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## **EXCITING TRIP THROUGH THE MORAL UNIVERSE**

It's one thing to read about it in the Bible but quite another to have this exciting story of life-and-death intrigue brought to life for young readers through a modernized text. The text and abundant illustrations make clear the courage and endurance of Queen Esther and her people, the Jews, who endured great trials in ancient Persia, which at that time ran from India to Ethiopia.

Rarely are the complex stories of the Old Testament teased apart for children. *Queen Esther* is the exception, showing the complexities of life for a people who defended their belief in The One True God among foreign belief systems. Four hundred years before Jesus, about the time the walls of Jerusalem were being built and the Hebrew scribe Ezra was on his way to Jerusalem to restore the laws of Moses, the Jews in Persia suffered persecutions. They are saved from extinction by Esther's cunning and courage and Mordecia's bravery.

Esther, a young Jewish woman of astounding beauty, enjoys great wealth and power as the wife of the handsome and powerful Persian ruler, King Xerxes. She risks it all (including her own life, by revealing her faith) to save her people from Haman, the wicked adviser to the king.

As revealed in *Queen Esther*, God protected his Chosen People. All the Jews in Persia prayed to Him, worshiped and obeyed Him, in spite of the real-world dangers this devotion caused. Their faith was rewarded. The plans of Xerxes' chief minister to destroy the Jews was thwarted.

By allowing children to experience the fear the Jews experience, then seeing them, through devotion to their God, overcome that fear and the threat that caused it, children are taught the lessons of devotion and trust in The Lord – at an age when most bible stories avoid the complexities of ambivalence in favor of simplicity.

*Queen Esther* will get kids thinking about the hard questions at an early age. Highly recommended for entertaining and painless early moral training.

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*Queen Esther* by Nathaniel Ormsby ISBN 1-41204676. To order: 1-888-232-4444 or fax to 1-250-383-6804 or email [orders@trafford.com](mailto:orders@trafford.com)

## Excerpt

Memucan told King Xerxes to invite many beautiful young ladies to his palace and make a new queen of the one he loved the best.

King Xerxes was pleased with what Memucan said and obeyed his counsel.

Among all the beautiful young ladies who came to Shushan the Palace was Esther. She was a Jewess raised by Mordecai her cousin as his own daughter after both her parents died.

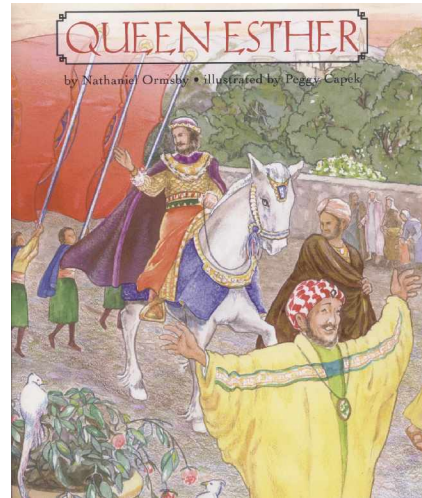
Esther was very submissive. And when her cousin Mordecai told her to keep her identity as Jewess a secret she obeyed him.

The very first day King Xerxes saw Esther, he fell in love with her. She was the prettiest young woman who came to the palace, so he made her his queen, and held a banquet in her honour.

In the meanwhile, Mordecai heard two of the palace guards plotting to harm the King. He told Esther about it and Esther told King Xerxes. King Xerxes punished both evil men but nothing was done for Mordecai.

## Review

Title: Queen Esther  
Author: Nathaniel Ormsby  
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Publisher: Trafford Publishing



In this exciting true story of the beautiful Queen Esther, children are shown the complexities brought on by threats to one's faith.

This exciting story of life-and-death intrigue is brought to life for young readers through a modernized text. The text and abundant full-color illustrations make clear the courage and endurance of Queen Esther and her people who endured great trials in ancient Persia, which at that time ran from India to Ethiopia.

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Each of these ancient people come alive in the abundant full-color illustrations. They take on personality and character, and children find themselves identifying with the terrible choices required of these true believers.

The drama becomes real as they hiss at the villain and cheer for the good guys – and in the process, they get practice at dealing with life's hard questions and learn how faith and devotion to God can save the day.

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## Author Bio



Nathaniel Ormsby was born in Jamaica and later became a fire fighter with the U.S. Base in Cuba.

He serves as a deacon in his church and has pursued his love of writing through college and various courses.

Nathaniel's vision for writing began in his childhood, but that dream did not become a reality until he began working on Base. When he is not working at the fire house, he is at the youth center with the kids. He loves reading, traveling, photographing, and nature watching.

The most observable thing about Nathaniel is his love for God. He loves all of God's little children and is the devoted father of two sons, Dean and Daniel.