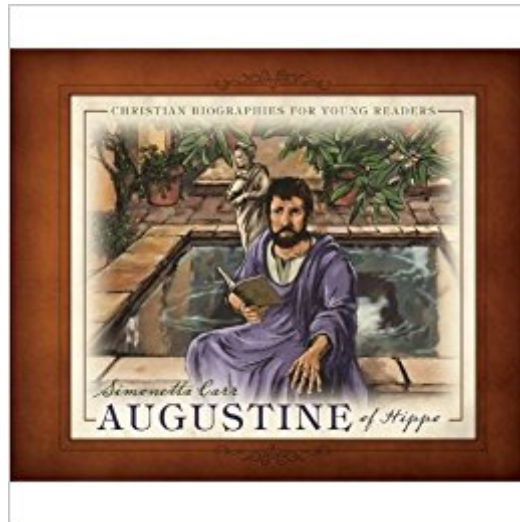




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# Augustine Of Hippo (Christian Biographies For Young Readers)



## Synopsis

Outside of the people in the Bible, Augustine of Hippo is the most influential person in church history. Yet how many people know his story? In this book, Simonetta Carr introduces young readers to the life and ministry of Augustine. Readers will come to know Augustine's personal struggles and the high value he came to place on the Bible and truth. Readers will also see the difficult days in which Augustine lived, learning about his disputes with false teachers and the turbulent times during the fall of the Roman Empire. This volume is vividly illustrated, simply written, and full of interesting facts. It is written for young readers, but is sure to capture the interests of the whole family. Table of Contents: 1. Growing Up 2. In Search of Wisdom 3. Italy 4. A Decision to Follow God 5. A Minister against His Will 6. Difficult Times 7. Augustine's Last Days Time Line Did You Know? Series Description The Christian Biographies for Young Readers series introduces children to important people in the Christian tradition. Parents and school teachers alike will welcome the excellent educational value it provides for students, while the quality of the publication and the artwork make each volume a keepsake for generations to come. Furthermore, the books in the series go beyond the simple story of someone's life by teaching young readers the historical and theological relevance of each character.

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“A splendid way to introduce children-and adults too-to one of the most influential Christians who ever lived.” • Phillip S. Cary, Scholar in Residence at the Templeton Honors College at Eastern University, and author of several books on Augustine “Few figures in Western history are as important as Augustine. He is one of the early church fathers to whom the Reformers rightly looked as an inspiration for their theology and piety in many respects but he is more than that. He is an old and dear friend. Simonetta Carr has produced a clear, readable introduction to the life and work of this great Christian and our old friend.” • R. Scott Clark, Professor of Church History and Historical Theology at Westminster Seminary California “In this book, Simonetta Carr introduces young readers to Augustine’s life and spiritual ministry. Readers will learn about the personal conflicts Augustine faced as he discovered the high value of the Bible and the truth. They will also experience the difficult days Augustine lived, learning much from his disputes with false teachers, as well as the turbulent times of the fall of the Roman Empire. This volume is accurately illustrated and simply written to attract the reader’s attention to the interesting facts of St. Augustine’s life. Written for ages 7-12, it can capture the interest of the whole family.” (Associazione Storico Culturale Sant’Agostino, Italy - translated from Italian).

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Simple for grade school kids, with nice illustrations. Would be a good starting point for any age to start a study of Augustine’s life, however, don’t be afraid to introduce your younger ones to his actual writings, especially in "Confessions," since those are easily understood.

Great introduction to a very important man in church history. Interesting content to captivate young and old readers alike. Great addition to the church library.

I've just read Simonetta Carr's book about Augustine and was impressed at how much information there was about this often quoted man of early Christian history. It introduces our young people (and adults as well) to a man whose faith and wisdom have affected so many throughout the ages while describing the life and culture of that time in history. Mrs. Carr does a wonderful job describing Augustine's personal journey of recognizing his sinfulness amidst the various beliefs of that day to the struggle he endured in coming to finally surrender to Christ. It may be just the appetizer one needs before diving into Augustine's own writings. I would highly recommend it.

Very good, though not quite so visually interesting as other of Simonetta Carr's books in this series. Also, though she deals with all periods of Augustine's life, she might have given a tasteful paragraph, somehow, dealing more directly with his pre-conversion hedonism; readers who grow up to learn more about Augustine may look back at this book with slight confusion on the issue. Still, overall a really useful and engaging book! (Also, there is one glaring typo: the caption of one illustration reads "410 BC" when, obviously, it should be AD.)

Congratulations, Simonetta, on this clear production of the life of Augustine of Hippo. I'm sure that your readers will not only learn much about this eminent church father, but will also enjoy your writing style and the illustrations. I particularly liked your mixture of hand drawn illustrations with maps and photographs, which help to ground this tale in history. I hope that many young Christians will read your newest book in this admirable series (Christian Biographies for Young Readers).

Really enjoyed this book as I read it to my children. Gave lots of interesting detail and a timeline. At the back it has other interesting stories and highlights. The book is broken into 7 chapters, which can be read each day. It also includes wonderful engaging pictures that bring the story to life. I highly recommend it!

The book is well written and well illustrated, but has a serious and regrettable flaw; the language of the text imposes a Zwinglian view of baptism upon Augustine. This is historically inaccurate. Augustine did not believe that baptism is merely "God's mark of His work in our souls", (p.19). Nor did he believe that it's the prescribed way for a Christian to publically profess his faith, (p. 28, 31). Like all catholic Christians,(my use of the lower case "c" is intentional), Augustine believed baptism to be exactly what the Scriptures say: the sacrament by which Christ, working through His Body, the church, washes away our sins. The book has many positives, but brings with it the hazard of

misinforming young readers concerning a core belief of one of God's great teachers.

The visuals in this book are beautiful and it presents a nice history lesson. But I was disappointed in the text, and how often the writer used the word "wrong" to describe how Augustine thought about other religions. I doubt very much Augustine, highly educated in logic and rhetoric would have gone around thinking and saying something was "wrong" ... subtext being: "because the bible says so". Instead, Augustine wrote many books arguing his points using deductive reasoning, rather than thinking and speaking in ungrounded absolutes. So, this very important piece of the story was missing.

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