

## KIDSBEAT

Wanda E. Brunstetter's Amish interest has found a new juvenile outlet. Next month Barbour Publishing will publish *The Wisdom of Solomon*, a \$14.97 book of a dozen stories centered around an energetic Amish boy and his friends. Faith and moral lessons for kids 6-10 are woven throughout the fun tales, with illustrations by Phil A. Smouse, author and illustrator of *Jesus Wants All of Me*.

◆ **Zonderkidz** extends the audience for its popular *The Beginner's Bible* this month with *My Sing-Along Bible* (\$12.99). A vividly colored hardcover volume of Bible stories for ages 2-5, it includes a CD of eight classic tunes, among them "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands" and "Jesus Loves the Little Children."

◆ Older kids relish facts, so *The Lion Encyclopedia of Christianity* is a natural for the older tween (ages 9-13) range. David Self assembled a multitude of informational pieces about the beliefs, practices and traditions of the Christian faith. Kregel Publications releases the \$19.95 hardcover book this month.

◆ Tweens are probably also yearning for the next installment in **Chuck Black's** "The Knights of Arrethrae" series (\$8.99, Multnomah Books).

Arriving this month, *Sir Bentley and Holbrook Court* takes readers into a fantasy world of knights, evil warriors and menacing creatures with a message of fidelity, compassion and noble motives. The next book is due in three months. ◆ Young kids love to be part of the stories they hear, so they'll be drawn to **Carine Mackenzie's** *Little Hands Story Bible* (\$9.99, Christian Focus Publications), suitable for 2- to 6-year-olds. Available in March, the 69 stories demonstrate God's story of life that includes them. Questions, interactive pictures by artist Raffaella Cosco and an idea for the day complement each story.

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# Music legends' son celebrates enduring love

## *John Carter Cash's story honors 'beautiful bond' of mother and child*

» BY KAREN SCHMIDT

John Carter Cash, son of music legends Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash, sees his first children's book, *Momma Loves Her Little Son* (978-1-416-95912-0), published next month. Little Simon Inspirations, an imprint of Simon & Schuster, is releasing the hardcover picture book for kids ages 4-8.

The story revolves around the loving words Cash's mother spoke to him as a young child, telling a sweet love story about the relationship between mom and child.

"I steadfastly believe that there is no greater love than that between a mother and a child," Cash said. "This book found its genesis in that enduring, true and beautiful bond. When I was young, my mother said to me, 'Momma loves her little son.' Now, this tender endearment holds a firm meaning within my life, inside my spirit. It reminds me that in sharing love, it grows that much greater in our hearts."

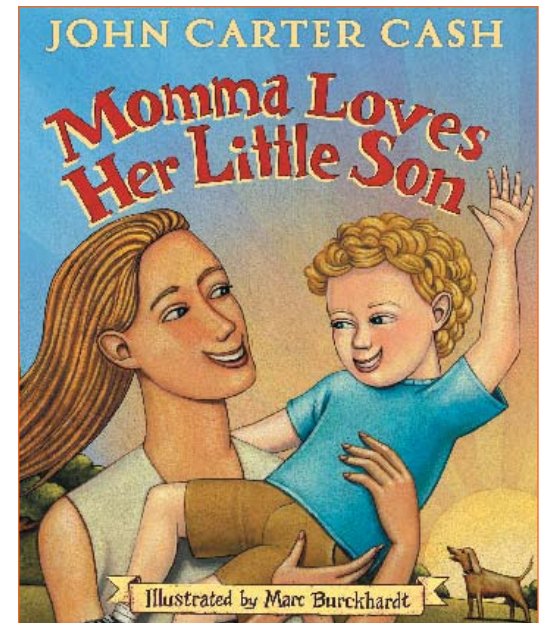
The only son of the two musicians,

Cash is best-known for his producer roles for many artists, including both his parents. While *Momma Loves Her Little Son* is his first children's book, he is the author of *Anchored in Love*, his mother's biography, and the producer of the music CD of the same name.

The children's book describes how a mom loves her child with a love that is beyond boundaries. Kids will find themselves traveling over mountaintops and skyscrapers and into forests as the story unfolds.

Illustrator Marc Burckhardt is a veteran artist and created the art for June Carter Cash's album *Wildwood Flower*. He also made the portrait of Johnny Cash that was part of a GRAMMY-winning package design for the album *The Legend of Johnny Cash*.

Simon & Schuster will market the book to both the general and Christian markets, supported with an author video.



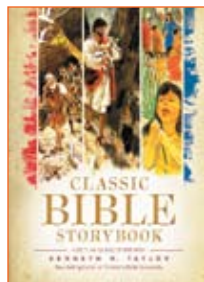
Retailers can use the video to introduce customers to the book and author.

To order, contact Simon & Schuster at 800-223-2336 or go to [www.pubeasy.com](http://www.pubeasy.com).

# Tyndale's children's classics get a new lease on life

Two longstanding favorite children's Bible storybooks are being united in a new volume intended to bring Jesus close to kids of a new generation. *Classic Bible Storybook* (978-1-414-30769-5, \$12.99), a collection of stories from two of Kenneth N. Taylor's previous Bible storybooks, will be published in March by Tyndale Kids.

*The Living Bible Storybook*, published in 1970, and *Taylor's Bible Storybook*, published in 1973—with more than



341,000 copies in print between the two, though no longer available—were culled for the 120 stories in the new book.

Inside the 350-page volume, parents and kids through age 8 will find one- and two-page stories illustrated with the original artwork by Richard and Frances Hook. Tyndale decided to use the same illustrations because Taylor was said to love their realistic portrayal of Bible characters and their tender caring portraits of children.

The Hooks' work was originally created for a book called *Taylor's Bible Storybook*, and from that collection—originals of which hang on the walls throughout Tyndale's headquarters—the publisher has used the illustrations in many different products. One such product was

the *Children's Living Bible*, which used Hook art as inserted color pages.

Taylor wrote 20 children's books and is best-known as the creator of The Living Bible; he was also founder of Tyndale House Publishers. He began the publishing business after paraphrasing

the New Testament epistles to help his own 10 children more easily understand the Scriptures.

To order the *Classic Bible Storybook*, contact Tyndale House Publishers at 800-323-9400 or visit [www.tyndale.com/kids](http://www.tyndale.com/kids).

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