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IMAGINE... The Great Flood



Synopsis

IMAGINE...The ocean swirled around the boy and pulled him down with unrelenting power. Heavy water churned and tugged at his flailing body like unseen hands yanking him into the watery depths. The fight was finally over. Even though he'd tried to stand up to the enemy, the waves were about to swallow him whole. The last thing ten-year-old Corey remembers (before the world as he knew it disappeared) was the searing pain in his head after falling while chasing his dog Molly into the woods. What happens next can't be explained as Corey wakes up and finds himself face-to-face with not one but two lions! Join Corey and experience the excitement. . .the wonder. . . the adventure. . .as the epic story of Noah's ark comes to life. Imagine. . .The Great Flood is the first release in an exciting, brand-new epic adventure series for kids ages 8 to 12 written by schoolteacher and missionary, Matt Koceich. The Imagine series brings the Bible to life for today's kids as they ponder what it would be like to live through a monumental biblical event. Watch for Imagine...The Ten Plagues in March 2018!

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Customer Reviews

"I couldn't be more proud of Guild alum, Matt Koceich! He had a dream, persevered, and would not be denied. Enjoy this result, and may it be only the first of many."

• Jerry Jenkins, Novelist & Biographer, Owner, The Jerry Jenkins Writers Guild "Matt Koceich's Imagine. . . The Great Flood is some of the best biblical historical fiction I've read. The story takes us from modern-day America to Ancient Mesopotamia. . . and ties together neatly the link between faith in God and trust in people we love, regardless of apparent circumstance. I look forward to the next installment."

• Kaci Hill, screenplay writer and Ted Dekker's coauthor of Lunatic and Elyon "Matt Koceich does a masterful job of lifting readers out of the boredom of everyday life, dropping them head-first into a fast-paced, action-packed world of Bible adventure."

• Phil A. Smouse, author and illustrator of over fifty books for kids including Jesus Wants All of Me, the children's adaptation of Oswald Chambers' classic devotional, My Utmost for His Highest "Imagine. . . The Great Flood is nonstop action in an epic Bible adventure! A well-known story like Noah's Ark comes to life through the eyes of 10-year-old Corey Max with all the wonder of God's creation and the evil forces that want to stop God's plans. (Spoiler alert: God wins!) Boys and girls who like the I Survived books will love this action-packed tale."

• Annie Tipton, author of the Diary of a Real Payne series, including the award-winning title True Story "The distinct Christian worldview is refreshing in a genre that, at times, can be diluted in an attempt to draw a larger audience. Young readers who want a fun, clean read will be curious to see what comes next in the Imagine series." (Carol Chapman Stertzer Christian Market 2017-07-19)

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Wow is a great book!!!!!! You guys need to get one or two I'm getting another one to give to my mother she loves to read book and this amazing

Great book! Purchased for my son (12 yrs) and he really liked it. He is now asking for the next one in the series.

Great book, purchased for my granddaughter.

Imagine The Great Flood is a juvenile fiction book recommended for ages 8-12 but it certainly held my attention! Being chased by giants, encountering wild animals, and being swirled around in the ocean are some of the adventures that ten year old Corey Max experiences after losing consciousness from a blow to his head and somehow being transported back to the time of The Great Flood and the huge Ark that God instructed Noah to build. I applaud Matt Koceich for writing a juvenile fiction book that focuses on a well-loved story from the Bible. We adults know that there are many Bible stories filled with love, hate, selfishness and wrong actions but through them all there is the theme of forgiveness and God's love. Retelling them to appeal to young people is an admirable project and I look forward to seeing what other 'monumental Biblical events' this series will feature. I am giving The Great Flood five stars because it is perfect for the audience that the author hoped to reach. It is a good length for this age group and its 112 pages are filled with mystery, action, adventure and Biblical truths! I will recommend this to my 8 year old great-nephew. I received a complimentary copy from Barbour Publishing and was under no obligation to write a review.

The "I Survived" series of books has been incredibly popular in my household, so I was excited to see something similar coming from a Christian publishing house. I found a compelling story that relates to what my family is going through right now and a reminder that we can trust God, whatever we face. Somehow, while going to get his dog from the woods near a park, Corey finds himself thrust back in time to the days Noah and his family are loading the animals onto the ark. Not only that, there is an epic battle between the forces of good and evil in the moments before the rain begins to fall. There are a few places where I think perhaps too much embellishment may have been used. One such example is the inclusion of Elizar and the Nephilim attempting to thwart Noah and his family collecting the animals. I could see why the author chose to include it as it provides more intense conflict than just the ridicule that Noah faced over building a boat where it had never before rained. In other places, however, I thought the author got it exactly right. Corey's discussion with Seth about clouds bringing the rain (and the implication that he had never seen them before because it had never rained prior to the flood) is one such instance. I loved the moments where Corey contributed to Seth's knowledge, just as Seth taught Corey about the kind of faith that follows God no matter how it looks to the world around him. The absolute best part about this book is the reminder to trust God. Whether it is Corey facing a cross-country move with his parents that he cannot understand or Noah building the ark in faith when he had never seen rain, both Corey and the reader learn that God has a plan and He can

be trusted with all the details, even when we don't know what those details are. So while some liberties were taken with the strict Biblical account of Noah and the Ark (no battle is mentioned in the Bible), this is a good read for kids, helping them to imagine what it might have looked like, and it's even better if it encourages kids to go back to the Bible to read what it specifically says about Noah and the flood. It provides some good discussion opportunities between kids and parents, too, about what trusting God looked like for those in the Bible, and how it also applies to our own lives here and now. I received a complimentary copy of this book from Barbour Publishing and was under no obligation to post a review.

"Imagine. . . The Great Flood" by author Matt Kocich is a juvenile fiction book. This paperback has a picture of a boy's back as he stands on deck watching raging waters all around him. The sky looks stormy. Having only 110 pages this is a short adult read and for many children. The author created his "Imagine" series to bring the "Bible to life for curious kids ages 8 to 12, as they ponder what it would be like to live through a monumental event." The first page of the book starts "thousands of years ago. In this action packed book we meet Corey Max, a ten year old boy who has a dog, Molly. He has just moved when Millie gets loose and runs. As Corey goes after her into the woods, he stumbles and hits his head blacking out. That's when the adventure begins. The author has done a magnificent job in writing this book. It is packed full of action, mystery, adventure, and things that will keep the interest of readers. Descriptions are good, especially for the target audience. The book is well written and a great mixture of biblical and contemporary stories. There are lessons for kids to learn in this great book. It talks about things kids will be able to relate to such as moving, making decisions, thinking about others, forgiveness, and knowing God. ".....that made Corey know that God really did forgive sin and selfishness." Most kids and adults have wondered what it was like for Noah and his family. The author has taken young readers there in this adventurous book. I enjoyed it and will be starting my nine year old grandson on this series now. It would be perfect for boys or girls ages eight to twelve. A church library would benefit from this title. This would also make a nice book to start a young readers' group. I highly recommend it and gladly rate it 5 out of 5 stars. I received a complimentary copy of this book from Barbour Publishing and was under no obligation to post a review

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