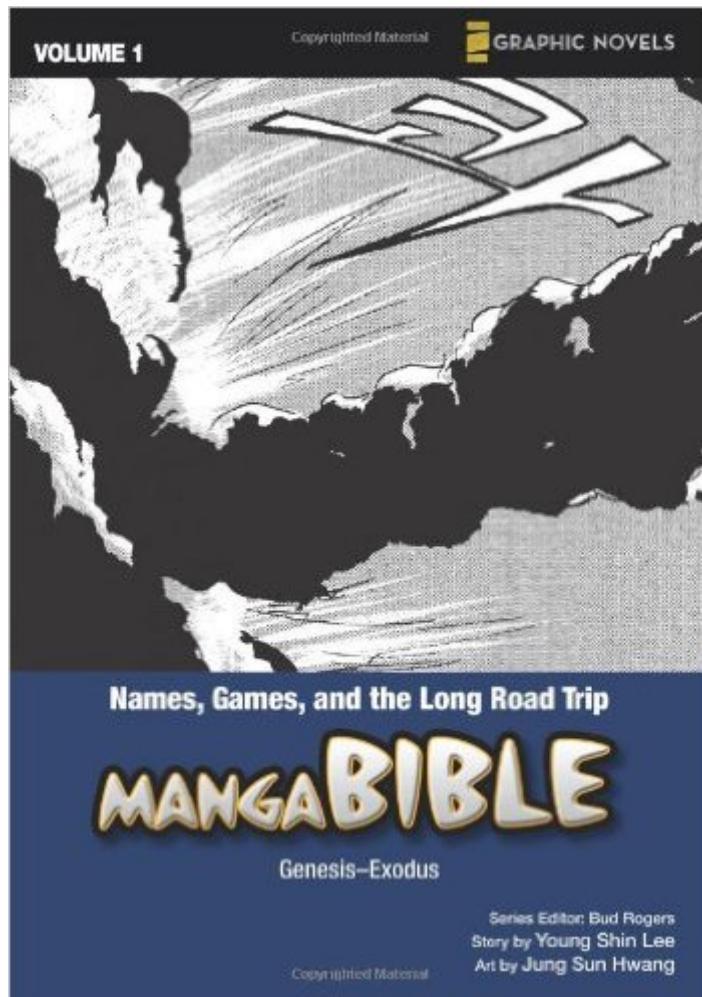


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Manga Bible, Vol. 1: Names, Games, And The Long Road Trip (Genesis, Exodus)



Synopsis

All of Godâ™s Creatures Are Talking in Bubbles! See the creation of the earth and the parting of the sea like youâ™ve never seen them before. With cool artwork and loads of humor, Names, Games, and the Long Road Trip gives the first two books of the Bible a totally different look. Itâ™s manga style, where pictures tell the storyâ™ and the action moves fast. Everyoneâ™ including Adam, Eve, Noah, and Mosesâ™ talks and thinks in word bubbles. Who knew discovering the important truths in Genesis and Exodus could be so exciting and fun?

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Age Range: 9 - 12 years

Grade Level: 4 and up

Customer Reviews

First I should say that it would be worthwhile for parents to review the page inserts on the publisher's home site as some may find the style & humor used in this graphic novel irreverent since this is a retelling of the bible as a comic with the author's own style / humor in it. For instance for the fall of man, Adam sees Eve happily eating the fruit and has a shocked look on his face. Eve says, "Adam, this fruit is tasty. Why don't you try one?" "Eve, God told us not to eat from this tree...!" says Adam. "C'mon it's good." says Eve. "We'll get in trouble with God..." says Adam. Eve's eyes tear up, "Oh Adam... you've changed... I'm telling you it's good, but all you can think about is getting in trouble with God..." Adam says, "Changed? What are you saying? If you say its good I'll eat whatever you say." Then Eve winks with a grin at the reader and as Adam takes a bite she says,

"Girls can make guys do anything..." That was borderline for me. The book steps kids through the books so they know the people and events in a section of the bible that normally kids this age would normally skip with a few exceptions. We've read through children's bibles to cover these with our kids, but my six year picks this one up on his own. However, it is not a substitute for the real bible when they become old enough since knowing people & places does not constitute faith. In summary, I find it to be a fun complement to any child's religious experience with the old testament, but certainly not a teaching of the underlying principles and applications to their lives. That is left to parents (as it should be). The art is great.

First, let's clarify that this is not manga. At best, it's manhwa, but really, I think calling that is an insult to manhwa. The "art" in this volume is absolutely, completely horrible. A 10 year old could do better than this. Although this is marketed for kids, I suspect most of them would also throw the book down in disgust. Kids aren't stupid and they recognize bad art work. The text itself is okay, though there is some inappropriate humor that conflicts with this being a presentation of the bible, but as a whole Tyndale's Manga Bible is a far better choice.

The art is decent (assuming you're into the style, it's nothing like a western style). As another reviewer noted it's technically manhwa in that it's Korean not Japanese. If that distinction is important to you, then skip this one. (I don't see why anyone should really care but...). It does read some theology into the text. But for the most part it's kept in check. Unlike some other "comic book" bibles, the snake in the garden is just that, a snake (although some might take issue with the portrayal of arms/legs prior to the "apple" incident). There are no strange declarations inserted without reason - e.g. another attempt at this sort of thing informs the reader that God was not, absolutely not, lonely before creating Adam, et al (yes this is a fairly well supported theological doctrine but it's just not in the actual Genesis text). So, the real question: should you get it? Depends on what you want it for. If you're hoping a "manga bible" will get your teen to read the bible, I'd say skip it because I really doubt this (or any other comic book bible) is going to pull that one off. If you're looking for a more advanced version of the story bibles your child is outgrowing, I'd say maybe but realize that there's a fair amount in here that'll go right over the head of most kids under 8 or 9 (which isn't necessarily bad). If you're looking for an interesting take on some classic bible stories, I'd say sure, this one will give you that.

Names, Games, and the Long Road Trip, is based on Genesis and Exodus and is done in the

manga style which leads to the black and white illustrations and speech bubbles telling the story. No character is left out. Read about Adam, Eve, Noah and more. About the author- Young Shin Lee founded the Korean Cultural Research Center, serves at the Korean Defense Graduate School Church and has a master degree. He has written The Manhwa Bible in Korean. About the illustrator- Jung Sun Hwang has drawn for The Manhwa Bible and other books in Korea. He also has a degree in Architectural Engineering. My thoughts- I have always avoided reading the ever popular graphic novels, but when I learned that there were Christian graphic novels, I decided I would give them a try. I really liked what I read and saw in this book. The graphic novels are in the "manga" style, which is Japanese term for "comic." These books are unlike the comics I grew up with as they are published in black and white with strong artwork and emotions in a book format. I would agree that there is strong artwork and emotions shown in this book using the "manga" style. I really enjoyed this book, because I could see what the manga style was showing. I could easily tell who the characters were and how it related to Genesis and Exodus. I would recommend Names, Games, and the Long Road Trip, because graphic novels are becoming more popular. As graphic novels become more popular it will be more important than ever to have Christian graphic novels for people to read. Disclosure of Material Connection: I received this book free from Zondervan. I was not required to write a positive review. The opinions I have expressed are my own. I am disclosing this in accordance with the Federal Trade Commission's 16 CFR, Part 255.

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