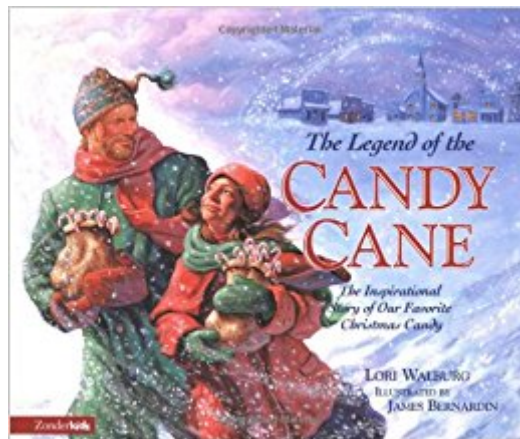




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# The Legend Of The Candy Cane: The Inspirational Story Of Our Favorite Christmas Candy



## Synopsis

One dark November night a stranger rides into a small prairie town. Who is he? Why has he come? The townspeople wish he were a doctor, a dressmaker, or a trader. But the children have the greatest wish of all, a deep, quiet, secret wish. Then a young girl named Lucy befriends the newcomer. When he reveals his identity and shares with her the legend of the candy cane, she discovers fulfillment of her wishes and the answer to her town's dreams. Now will she share what she has learned? Warm, lavish illustrations by James Bernardin bring to life a timeless tale by Lori Walburg, a story that will help families celebrate the mystery and miracle of Christmas for many Christmases to come.

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## Customer Reviews

For those who cringe at the creeping materialism surrounding Christmas, a pious story about the origins of the candy cane is definitely a change of pace. A stranger arrives in town one dreary November and begins hammering and sawing away at his newly rented storefront. When a small girl offers her help, she's in for a childhood fantasy-come-true, as it turns out all the shelves and counters are being built for a candy shop. After offering young Lucy gumdrops and lollipops, Mr. Sonneman launches into the history of the candy cane. With his guidance, she discovers that the upturned candy is in the shape of a j--for Jesus. Right side up it looks like a shepherd's staff. And

the red stripes? The blood of Christ from his terrible whipping. Lucy and Mr. Sonneman set out on a quest to share this story with everyone in town. Their message (and their gift of the pepperminty red-and-white sticks) brings the whole town together in a joyful celebration of Christmas (and candy). James Bernardin's old-timey acrylic and colored pencil illustrations are reminiscent of Norman Rockwell, but depict both modern and biblical times. Candy canes will never taste quite the same again. (Ages 6 to 9) --Emilie Coulter

Featuring a keepsake edition of *The Legend of the Candy Cane* by Lori Walburg, illus. by James Bernardin, *The Legend of the Candy Cane Gift Set* also includes an enhanced CD (with a reading of the story, carols, screensaver and wallpaper) plus a candy-cane ornament. Ages 4-8. Copyright 2002 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to the Board book edition.

This is a lovely book with a sweet story (pun not intended). My almost-5-year-old daughter enjoyed it. I read the reviews before purchasing and was concerned about the negative reviews in regards to the illustration of Jesus being whipped. This was not a graphic picture at all. (One can see far more disturbing images on television.) My daughter is very familiar with how Jesus died on the cross and shed His blood to wash away our sins, and neither the illustration nor the story disturbed her at all. I really liked how the story linked candy canes with Jesus. I don't care if this was a historically-correct story or not. The book doesn't claim to be based on historical fact. The back of the book even says, "While we may never know the full history of the candy cane, we can share in the truth behind its symbol, the truth of Christ's birth and redemption, and the gift of his love." It's a good story for children that provides a nice way to remind children of why Jesus was born here on earth. I ordered this book on 12/10 and received it 12/23. I was a little disappointed in how long it took to get here, but at least it did come before Christmas.

I bought this book back when the original came out. I only pulled it out after Thanksgiving every year and had little idea the impact it had as I read it to my three children. Now, 19 years later, my eldest daughter, now a K-4 teacher, heisted my family copy and was saddened when she couldn't find an original copy. This original copyright version arrived quickly, as promised, and in perfect condition. Now this keepsake is back on my shelf and another will be blessing an entire elementary school as she reads it to all of her music students for years to come and her own children one day!!

Maybe it isn't the real origin of the candy cane, but it's a beautiful way to incorporate the true

meaning of Christmas into a fun story about a treat that has become a Christmas icon. Beautiful illustrations, with an even more beautiful story!! can't recommend this book highly enough for parents who want a fun Christmas story with a beautiful salvation message!

I bought this book to go along with a colouring project for my Sunday school class. Today I read it to my children and they LOVED it!! The story was heartwarming and the illustrations were so detailed and colourful.

Gave to co-workers along with a giant candy cane, they loved this

This great children's Christmas book includes audio narration (so you can read along) and video clips that go along with the story. Tells the story of the candy cane and how it represents Jesus (looks like a shepherd's staff or the letter J), red stripes for his suffering for us, and white to remind us that he washes us white as snow.

I purchased this item to do a Christmas children's sermon. The book is perfect for that purpose and is so relevant to what the spirit of Christmas should be. I am going to read the whole book to our youth. This book would also be a great book to read to the family on Christmas eve. It not only explains Christmas and the origin of the candy cane, it gives encouragement to do what the book says, even at a level for children to spread the good news of Christmas. As part of the children's sermon, I am going to give the children each several candy canes so they can do what the book says and share the real Christmas story. A must read for young children. It would also be a great Christmas present. I loved the book!!!Pastor Allan

Bought this to show at our church Christmas party, but it is not the same message as the book. The book says red for Jesus' blood, white for his pureness. The movie says red for sadness and white for joy. It is a cute movie, but ultimately we didn't show it because it didn't match the message of the party. Disappointing.

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