

As Good As She Imagined

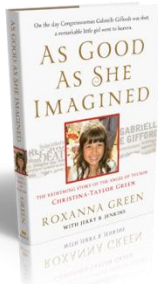
The Redeeming Story Of The Angel Of Tucson

Christina-Taylor Green

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Stories of horror will be with us always. A year ago next month, Congresswoman Gabrielle “Gabby” Giffords was shot along with others by a lone gunman. That same day, one of the victims, Christina-Taylor Green, a remarkable nine year-old girl, went to Heaven. This story, through her mother’s eyes, is captured in the soon to be released book, **As Good As She Imagined - The Redeeming Story Of The Angel Of Tucson**.

In an interesting twist, this true story of death, redemption, and healing starts with the events immediately after the shooting that fateful morning. Roxanna Green figuratively lays out her heart and soul in this book that she wrote with best-selling author Jerry B. Jenkins.



As Good As She Imagined - The Redeeming Story Of The Angel Of Tucson is scheduled to appear in bookstores on January 3, 2012. This 256-page hardcover book also includes a 24-page color insert. It is published by Worthy Publishing and retails for \$24.99.

Have a box of tissues nearby as Roxanna relates this tragedy as only a mother can, “I face the seemingly impossible task of trying to express in words the loss of a child, the love we shared as a family, and the light my daughter added to the world.” She does so by introducing to her family as she would a friend through her memories and those of her family and friends.

Christina-Taylor Green was born after midnight on September 11, 2001. Her first name is both a variation of Christ and an anagram of Christian. Christina’s middle name, Taylor, is due to her mother being a fan of Elizabeth Taylor. Her dad, John Green, is the son of George “Dallas” Green of baseball fame. As a matter of fact, Christina-Taylor was quite a Little Leaguer in her own right. She also had a younger brother, Dallas, with whom she shared a special bond.

As Good As She Imagined - The Redeeming Story Of The Angel Of Tucson shows that Christians do suffer, but that through their faith in Jesus Christ they also survive and gain strength, as this inspirational book clearly portrays.

The hurt is still there. As Roxanna wrote, “As for me, sometimes it feels as if I’m hanging by my fingertips at the edge of a cliff. There are good days and bad days.” However, God continues to minister to her and her family.

Walking through all of the events, including the funeral, a phone call from the President, and the TV shows, at the side of Roxanna will both leave you teary-eyed and encouraged. She holds none of her feelings back, nor is Roxanna, John, and their family and friends ever less than honest about their experience.

As John summed it up, “The tragedy that sent Christina-Taylor to heaven stirred the nation to its very foundation. And after witnessing this outpouring of love and genuine desire for change from around this great land, I truly believe our country can become as good as she imagined.”

This book is a must-read for every parent. As a father who lost a child almost 20 years ago, this book evoked many emotions as I read it and then sat down to write the above review. Yes, tears freely flowed. However, I know that Christina-Taylor’s parents would agree with me when I say that although the pain never goes totally away, I would not trade the many memories of my son for the absence of that pain. And, without faith in God, that pain would be unbearable, as **As Good As She Imagined - The Redeeming Story Of The Angel Of Tucson** clearly relates.

The Authors



Roxanna Green was a home health-care nurse, and now is the CEO of the Christina-Taylor Green Foundation.



Award-winning author, **Jerry B. Jenkins** was recommended for this book project by psychologist and author Kevin Leman, a friend of a friend of the Green family. When asked, “What was the writing process between Roxanna Green and yourself,” he answered, “I interviewed her and did all the writing.”

As Jenkins went on to explain, “It had to be written in three weeks to stay on schedule for a January release, the anniversary of the tragedy. But I felt we had come up with something special.” Asked how he felt when this book was finished, Jenkins simply stated, “Spent.”

Additional Information

You can read Chapter 1 of **As Good As She Imagined - The Redeeming Story Of The Angel Of Tucson** by visiting the Worthy Publishing website at <http://worthypublishing.com/books/As-Good-as-She-Imagined/>.

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