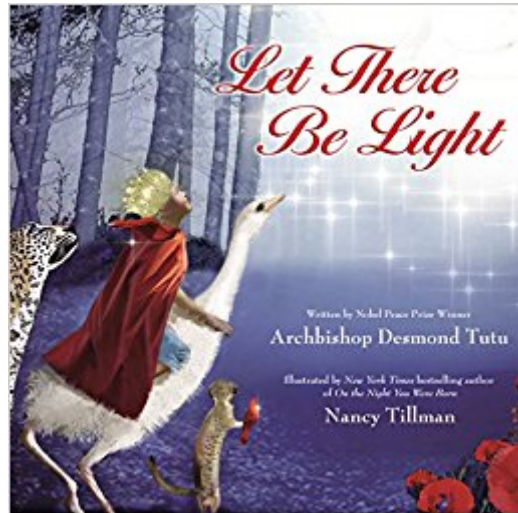




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# Let There Be Light



## Synopsis

Let There Be Light combines the extraordinary talents of Nancy Tillman, the New York Times bestselling author of *On the Night You Were Born*, and Nobel Peace Prize Winner Archbishop Desmond Tutu in this retelling of the biblical story of creation. The pairing of Archbishop Tutu's lyrical text from *The Children of God Storybook Bible* and Tillman's wondrous illustrations bring the pages of this board book to life for readers young and old.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

PreS-Gr 4 • Archbishop Tutu's version of the creation story first appeared in his *Children of God Storybook Bible* (Zonderkids, 2010). The retelling of the first chapter of Genesis is both accessible and poetic, with the emphasis being on God's love. Tillman, best known for her "You Are Loved" trilogy (Feiwel and Friends), brings her signature style to the digitally rendered illustrations. The colors are bright yet misty, with no sharp edges or lines to be found, resulting in a dream-like atmosphere. Her renderings of wild animals are particularly well executed, and a keen observer will find images hiding in clouds. When people appear, they all wear crowns, a conceit that Tillman employed in *The Crown on Your Head* (Feiwel & Friends, 2011) that may prove puzzling to those unfamiliar with the earlier work. It's a lovely book, suitable for larger collections where religious material is in high demand. • Grace Oliff, Ann Blanche Smith School, Hillsdale, NJ --This text

refers to the Hardcover edition.

It is not surprising that in retelling the creation story, South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu focuses on the power of light, an essential element in many religions. The text is taken from Tutu's Children of God Storybook Bible (2010), but the illustrations give it a fresh look, with the theme of illumination permeating all of Tillman's photographlike illustrations, from the stunning sun to the fullness of the clouds to even the heart of a flower. When people finally appear •children here• they are depicted with crowns of light, the kings and queens of creation as well as the keepers of it. There is a softness to Tillman's palette that adds warmth to this inspirational work as it highlights the natural world with realistic portrayals of landscapes, animals, and children. Readers are reminded that God clapped his hands and laughed on the final day before he rested •and that they are loved. Tutu and Tillman precede the text with notes to their readers. This has universal appeal. Preschool-Grade 1. --Edie Ching --This text refers to the Hardcover edition.

Sweet & simple telling of the creation of the earth from Genesis. Easy to understand for younger children. The art is beautiful in traditional Nancy Tillman style. I love that an image of God or His hand is hidden in every page. My kids had fun searching for the picture.

I love Nancy Tillman books and this one is no exception. Beautifully written and illustrated story of the beginning of life. We gave this to our children on Easter and enjoyed reading it to them all that morning.

This is the sweetest book. And it is beautifully decorated. It should be a classic that's on the shelf of every child. I bought it to read to my 6 yr old but it could be read to a much younger child and I don't think you could get too old for it

This book is absolutely gorgeous! As a South African living in the US, I really wanted to find a good selection of books relating to South Africa for my 6 year old daughter. This book does not disappoint! A++

We LOVE Nancy Tillman books. Purchased this for a baby shower gift and the family loves it! Beautiful illustrations, great story!

Nice book, great letters from the authors but it wasn't long enough, nor did it give enough detail about the creation story. I realize it is a children's book but I just think you can and should have more substance, especially for something as beautiful as the story of creation, children can hang in for a longer story and I just think there was too much left out...I was left thinking that I couldn't believe that it had ended when there was so much left to tell...but what is there, is very well done.

Such a great story! I love the illustrations by Nancy Tillman and my 2 year old daughter is always drawn to the books drawn by her! I would buy any book she illustrates! Also a wonderful story of how God created the earth and easy for children to understand.

I pre-ordered this book hoping it wouldn't turn out to be some strange version of the Biblical story of creation. It's sweet and lyrical but not to the extent of becoming cloying, at least to me. The illustrations are, as always with Nancy Tillman, a joy. The book basically follows the sequence of the creation story from Genesis.

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