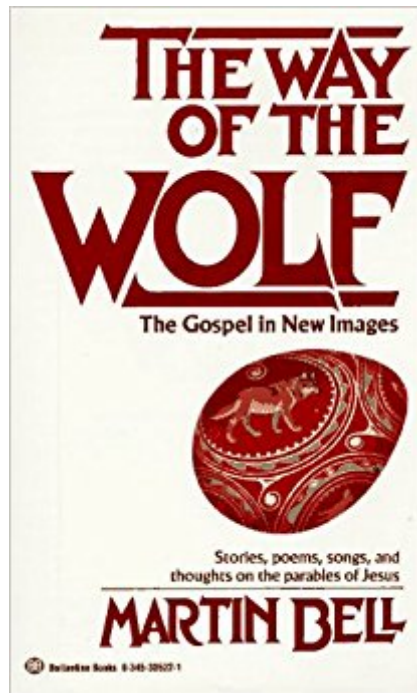




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Customer Reviews

In our house, it has become a Christmas tradition to read Barrington Bunny (the first story in this book) aloud with different people reading the parts of different animals. I think it has made a difference in the lives of our children to think about a free gift, no strings attached, the meaning of friendship, or scary things (like wolves) who do no harm. The Lone Ranger brings a new appreciation for the risk in taking religion seriously. The Easter Egg story brought major comfort to a friend after their child died. And the songs aren't bad either.

Martin Bell's "The Way of the Wolf" is an excellent collection of stories including Barrington Bunny which is in my opinion one of the best stories communicating the real meaning of Christmas written this century. Wyll Irvin JoyBringers Productions

This collection of stories embodies the saying, "Preach the Gospel, if necessary, use words." These stories are a solid example of how to live a good life and be a gift to one another - as Barrington

Bunny found out a "gift with no strings attached!" I was introduced to this work almost 30 years ago and still remember every story in vivid detail. It is now very much a part of my youth ministry program. If nothing else, these are wonderful stories to share with one another. Sometimes there is a surprise ending, sometimes one that is expected. But inside each story is a message with a meaning that, to me seems timeless - it's also a message that needs to be heard today!

Long before the compilers of "soup" stories made their fame and fortune by gathering and publishing other folks' heartwarming stories, an authentic young cleric named Martin Bell wrote and published this exceptional collection of his own original tales of love, abandonment, and redemption. The best of Martin Bell's offerings is the Christmas story "Barrington Bunny." This touching reminder of the power of brotherly love and self-sacrifice -- a message that is, or should be, at the heart of Christmas remembrance -- has been a treasured annual tradition in my household and my classroom for many years. Even more powerful than the written version is Martin Bell's reading of his own work. Get his recording (also entitled "The Way of the Wolf") if you can, and have a supply of tissues at hand. You will discover this thin book to be an abundantly thoughtful and heartfelt treat for anyone who has ever pondered the real meaning of our earthly existence and our rightful relationship with one another and with our God. A refreshing antidote to the dulling cynicism and negativism of our times. If the rating scale permitted six stars, I would want to give "The Way of the Wolf" at least ten!

-I'm never gonna forget that quote! Anyway, this is such a nice book, we read the Barrington Bunny story every Christmas and I love it. It's really moving and insightful. And it is not just for children. Believe me, adults love this book too. I suggest it to anyone who has a heart, this is truly a great book.

This collection of story-parables and songs has been immensely useful to me as a preacher over many years. Teenagers just love the story of "Barrington Bunny" when read to them at youth retreats. Adults are moved by the story of "Wood, Nails, and Colored Eggs," especially as a Holy Week or Easter meditation. "On the Death of Colin Stuart" is profoundly effective when adapted into a funeral homily. I keep having to purchase new copies of this because I wear them out or give them away. This purchase is to replace a copy I gave to a new pastor I helped to train.

"The Way of the Wolf" is one of four books (to my knowledge) written by Martin Bell. Look for his

other titles including "Nenshu and the Tiger", "Return of the Wolf" and "A Distant Fire." The first three are short stories, songs and reflections upon the Christian walk and life. "A Distant Fire" is reflections on scriptural themes. Of all the books, "The Way of the Wolf" and "Return of the Wolf" are my personal favorite books of all time. (But I might be biased, Martin is a personal friend of my mother--she was his typist on the first 2 books!)

The Way of the Wolf has stories after my own heart. I agree with the others, I cry everytime I read the opening story "Barrington Bunny." The story about how the bunny who had nobody finds who his family and his gifts were just hits home in so many ways. And the boy who lost his magic is such a great parable about the Incarnation of Christ, it is profound. And who couldn't be moved by Joggi the porcupine, who learned how to love from a blind raccoon. The tales, with the mysterious silver wolf, are timeless!

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