just a starting place. Your discussions may take an entirely different path and, of course, you will want to bring in your own perspective, not just mine.

Character and Place Indexing: Students fill in a chart of characters and places as they read. This will help them keep track of the characters and places in the book being studied. Character and place indexing is leveled. Level A indexing includes only main characters and places. Level B indexing includes main and secondary characters and places. Level C indexing includes all characters and places mentioned in the text. If your student is not inclined to do Level C indexing, please respect their feelings. Some students will find it a joy to index every single character in the text. Others will find it torture. The Level C indexing exists for the students who want that level of completeness and who take joy in chronicling every single detail.

Most SneakerBlossom Study Guides include . . .

Map Work: Mark places mentioned in the text on a given map. PDF versions of the maps are available by emailing sneakerblossom@yahoo.com.

Some SneakerBlossom Study Guides include . . .

Vocabulary Words: A list of vocabulary words is provided at the beginning of each chapter. A glossary is in the back. Students may want to review the definitions for words they don't know before reading the chapter, or they may want to check the glossary as they read.

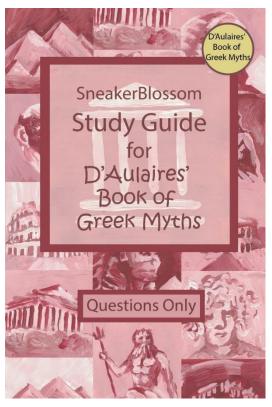
Art Appreciation: A few of the SneakerBlossom Study Guides include a section called "The Beautiful" in which a work of art is presented at the end of each chapter studied. Discussion questions pertinent to the art are given. Art is black and white in the print editions and color in the e-books, unless otherwise noted. Separate art guides with color images are available.



SneakerBlossom Ancient Literature



Study Guides for D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths



<u>Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)</u>

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)</u>

Workbook - Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

Workbook – Scholarly (print)

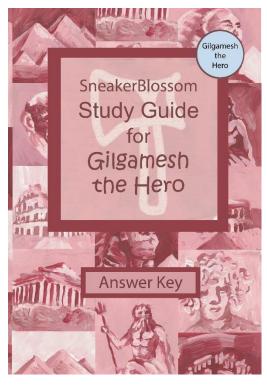
Workbook – Comfortable (print)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths is unique in that it not only tells the stories of the Ancient Greek gods and goddesses, but also touches on the story of Oedipus as well as the timeless tales of Homer. In their fully-illustrated book, the D'Aulaires have presented a comprehensive look at the world of the Ancient Greeks.

The SneakerBlossom Study Guides for *D'Aulaires' Book of Greek Myths* divide the book into 43 short lessons, appropriate for students from kindergarten through high school. The D'Aulaires' book is easy to read. The comprehension questions in the SneakerBlossom Study Guides are straightforward. The discussion questions bring in the Christian worldview and draw the educational experience into a level high enough for older students. A great resource for the whole family or for a classroom with students at many different levels.

Study Guides for Gilgamesh the Hero



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (print)</u>

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

Workbook – Scholarly (print)

Workbook – Comfortable (print)

<u>Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)</u>

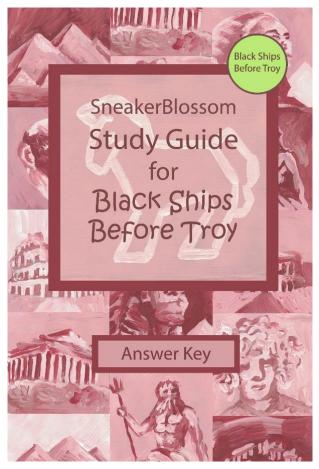
Gilgamesh the Hero is Geraldine McCaughrean's retelling of the oldest story in the West—the Epic of Gilgamesh.

Encounter Gilgamesh and his best friend, the wild man Enkidu, as they search for the meaning of life. All Study Guides include vocabulary words, comprehension questions, and Christian-worldview-based discussion questions.

Parental Warning:

The second chapter includes a scene where a naked dancing girl seduces Enkidu, the Wild Man. Details of the seduction are capped at her giving him kisses, but it is clearly presented, in word and in cartoon-like illustration (back view) that she is unclothed.

Study Guides for Black Ships Before Troy



<u>Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)</u>

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

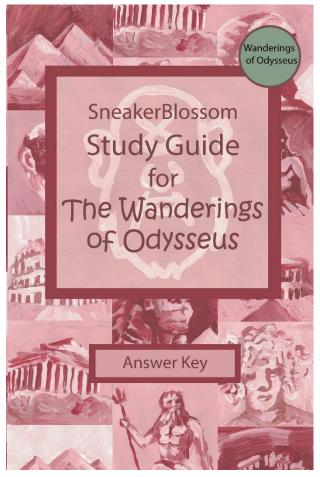
Workbook – Scholarly (print)

Workbook – Comfortable (print)

<u>Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)</u>

Black Ships Before Troy is Rosemary Sutcliff's retelling of Homer's Iliad. Study the classic tale of the Trojan War—Achilles' bravery and his failures, Hector's heroism, Paris' cowardice—all with the background of a Christian worldview. Black Ships Before Troy was also published as a large picture book titled the Iliad by Rosemary Sutcliff. Although the format is different, the text is the same and either version can be used with the SneakerBlossom Study Guides.

Study Guides for the Wanderings of Odysseus



<u>Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)</u>

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (print)</u>

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

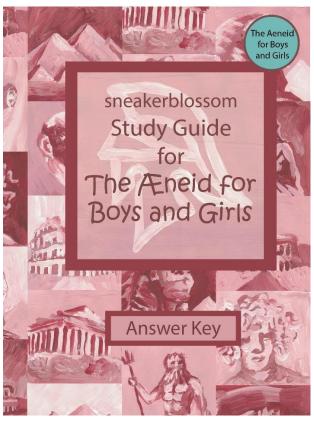
Workbook – Scholarly (print)

Workbook - Comfortable (print)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

The Wanderings of Odysseus is Rosemary Sutcliff's retelling of Homer's Odyssey. Follow Odysseus through his many dangerous and deadly adventures as he overcomes with the cyclops, Scylla and Charybdis, and his own shortcomings to make his way home to Ithaca after the Trojan War. The Wanderings of Odysseus is available as a text-only chapter book or as a large, illustrated picture book (out of print but easy to find).

Study Guides for Æneid for Boys and Girls



<u>Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)</u>

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (print)</u>

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

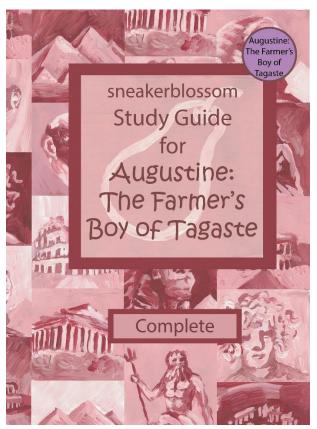
Workbook – Scholarly (print)

Workbook - Comfortable (print)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

Alfred J. Church's Æneid for Boys and Girls is a faithful retelling of Virgil's Æneid. This classic story tells of the voyage of Æneas, a Trojan warrior, who has to forge his way in the world after the fall of Troy in the Trojan War. Written to help unify Ancient Rome under Caesar Augustus, the Æneid became the romantic, mythical history that they Romans longed for. In the tale, Aeneas becomes the legendary ancestor of the Roman people.

Study Guides for Augustine: The Farmer's Boy of Tagaste



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (print)</u>

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

Workbook – Scholarly (print)

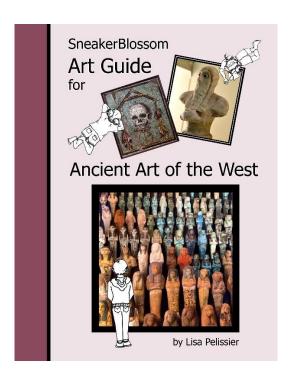
Workbook - Comfortable (print)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

Augustine lived in North Africa in the last days of the Roman Empire. His journey took him from being a rebellious boy to being an outspoken denier of Christianity, and finally to becoming a man of God and a servant of God's church.

P. De Zeeuw's biography of Augustine follows him through his life in a book that is entertaining and enjoyable for children and adults alike. A warning—the introduction and conclusion of the book are markedly Protestant (anti-Catholic), but the main content of the book is ecumenical.

Art Guide for Ancient Art of the West



Buy it here! – Paperback – E-book

The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for Ancient Art of the West includes images of art from Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, and Ancient Mesopotamia. For each work of art there is a brief description as well as discussion questions.

This guide is intended as a supplement for the study of ancient history in elementary and middle school. It contains 41 images, enough to be used on a weekly basis over the course of a school year, plus a few extra works of art.

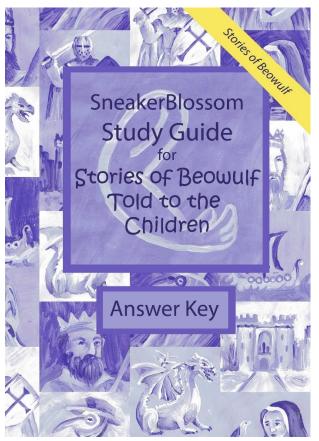
Homeschoolers could consider examining one piece of art per week as part of a "morning time" or "family class". Spend time looking at the art. Marvel at its beauty. Notice everything about it. God is the great Creator, and He has made man in His image. Being creative is part of that.



SneakerBlossom Medieval Literature



Study Guides for Stories of Beowulf Told to the Children



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

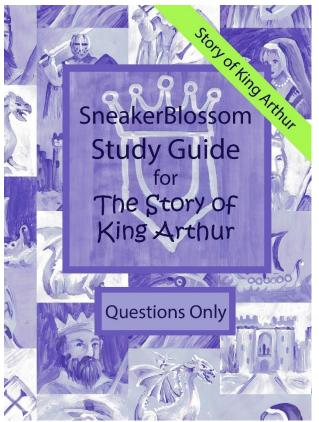
Workbook – Scholarly (print)

Workbook – Comfortable (print)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

Everyone remembers reading Beowulf in high school. Beowulf is the first bit of literature written in English, such as it was at the time. H.E. Marshall's *Stories of Beowulf Told to the Children* is an accurate retelling of the story of the hero, Beowulf, and his nemesis, the monster Grendel. Study this story from a Christian point of view with SneakerBlossom Study Guides.

Study Guides for the Story of King Arthur



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)</u>

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

Workbook - Scholarly (print)

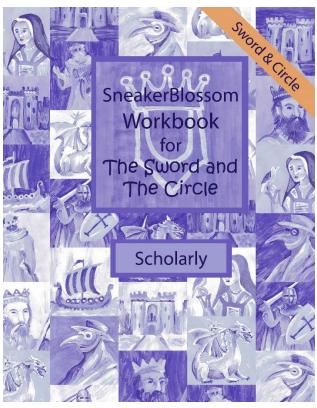
Workbook – Comfortable (print)

Study Guide - Questions Only (e-book)

The Story of King Arthur by Tom Crawford is a short retelling of the life of King Arthur. It includes the most well-known legends and stories, including the tales of the sword in the stone, the Round Table, Morgan le Fay, Lancelot and Guenevere, and the death of King Arthur.

SneakerBlossom Study Guides are available for two versions of the King Arthur stories, this one, and Rosemary Sutcliff's Sword and the Circle, the first in her trilogy of King Arthur books. Tom Crawford's Story of King Arthur is the better choice for you if your family is looking for a quick overview of the King Arthur legends, or if your students are younger, as it is glosses over some of the violence and adultery present in a more faithful, in-depth retelling.

Study Guides for the Sword and the Circle



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (print)</u>

<u>Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)</u>

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

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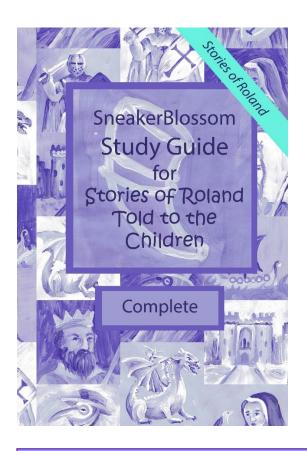
Workbook – Comfortable (print)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

SPECIAL Art Guide

Rosemary Sutcliff's *The Sword and the Circle* is the first book in her trilogy of King Arthur tales. Her stories are rich and full, having been drawn from several medieval sources. Because the author does not shy from presenting the adulterous affairs and bloodshed present in the original tales, this version of the King Arthur legend is recommended for high school students. The Sneaker-Blossom Study Guides for the *Story of King Arthur* are recommended for younger students (see previous page).

Study Guides for Stories of Roland Told to the Children



<u>Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)</u>

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

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Workbook – Comfortable (print)

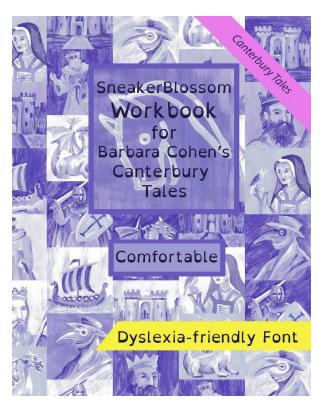
Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

The Song of Roland is the oldest surviving French poem. Based in historical fact, the Song of Roland tells the story of the battle of Roncesvalles between the armies of Charlemagne and a contingent of Saracen princes from Spain. Between the time of the historical battle and the time the poem was written down nearly 300 years later, the legend of Roland grew.

H.E. Marshall's *Stories of Roland Told to the Children* relates the tale of the *Song of Roland*. Take your children to the early Middle Ages when Christian Europe was battling against the Moors of Muslim Spain.

As a bonus, at the beginning of each chapter is a quote from C.K. Moncrieff's translation of the *Song of Roland*, presented so that students can get a sense of the full text.

Study Guides for Barbara Cohen's Canterbury Tales



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (print)

Workbook - Studious (print)

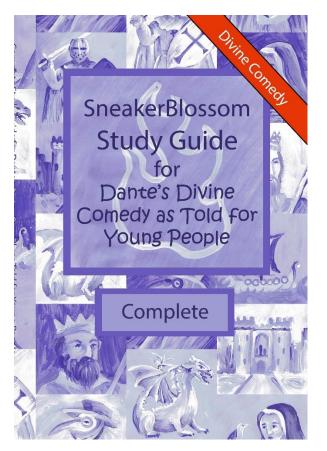
Workbook - Scholarly (print)

Workbook – Comfortable (print)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

Canterbury Tales can be a difficult book to read and enjoy. Not only that, some of it is not exactly PG rated. Barbara Cohen's illustrated Canterbury Tales is a beautiful rendition of four of the original stories: the Nun's Priest's Tale, the Pardoner's Tale, the Wife of Bath's Tale, and the Franklin's Tale. The author has a lovely balance between telling the original stories and making them appropriate for children. With Trina Schart Hyman's amazing illustrations, this book is a thing of beauty.

Study Guides for Dante's Divine Comedy as Told for Young People



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook - Relaxed (print)

Workbook – Studious (print)

Workbook – Scholarly (print)

Workbook - Comfortable (print)

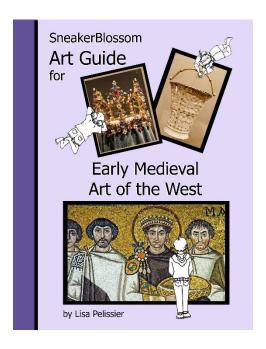
Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

SPECIAL Art Guide

No study of medieval literature would be complete without delving into Dante's *Divine Comedy*. Amazingly, a great young people's edition of the *Divine Comedy* is available. Joseph Tusiani's sublimely accessible book, *Dante's Divine Comedy as Told for Young People*, takes readers into Dante's horrific vision of Hell, up Mount Purgatory, and through the celestial spheres to Paradise.

Let SneakerBlossom Study Guides take you on the journey to understanding and enjoyment. For every chapter a relevant work of art is presented, along with discussion questions. An optional Art Guide includes color renditions of all of the art in the Study Guides plus several extras. Recommended for 9th grade and up.

Art Guide for Early Medieval Art of the West



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The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for Early Medieval Art of the West includes images of art from the early church, Coptic art, "Barbarian" art, Byzantine art, Celtic art, Anglo-Saxon art, Viking art, Merovingian art, Carolingian art, and Ottonian art. For each work of art there is a brief description as well as discussion questions.

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Other SneakerBlossom Medieval History Books

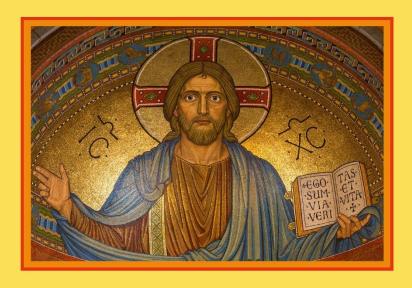
Boniface: The Heart of Christ for Friesland see SneakerBlossom Picture Books – page 37

Art Guide for King Arthur see SneakerBlossom Art Guides – page 32

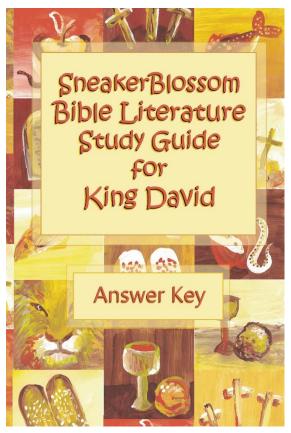
Art Guide for Dante's Divine Comedy see SneakerBlossom Art Guides – page 31



SneakerBlossom Bible Literature



Bible Literature Study Guides for King David



Study Guide – Complete Edition (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (print)

Study Guide – Answer Key (e-book)

Workbook – Relaxed (B/W) (Color)

<u>Workbook – Studious (B/W) (Color)</u>

Workbook - Scholarly (B/W) (Color)

Workbook - Comfortable (B/W) (Color)

Study Guide – Questions Only (e-book)

SPECIAL Art Guide for King David

The Biblical King David is well known for the Sunday School vignettes "David and Goliath" and "David and Bathsheba". Children are taught the simple lessons of faith and obedience, punishment and reward. As children age, their ability to understand the complexities of life grows. They will have more questions and will need answers with depth and thoughtfulness. In this spirit, this Study Guide is presented. King David was more than an example or a paragon. He was a man and a king, a sinner and a saint, a steadfast friend and an adulterer, a murderer and a friend of God.

The SneakerBlossom Bible Literature Study Guides for King David are not intended to be devotionals. They are intended to give the students a sense of the story of David—the flow of his life and the lessons we can learn from it. As always the discussion questions are approached with a Christian worldview. Each lesson includes a work of art with pertinent discussion questions.

The Student Workbooks are available with black and white art at SneakerBlossom Books' low, affordable price, or with full-color art (pricier). All e-books versions have full-color art, as does the SneakerBlossom Art Guide for King David. All male nudity has been modestly fig-leafed.



SneakerBlossom Quick Guides



SneakerBlossom Quick Guides were created to help parents navigate award-winning and popular children's chapter books. They include comprehension and discussion questions for every chapter, as well as vocabulary words.

If you're like me, you want to read good books with your children and have great discussions . . . meaningful discussions . . . worldview-building discussions. But something always seems to happen. Sometimes we don't have time to cuddle up on the couch and read together. Sometimes we do, but when it comes time for discussion, I don't think of meaningful questions to ask until hours later. And by then it is too late.

With SneakerBlossom Quick Guides, you have those discussion questions at your fingertips. Whether you're snuggled up on the sofa reading together, or having a discussion about a book you have both read, you will appreciate being prepared to initiate quality discussions with your kids.

SneakerBlossom Qulok Guide The Bronze Bow

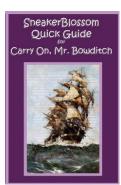
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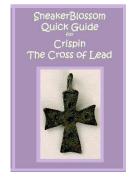
Quick Guide for the *Bronze Bow* **Quick Guide Workbook for the** *Bronze Bow*

Set during the days of Jesus' ministry, the Bronze Bow follows Jewish rebel Daniel as he tries to avenge his parents' deaths and take care of his disabled sister.

Quick Guide for Carry On, Mr. Bowditch Quick Guide Workbook for Carry On, Mr. Bowditch

Follow the well-researched story of the life of Nat Bowditch, a young man who is thrown into a life of indentured servitude in the early days of America, only to rise above his circumstances to become a mathematician and navigator.



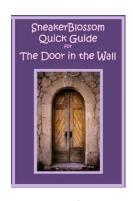


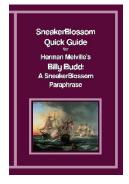
Quick Guide for *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*Quick Guide Workbook for *Crispin: The Cross of Lead*

A poor orphan boy flees from the feudal masters who seek his life. He finds friendship and family in a big red-haired man named Bear and discovers secrets that threaten to blow his world apart.

Quick Guide for the *Door in the Wall*Quick Guide Workbook for the *Door in the Wall*

During the days of the Scottish Wars and the Great Plague in the Middle Ages, young Robin must overcome his handicaps to find a way to persevere.





Quick Guide for Melville's Billy Budd: A SneakerBlossom Paraphrase

Quick Guide Workbook for Melville's Billy Budd: A SneakerBlossom

Paraphrase

Herman Melville's *Billy Budd* is a classic tale of the clash between mercy and justice. Set during the years of the French Revolution, the tale follows the title character, Billy Budd, as he encounters the strict legalism of the heartfelt Captain Vere on board the British ship, the *Indomitable*.



Quick Guide for the *Magician's Nephew*Quick Guide Workbook for the *Magician's Nephew*

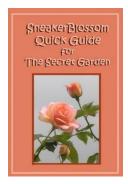
Join Digory and Polly for an insider's look at the creation of Narnia.

Quick Guide for *Miracles on Maple Hill*Quick Guide Workbook for *Miracles on Maple Hill*

Marly's family moves to the country to accommodate her father's PTSD after World War II. There, Marly discovers that miracles can be both small and large.





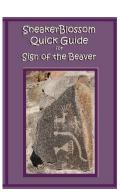


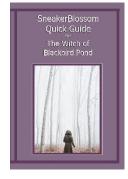
Quick Guide for the Secret Garden Quick Guide Workbook for the Secret Garden

When Mary Lennox's parents died of cholera in British colonial India, she is sent to live with her uncle in his vast mansion on the moors of England, where she learns to shed her bitterness and reach out to help others.

Quick Guide for Sign of the Beaver Quick Guide Workbook for Sign of the Beaver

Young Matt has been left alone in a cabin in Maine during the late colonial era. He has to find a way to live on his own until his father returns with the rest of the family. A Native American family is the key to his survival.





Quick Guide for the Witch of Blackbird Pond Quick Guide Workbook for the Witch of Blackbird Pond

Kit has come to colonial New England to live with her aunt and uncle. There, she befriends a local woman who is accused of witchcraft.



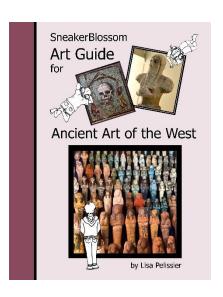
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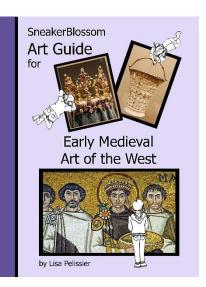


Art Guide for Ancient Art of the West

The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for Ancient Art of the West includes images of art from Ancient Egypt, Ancient Greece, Ancient Rome, and Ancient Mesopotamia. For each work of art there is a brief description as well as discussion questions.

This guide is intended as a supplement for the study of ancient history in elementary and middle school. It contains 41 images, enough to be used on a weekly basis over the course of a school year, plus a few extra works of art. Homeschoolers could consider examining one piece of art per week as part of a "morning time" or "family class." Spend time looking at the art. Marvel at its beauty. Notice everything about it. God is the great Creator, and He has made man in His image. Being creative is part of that.





Art Guide for Early Medieval Art of the West

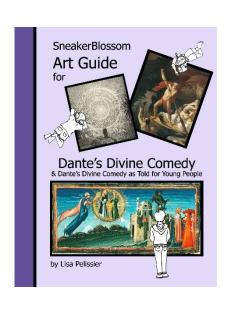
The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for Early Medieval Art of the West includes images of art from the early church, Coptic art, "Barbarian" art, Byzantine art, Celtic art, Anglo-Saxon art, Viking art, Merovingian art, Carolingian art, and Ottonian art. For each work of art there is a brief description as well as discussion questions.

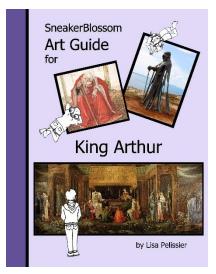
This guide is intended as a supplement for the study of medieval history in elementary and middle school. It contains 38 subjects, enough to be used on a weekly basis over the course of a school year, plus a few extra works of art.

Art Guide for Dante's Divine Comedy

The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for Dante's Divine Comedy and for Dante's Divine Comedy as Told for Young People by Joseph Tusiani presents classical art illustrating the scenes from Dante's vivid and epic telling of Hell, Purgatory, and Paradise.

This SneakerBlossom Art Guide can be used with the SneakerBlossom Study Guides for *Dante's Divine Comedy as Told for Young People* or with any version of Dante's *Divine Comedy*. This guide includes discussion questions for each work of art presented.





Art Guide for King Arthur

The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for King Arthur was created primarily to serve as a supplement to the SneakerBlossom Study Guides for The Sword and the Circle by Rosemary Sutcliff and The Story of King Arthur by Tom Crawford. The existing SneakerBlossom Study Guide Sets for these stories of King Arthur and his knights include black and white images of the art being studied.

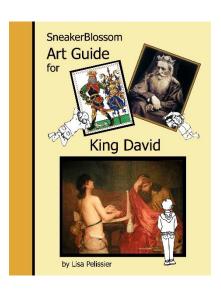
This guide includes larger color images (where applicable) of the same art plus a bonus section including discussion questions for additional art works. The *SneakerBlossom Art Guide for King Arthur* can also be used as a stand-alone resource for discussing art or as a supplement to other versions of the King Arthur story.

Art Guide for King David

The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for King David was created to serve as a supplement to the SneakerBlossom Bible Literature Study Guides for King David. The existing SneakerBlossom Study Guide Sets for these stories of King David include black and white images of the art being studied (color available).

The SneakerBlossom Art Guide for King David includes color images (where applicable) of the same art plus a bonus section including discussion questions for additional art works. This guide can also be used as a stand-alone resource for discussing art or as a supplement to other studies of the life of the Biblical King David.

*All artistic male nudity has been modestly fig-leafed.





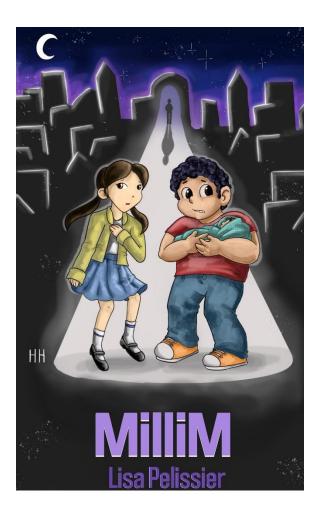
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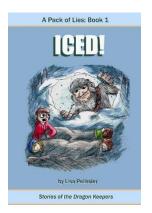
Middle-Grade Wacky Dystopian



Ten-year old Millie is obsessed with evenness, from the height of her pigtails to the distribution of butter and syrup on her waffle. Fortunately for Millie, she lives under the governance of the Council of Benevolence, an entity that seems to be just as consumed with conformity and evenness as Millie is. When Millie and her best friend Silas find a very lopsided, very ugly baby on her front porch, Millie doesn't know what to do. Repulsed and horrified, Millie, accompanied by Silas, sets out for the city and the brazen symmetry of the Council of Benevolence, sure that they can make everything right again. It is only while she is there that she discovers that what you see is not always what you get.

Pack of Lies: Stories of the Dragon Keepers

Middle-Grade Fantasy



Book 1: Iced

Weed is worried that the family vacation to Antarctica will be dangerous. But he has no idea what is in store for him. When his wacky Aunt Tildy meets up with her co-worker Zhu and his dastardly young niece, Joey, the unexpected becomes the norm. Stranded on the frozen continent by the evil workers of the IPS, Weed, his brother Souk, and their cousins, Emmitt and Bojack, learn that Antarctica is not the barren wasteland they thought it was, and that the things that are happening beneath the surface are far more dangerous and intriguing than the icy surface above.

Book 2: Axed

Aunt Tildy left Antarctica with an unexpected passenger on board. Now she's under fire for kidnapping, on trial for her life. It's up to Weed, Souk, Emmitt, and Bojack to help Zhu prove that Aunt Tildy hasn't broken the ancient ordinances of the Dragon Keepers and that she is not deserving of death.

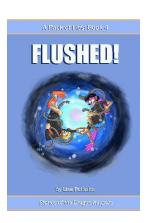


Book 3: Hitched

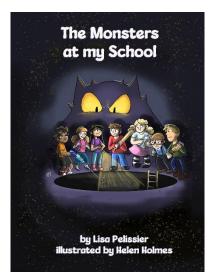
Aunt Tildy's getting married and the family's all there. But so are the evil agents of the IPS. What are they plotting? Who will their victim be? And how can Weed, Souk, Emmitt and Bojack work together with the dragons to save the day?

Book 4: Flushed

Souk and Joey have fled to the underworld of the Submeridian Sea. Will Weed and the Dragon Keepers be able to bring them home again? And will the Dragon Keepers be able to find and rescue the dragon Edelflynn from the evil dwarf Lucy's clutches before it is too late?



Other SneakerBlossom Fiction



The Monsters at my School

Early Readers Chapter Book

Things are going pretty well for second-grader Grayson. He thinks he's aced his math test. It's pizza day at school. What could go wrong?

A glance out the window answers that question.

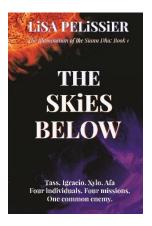
Eyes. Googly eyes. Monster eyes.

Monsters in Trouble (The Monsters at my School #2)

Early Readers Chapter Book

Grayson is still uneasy about stealing to help the monsters, but he's confident that he's doing the right thing. When the school cracks down on the thefts, Grayson and the second graders are worried. How will they help the monsters if they can't get them what they need?





The Skies Below

Book 1 of the Illumination of the Siann Dha - Young Adult Fantasy

Tass. Igracio. Afa. Xylo.

Four individuals that have been living on the fringes of Gannoir, a world where up is down and down is up. Eleven-year-old Tass was relinquished by her parents when it became apparent that she was one of the Mayim, the water caste. Igracio, age 15, was casted Mayim late in life and sent to the Calix against his will. Neither headstrong Tass, nor gentle Igracio could have predicted the forces that would intervene to change the course of their lives.

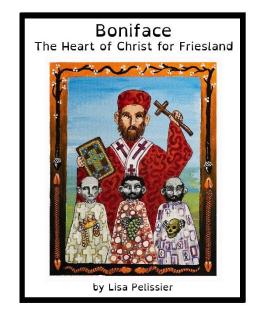
Bitter and brittle Afa has lost her daughter, 22-year-old Mailu, just as elderly soil-miner Xylo has lost his son, Case. Case and Mailu were sent on a secret mission for the Elders two years earlier. Now word has come that a third member of their team has been killed and it's up to Xylo and Afa to find out what happened.

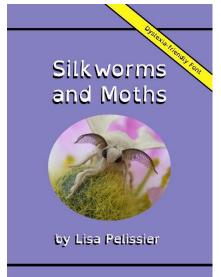
The two threads of the story come together in a way that could change Gannoir forever.

SneakerBlossom Picture Books

Boniface: The Heart of Christ for Friesland

Boniface lived in the early Middle Ages. He was a missionary and a preacher who served God all his life and was martyred in the end. This story of Boniface's life is accompanied by whimsical illustrations that children of all ages will enjoy. The font is dyslexia-friendly. The primary audience for this book will be elementary school children, although it would be an informative read for older people as well.





Silkworms and Moths

Learn about the life-cycle of a silkworm! Beautiful photographs will enchant your young child. Font is dyslexia-friendly.

Amazon review: The photography in this book is excellent. The dyslexia font is makes the text easy to read for young children as well as children with dyslexia. Information in the book was interesting for adults as well as children.

Once Upon a Sunny, Windy, and Rainy Day

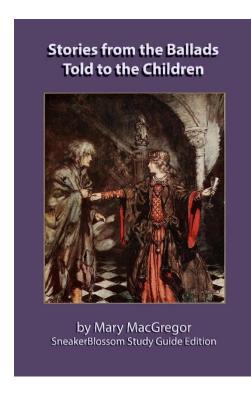
Once Upon a Sunny, Windy, and Rainy Day is a whimsical short story created to help children learn their shapes and colors. My grandmother, who always wanted to add "writer" to her biography, and her husband, an artist, created this handwritten book for her kindergarten students. (She taught from 1950 to the 1972.) With very little editing, I have reformatted her book into something that could be published for today's market. While it lacks the polish of a formally published work, it is a happy and old-fashioned story that will delight young learners.

Also included is the very, very short story, "The Little Line had Fun One Day". It can be used to help children learn how to draw different types of lines.

This book is dedicated to the seven great-grandchildren of Gladys Andersen, and to the kindergarten classes of 1950-1972 at Mountain View Elementary in Northern California.



Other SneakerBlossom Books



Mary MacGregor's Stories from the Ballads Told to the Children is a retelling of seven Scottish fairy tales. Written in the early 1900s, this book charmingly presents some of the lesser-known classic stories. This edition includes SneakerBlossom comprehension and discussion questions to accompany each story.

<u>Print</u>

E-Book

Herman Melville's *Billy Budd:* A SneakerBlossom paraphrase

Herman Melville's *Billy Budd* is a classic tale of the clash between mercy and justice. Set during the years of the French Revolution, the tale follows the title character, Billy Budd, as he encounters the strict legalism of the heartfelt Captain Vere on board the British ship, the Indomitable.

This paraphrase contains every paragraph present in the original, minus the more difficult vocabulary words and with a simpler sentence structure. The entire story is represented in this paraphrased retelling.



Herman Melville's Billy Budd: A SneakerBlossom Paraphrase

SneakerBlossom Reclaim Reading Comprehension

A couple months ago, the neighbor kids were at our house. We have some old wooden puzzles, courtesy of my mother and grandmother, who both taught elementary school. Our ten-year-old neighbor exclaimed, "Miss Lisa! There's something really bad happening in this puzzle! I think it's slavery!"

I looked. The puzzle showed the story of Hansel and Gretel. Hansel was locked in the cage while Gretel was working in the kitchen. It amazed me that this boy had never heard the story of Hansel and Gretel, so after remedying the situation, I pondered how to bring the classic fairy tales to kids in our homeschools and in the classroom.

The result is the **SneakerBlossom Reclaim Reading Comprehension** series.

The first book in this series, the Workbook for Grimm's Fairy Tales is available on Amazon now. It includes 26 fairy tales with 10 comprehension questions for each. Each one should take between 5 and 15 minutes for your second to third grader to complete. This is an easy way to bring fairy tales into your classroom without taking up more read-aloud time that you would rather use for other things. In addition, these have been "student tested" in a classroom setting of 19 second graders. The kids loved doing this activity.



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