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Rediscover the parable of the Ten Virgins with a unique and enthralling presentation that provides a personal, latter-day perspective to the classic New Testament story. In this beautifully illustrated volume, featuring all-new art by Simon Dewey, each of the Ten Virgins from the biblical account is given an identity and an individual story. Each is portrayed with a positive quality or virtue that would be characteristic of a wise virgin. But as their stories unfold and the struggles of their daily lives are revealed, each woman makes choices that ultimately determine whether she will be one of the five who are prepared with lamps trimmed and burning at the coming of the Bridegroom. With an effective blend of scripture and narrative, this expanded, illustrated treatment of the well-known parable allows readers to relate to the actions and motives of the Ten Virgins in a new way.

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Rebecca Young says

I decided to grab this book at my library after really enjoying her "Love life and See good days". This is a short story about the ten virgins. She gives them each a name, a personality, and just explores the type of women they might have been. She does a great job of having each of them be basically good people. None of them are trying to choose poorly...but they are just not as aware as they should be...they let themselves be distracted. The story includes a shopkeeper that represents Christ and I really loved how he was represented and the part he had in the story. I loved the idea of him giving an individualized oil lamp to each of the women. He knew them each and hoped that they used the gift he had given them and wanted them to come back often for their oil to be replenished. I have always had a special love of this particular parable and now I love it even more!

Tenille says

I really enjoyed this book. Although Fictional, it was great to read of how these women were different and how they were all like me in some way... and how I need to prepare and be like those who were prepared.

Marshall says

I enjoyed slow deliberate reading, reflecting how each one of the women are like so many of us, virgins in the gospel, only by keeping our spiritual lamp full will we be ready for the bridegroom. Let each one be as the five wise virgins.

Jessica says

I read this once to myself, and once to my husband. I want to be like Dina.

Kathy says

Wow what a great little book. Although I fear after reading it, I might be counted among the five foolish virgins and can definitely be better than I am. I heard Emily Freeman speak at Time Out for Women and she has an amazing spirit about her. Simon Dewey fills this book with beautiful illustrations. My favorite one right at the beginning with Christ as the shopkeeper

Sirpa Grierson says

Loved the way that a very important aspect of the gospel is taught through the thoughtful simplicity of this book. The paintings by Dewey are often gorgeous. Like Jenne, who recommended it to me, I found a little of myself in many of the women. Will my lamp be full? Do I hold up my light so that it can shine in the darkness?

Hillary says

This book is perfect for little girls and teaching them about enduring to the end as a disciple of Jesus Christ. The art work is beautiful, and the author did an amazing job showing how easy it is for good people to get distracted and be "too busy," to fit Christ into their lives. I loved this fictitious prequel to the parable of the Ten Virgins. Would recommend it to anyone!

Jessica says

I did really enjoy this book. When I first saw the title of the book, i was surprised that it was made into a picture book and was interested to see how they made the story so where children could understand it. The story goes through the lives of ten women and their reaction to the little oil lamps that they had been given. As I read the picture book, knowing the bible story, I wondered when it would get to the part that was actually in the Bible. I think that the theory behind this story is very interesting. For me, it added an individuality that I hadn't paid attention to before. In practice, however, i think that it is just a little too long for little children. By the time you get to the moral of the story, you're kinda bored.

Carolyn says

This is such an easy read with beautiful pictures and a good message. I like that the foolish virgins aren't evil. They are foolish in the same ways we ourselves sometimes are. The best part is the portrayal of the lamp maker.

Heather says

We did a presentation based on this book for our women's group Christmas program last year. It was interesting to analyze all of the personalities of the women in this book and see which one might be like me.

Laura says

I loved that this book put a face on these ten women. It made me want to be a better person and be more prepared. I liked the idea that all of these women were neat ladies, they just let things in their life get in the

way of preparing for the Savior.

Chelsea Merkley says

This Book took me about 20 minutes or less to read. I love Emily Freeman's writing style. Her thoughts and stories are so carefully woven from scripture. She gives each Virgin a name and a personality. In the Introduction, she explains that she sees part of herself in each of these Women, and that she believes that all the Woman were righteous. I love how Simon Dewey's Art fits with her narrative style. Do not miss out on the Introduction and Reference Sections.

Mary Wescott says

This is a very thought provoking book with absolutely gorgeous artwork. My claim to fame? A dear friend of mine is in it! Let me add she's nothing like what she's portrayed, however, this a little bit of all of us in them! I won't mention any names you know who you are!

Nancy Fuller says

This is a book that looks like a children's story book but is written for adults.

This parable gives much room for thought and interpretation. I liked this book, because it doesn't portray the foolish virgins as overly wicked, just preoccupied and distracted, something that can happen to any of us. I have seen a picture and a reenactment of the picture that portrays the foolish virgins as very wicked. Something this book does not do.

I was a little disappointed that the book doesn't definitively define who were the foolish and who were the wise virgins, it leaves that up to the reader to determine.

I hope this doesn't spoil the book for those who want to read it, but I am choosing to give the names of each virgin in the book

Eliana - received the truth and was not deceived

Leora - took the Holy Spirit as her guide

Ashira- other interests consumes her time

Gabriella - diligence to God's service

Adi- An entire absence of personal preparation

Malka -brought her own lamp, but not her oil, she has no concept of personal responsibility and obligation, nor that the call would come so suddenly and there would be so little time between the arrival of the Bridegroom and the closing of the door

Dina - she has the oil of service to others

Nava- she kept the lamp with her constantly, but she seldom used the lamp because of the constant attention and diligence needed to keep the lamp lit

Liraz- the oil in this lamp was prayer, but one drop or two will not keep the lamp burning

Jessa- was full of grace, personal conversion and holiness

I hope this doesn't spoil it for you, there is so much more to read and ponder in this book. Which virgin am I?
Is there anything I need to change?

Cara says

I loved this book. It was so beautifully approached. The illustrations are breathtaking, the story so well told.
Loved it. I love the references at the end that illustrate how well researched the details of the story were.
