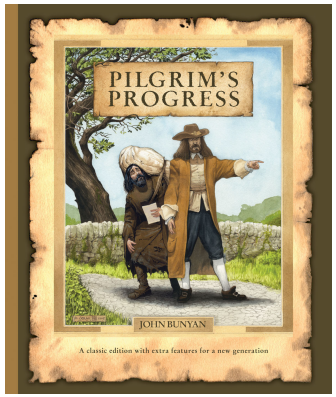
Pilgrim's Progress

John Bunyan

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DESCRIPTION

Bunyan's plan for his readers is for them to travel through this book as an adventure through the Christian life – retold on paper and in pictures. The story of Christian and his companions has been a favourite for generations. John Bunyan's imaginative text brings out the same, practical, necessary lessons that everyone needs to know – both today and yesterday.

Additional features and study sections have been included to help today's generation of children to understand the book. These will help you to get behind some of the characters and places that Bunyan describes. You will also learn about Bunyan himself through a 'life summary' and get some ideas on how to use this book. A small number of archaic words have been changed to modern equivalents and there is a dictionary and footnotes to provide additional help.

MARKETING POINTS

Original Classic Text

Illustrated with Line Drawings

AUTHOR

John Bunyan (1628–1688) was a famous preacher and writer who, during his life, penned over 2 million words, his most famous work being 'The Pilgrim's Progress'.

ENDORSEMENTS

"Next to the Bible, the book that I value most is John Bunyan's "Pilgrim's Progress" ... it is ... the Bible in another shape."

C. H. Spurgeon
Famous 19th century preacher

'This wonderful work is one of the very few books which may be read over repeatedly at different times, and each time with a new and a different pleasure'

Samuel Taylor Coleridge

Pilgrim's Progress definitely qualifies as a book that every person who calls himself a Christian should read. The preacher Charles Spurgeon is reported to have read Pilgrim's Progress 100 times! Spurgeon said he suspected that if John Bunyan were to be poked, he would bleed scripture. The story is a wonderful allegory which richly illustrates deep biblical truths, and Bunyan's knowledge and understanding of the Bible is evident as he weaves so many ideas and terms from the Bible throughout his story.

Bunyan's goal in writing Pilgrim's Progress was to present Christian doctrine and truths in a way that was entertaining and memorable so it would be easily understood and remembered by the average layperson. Bunyan gives his metaphorical characters and places self-descriptive names - Worldly Wiseman, Evangelist, Faithful, Atheist, Doubting Castle, Celestial City, - so his meaning is clearly conveyed to the reader. His descriptions and use of symbolism create a lasting impression in the reader's mind. He has a way of taking an idea from Scripture and graphically bringing it to life.

A few ideas are repeated throughout the story that communicate spiritual truths clearly taught in the Bible. Probably the most prevalent and important theme is that there is only one right path - one way to heaven. Every time Christian strays from this path, he gets himself into trouble. Another truth which comes through is that the journey to heaven (the Christian life) is not an easy one. Bunyan's story reminds the Christian reader that he will certainly face various temptations, obstacles, distractions, and difficulties throughout life. Bunyan also shows in his story that God always provides instruction, help and comfort along the way, through his Word and through His

TECHNICAL DETAILS

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