

Review: The Creator in You

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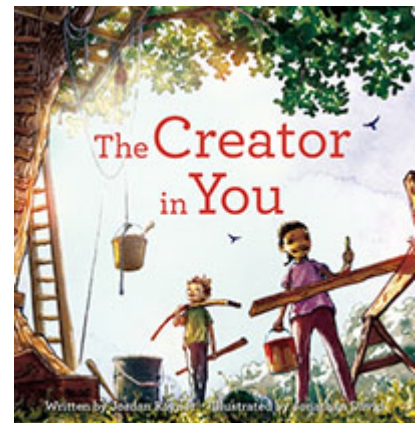
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Written by Jordan Raynor, illustrated by Jonathan David (WaterBrook)

Best-selling Christian author Jordan Raynor and artist-illustrator Jonathan David collaborate to produce a wonderfully expansive but personal book about God and his creation. Written for ages 3 to 8, *The Creator in You* offers a fresh look at Genesis 1 and creating beyond the sixth day.

Beautiful illustrations span the inside covers and stretch to the edges of each two-page spread. Rhyming poetry delivers a gently powerful sermon-story that not only is God the creator in us, he made us to be creators with him. Bright colliding stars and lights accompany the words, “He grabbed a big brush and painted the stars and dressed up the sky with Saturn and Mars.” As two children look over buildings, water, birds and clouds, the message is clear. In six days, God “created a lot, there are so many things that He simply did not—like bridges and baseballs, sandcastles and s’mores.” So “God asked us to create and fill the planet with more.”

Throughout the narrative, the author and illustrator affirm the values of creating and working as boys and girls so one day they can produce “businesses, movies, medicine, and hope. Make laws or computers or a new telescope.” The volume closes with guidance that by showing “others the



Creator in you, you bring joy to the world—and to your Father too.”

An ending “Note to Parents” helps families grasp the Bible truth of God’s creative work. Although targeted to children, the title also makes a great graduation or just-because gift to affirm the Father’s plan of “doing what God has made you to do,” no matter the age or stage in life.

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