



## DETAILS



### ***Abigail and the Waterfall*** *Loving God's Good Earth*

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## An Invitation to Be Good Stewards of Creation

***"The trail goes deep into the woods, and the trees are huge.  
Sometimes, we see other families in the forest.  
This is their home, so we need to be good guests."***

—taken from *Abigail and the Waterfall*

Young Abigail loves Saturdays—especially when her family goes hiking to discover interesting animals, plants, and a big, beautiful waterfall! From parent and university professor Sandy Richter, *Abigail and the Waterfall* inspires families to learn about what the Bible says on caring for the environment, animals, and all of God's beautiful creation. Featuring enchanting illustrations from Michael Corsini, this children's book shares the message of creation care, inviting us to be good stewards of creation.

### About Sandra L. Richter



Sandra L. Richter (PhD, Harvard University) is the Robert H. Gundry Chair of Biblical Studies at Westmont College, a member of the Committee on Biblical Translation for the NIV, and widely recognized for her work in Deuteronomy and the Deuteronomistic history. She is best known in the church for *The Epic of Eden: A Christian Entry into the Old Testament*, the video courses that have grown from that project, and *Stewards of Eden: What Scripture Says About the Environment and Why It Matters*. Her newest project, *Abigail and the Waterfall: Loving God's Good Earth*, is a children's book about stewarding the gifts of God's creation.



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## Children Can Make a Difference in Environmental Stewardship

### What motivated you to write this book?

**Sandra L. Richter:** I am an academic and well-published on issues of environmental concern. But more importantly, I am deeply committed to mobilizing the church for action on this topic. Most important, I am a mom and eager to see the values of adventure in the great outdoors and stewardship of God's good earth inculcated and celebrated in our children.

### What is the main idea of your book?

**Sandra:** Abigail and her little brother Levi are making amazing memories sharing their "special place" at the waterfall with their parents, all the while learning that stewarding that special place (and the creatures that inhabit it) are their responsibility as God's people.

### Who did you write this book for?

**Sandra:** I wrote this book for young children. Abigail is six, Levi is two and a half. The first-person voice from Abigail, the beautiful images, and the focus on a six-year-old's perspective were all designed to capture a young child's imagination. But I also wrote it for parents who are looking for great stories that expand their child's own adventurous spirit, that encourage the entire family toward the sorts of adventures that build forever memories and eternal bonds and help children to see that, even though they are just children, they too can make a difference in something as important as environmental stewardship. I also wrote this to help parents understand and teach the biblical theology of creation care from a wholly biblical perspective.

### What are four takeaways from your book?

**Sandra:**

- Sharing God's creation with your children is a wonderful way to make memories and build your family's bond.
- Caring for creation is our responsibility as those made in God's image.
- Helping our children experience and celebrate creation is a fabulous way to teach our children who their God is and who they are.
- Teaching our children to steward God's good earth is part of our responsibility as Christian parents.

### What else would you like readers to know?

**Sandra:** The story in this book emerges from dozens and dozens of adventures I've had with my own children. The expertise in this book emerges from a slew of technical publications. As a team, we worked very hard to get the flora and fauna in this book right. Biologists and botanists and herpetologists were consulted. It is a fabulous entry to any adventure but especially adventures in the beautiful mountains of Appalachia!



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