

Recommendation review for My Guardian Angel

A NOTE TO READERS

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You Are Your Child's First Teacher

Many parents have had the experience of entering the room where their newborn was sleeping and being amazed that such a tiny being could have such a huge presence. A parent I quoted in *You Are Your Child's First Teacher* reported that her three-year-old asked who was in the corner of the room as her baby sister was being nursed. The mother, seeing no one herself, asked tentatively, "Perhaps an Angel?"

and reports that the child broke into smiles and agreed enthusiastically as the room filled with peace and light. Such examples are not uncommon, and illustrate that many young children are still very much in touch with the spiritual world from which they have come.

This book provides a wonderful opportunity to give your child the recognition and reassurance that what they may experience as common place is not foreign to you even if your own awareness of the angelic realms may have dimmed as you became engrossed in the affairs of the adult world.

This book is designed to be read slowly with your child, without a lot of questions or intellectual commentary. Linger over each drawing, simply allowing your child to "live into" the beautiful colors and images and the simple words. If you don't ask questions or intellectualize, you might find that your child shares something with you, either as you look at the book together, or at a later time.

Parents sometimes wonder how to respond to a young child who asks about angels or God or what happens after you die (or before you were born). Jesus often responded with parables— living stories or images that feed the soul rather than cold, hard facts, which are more like stones. Or you might give the question back to the child—"What do you think about that?"— providing space for your child's own perceptions and understanding to come forth.

As an early childhood specialist and author I recommend My Guardian Angel and encourage you to enjoy this time of closeness with your child, allowing it to be a blessing for you both!

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