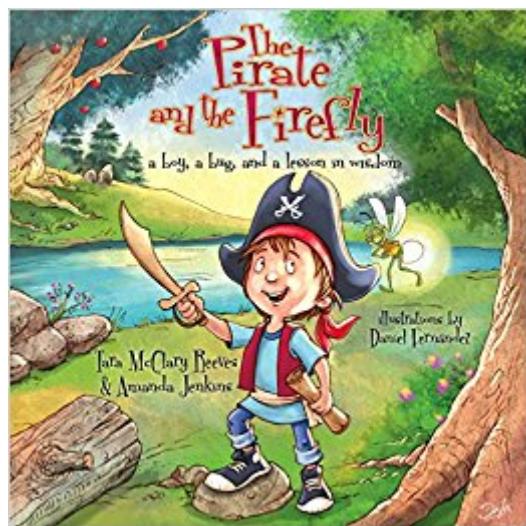


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# The Pirate And The Firefly: A Boy, A Bug, And A Lesson In Wisdom (Firefly Chronicles)



## Synopsis

Oliver loves pretending to be a pirate, but learns that blindly following others doesn't leave him with a good feeling inside. In this Scripture adventure, kids join Oliver as he rights the wrongs done by his so-called pirate friends. Through it all, Captain Oliver learns that following God's way is the true way to wisdom! The second book in the Firefly Chronicle series brings entire sections of Scripture to life via imaginative, fantastical stories that use a passage from Psalms to help children understand and apply biblical truths to their lives. Based on Psalm 1:1-3.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

Tara McClary Reeves is the author of *Don't Tell That to Beasley* and one of her joys and privileges as a parent is daily pointing her two teens and toddler to Jesus. She is thrilled Amanda Jenkins agreed to join her on *The Knight and the Firefly* and is prayerful their collaboration will equip parents and children to focus and depend upon the Lord. Tara and her husband, Lee, live in Davidson, North Carolina with their 13-year-old twins, Caroline and Daniel, and 14-month-old "bonus baby," Harrison. She blogs at [www.rememberyourraisin.com](http://www.rememberyourraisin.com). Amanda Jenkins is passionate about communicating biblical truths to kids in a way they can understand and connect with. Amanda lives just outside of Chicago with her husband, Dallas, and their four

young children. She is also the daughter-in-law of Jerry B. Jenkins, author of the best-selling "Left Behind" series. Daniel Fernández was born in Santiago de Chile, and has lived in Germany since the age of five. He has worked as Creative Director, Art Director, illustrator, designer, Head of Art and worked for many advertising agencies and Publishing Editorials in Chile, The United States, Germany, Denmark and Italy. He has published over 30 titles. He has won awards for creativity and art direction: Cannes, New York Festivals, Big Amauta, International Echo Awards Grand prix, Big Idea Ogilvy, Gráfica el Mercurio, Effie Awards, Fiap.

This book has a great lesson in it for young boys. It is also a hard back book that makes it great for kids and allows the book to last longer. It was a perfect gift for my 6 year old Godson to practice his reading with a fun and educational story.

Cute story, I teach at a private Christian school, my Kindergarten class loved it.

Wonderful truth teaching book for young children!

Wonderful book/message

We have read this a few times, but every time I've found we are lost in several parts. The story feels disjointed, as if we skipped over a page or something. It's not fun to constantly be checking to see if you missed a page or a chunk of text. My four year old likes to look at the book and examine the situations, the topic is good, and the point comes across, but it is contrived and jumbled. I regret spending money on it, find it at a library.

Children are often faced with the choice between doing what they know is right with God and following friends with bad ideas. It can be a difficult choice. "The Pirate and the Firefly" by Tara McClary Reeves and Amanda Jenkins can be a great discussion starter for talking with young kids about making the right choices. I had the opportunity to review "The Pirate and the Firefly", a hardback book designed for children ages 4-8. It's the second book in this series designed to teach kids lessons from the book of Psalms. Oliver is the hero of our story. He's a little boy who, along with his friends, is a pirate wanna be. But when his friends start doing things Oliver knows are wrong- like stealing and bullying- Oliver has to make a choice to follow what he knows God wants him to do or going along with his friends. Oliver has a firefly friend- Phineas- who shows Oliver from Psalm 1

what it means to follow God, not the way of the wicked. And Phineas helps Oliver to plot a course for following God, even when it's hard. I loved this sweet children's story with cute illustrations and a great lesson to be learned. It's written so that younger children can easily understand it read with a parent, or children a little older can read it independently. The story is simple enough for little children, but it doesn't talk down to them. Oliver's friend, Phineas, shows Oliver that the place to go for answers is God's Word, and Scripture is quoted as he talks to Oliver about what to do. At the end of the book is a great little study that parents can do with kids with some additional Scripture, some questions for discussion, and a family activity. *The Pirate and the Firefly* is a great way to talk to your kids about friends and making the right choices. It's one I can read with my younger girls- ages 9 and 10- even though they are above the target age range because the topic is one that kids will face again and again as they grow up.

Title: *The Pirate and the Firefly*  
Authors: Tara McClary Reeves and Amanda Jenkins  
Illustrator: Daniel Fernandez  
Publisher: B&H Kids  
ISBN: 978-1-4336-8120-2  
"Oliver, people who want you to do things that are wrong or dangerous are not true friends. But God wants to be our best friend, and He loves us more than anyone else does." Phineas reminds Oliver in Tara McClary Reeves and Amanda Jenkins' book, "The Pirate and the Firefly." A Boy, a Bug, and a Lesson in Wisdom." Part of the Firefly Chronicles, this thirty-two page hardbound targets four to eight year-old children who enjoy stories about pirates with a Christian theme. With no scary or violent scenes except bullying, the book contains written out verses of the New Living Translation of the Bible. Due to some complicated wording, it would best be read out loud to beginner readers. At the end of the book, a "Parent Connection" page contains a Bible verse, reading material suggestions, six discussion questions, and five activities. Author and educator Reeves has written other children's books and lives in North Carolina with her husband and three children. Author Jenkins has written several books, and her family of six live in Illinois. Illustrator Fernandez has published over thirty titles, won several art awards, and has lived in several countries. With colorful, detailed illustrations, this tale involves a boy named Oliver who wants desperately to be a pirate, even if it involves hanging around with the wrong kind of friends. Being the newest recruit to the gang, Oliver is upset when they steal candy from Mr. Bryan's store. The buccaneers taunt and tease the newcomer and bother other children. When Oliver goes home, his mother notices something is upsetting her son but he does not confide in her. Instead, a firefly named Phineas reminds Oliver what the Bible

says and takes him on a dream adventure of standing up to peer pressure, being a hero instead of a villain, and helping other people. Although the story does not ideally solve the problem of Oliver confronting the troublemakers and there is a pretend firefly, it offers Biblical guidelines and verses on how to follow God, not others. The ending's discussions and activities will further engage those reading the book. Thanks to Shelton Interactive for furnishing this complimentary book in exchange for a review based on the reader's honest opinions.

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