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Editorial Review

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Ages 4⁺-8. Using portions of his best-selling adult work *Book of Virtues*, former secretary of education William Bennett teams up with artist Michael Hague to create a collection of stories, poems, and fables in a format more suitable for children. Noting in his introduction that his goal is to further the "moral education of the young," Bennett has chosen selections to illustrate 10 virtues, which he further divides into four groups, among them, courage/perseverance and compassion/faith. Many selections, such as the Aesop fables, are easily found elsewhere, but Bennett has also included some full-length versions of poems and tales known only vaguely today. A few selections seem badly dated or unbearably heavy-handed (for example, the story of the boy whose "please" didn't get enough fresh air so it ran away to another boy's mouth), and the apocryphal tale of George Washington and the cherry tree should have been labeled as such. Hague's plentiful artwork adds enormously to the charm of the collection. In keeping with each selection, his style ranges widely, from the comical to the lushly romantic and sweetly old-fashioned. *Susan Dove Lempke*

Review

Children will enjoy this book together with their parents: it requires good reading skills or parental intervention but presents a set of fine stories and colorful illustrations of virtues ranging from work and self-discipline to faith and loyalty. The old-fashioned pictures and virtues extolled will please parents seeking to instill values in the very young. -- *Midwest Book Review*

About the Author

William J. Bennett served as Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy under President George H. W. Bush and as Secretary of Education and Chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities under President Reagan. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Williams College, a doctorate in political philosophy from the University of Texas, and a law degree from Harvard. He is the author of such bestselling books as *The Educated Child*, *The Death of Outrage*, *The Book of Virtues*, and the two-volume series *America: The Last Best Hope*. Dr. Bennett is the host of the nationally syndicated radio show *Bill Bennett's Morning in America*. He is also the Washington Fellow of the Claremont Institute and a regular contributor to CNN. He, his wife, Elayne, and their two sons, John and Joseph, live in Maryland.

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