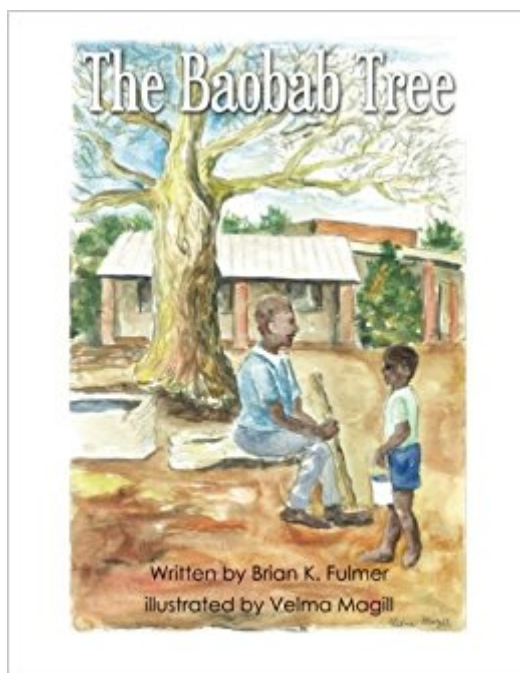


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# The Baobab Tree



## Synopsis

Young Daniel resents that he is not like other children with strong legs that can walk and run. He fears that God is punishing his family. But learning the truth about the ugly baobab tree that grows in the center of his village helps Daniel realize that God has a purpose for every person, no matter how deformed and different they may appear. The baobab tree with its upside down gnarled branches resembling roots sticking up in the air has intrigued people for thousands of years. Legends abound. But this heart-warming story by Brian Fulmer perhaps captures the essence of God's purpose of this unique tree that creates hope and purpose. This children's book is beautifully illustrated by Velma Magill.

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## Customer Reviews

A nice short story with a wonderful message. The illustrations are beautiful.

This book reminds me of the beloved "children's stories" written by Max Lucado. While it may appear that the book is for kids, it's actually relevant for any age. We all face disappointment with life and need the challenge/encouragement to see things differently. In, The Boabab Tree, we meet a young boy with a disability who has a poor self image due to things outside of his control. His conversation with a town elder regarding this strange tree in the middle of town helps him to better understand himself, and see that, just like the tree, he has distinct purpose in his world! I know this book will become one of your favorites- whether you think you have a "disability" or not.

A lovely, inspiring story. I already have so many ideas about how I want to use it... an adult leader retreat, a study on gifts with youth, an inspirational story for those with disabilities. I am purchasing a few for gifts, as well - my church library, my presbytery library, our local Parish Resource Center. Beautiful illustrations, as well. I love that purchasing it also helps a greater cause... a book about using your gifts for others, for humamity, for the Kingdom... does just that.

What a delight this book is! As my children and I sat captivated by the rich illustrations (unfortunately lacking in many modern books), we were reminded of the soothing power of story. Each in our own way, we identified with little Daniel; because each of us can wrestle with our own self doubts. We found ourselves ushered into the ancient comfort found under the Baobab tree. This is one of those books that will stay out on our coffee table to read over and over!!

This book is a good book about a little boy named Daniel. Daniel is crippled and has a bad leg. He feels like he does not belong in life and he feels bad about his self. but then he meets the elder and they talk and he feels better. In all this you learn the life lessons of not given up , every one is unique in the coolest ways and that you should never go against yourself by telling yourself you don`t belong. I would recommend this book to kids ages 7-11. I think this is a really good book and my family does too. REAR THIS BOOK! you would like it.

So often in life we can feel like an unnoticed, worthless, gnarly tree that doesn't look (or act) the way the world around us thinks we should. So often we can identify with Daniel in this book who also feels like he has no purpose or worth to the world around him. But as the story goes, God created him (and each one of us) with a purpose. A divine purpose. Brian Fulmer did a great job relaying these truths to children (and adults) through this book. My children enjoy this book's pictures and the brief glimpse into the Kenyan culture, as well.

The Balboa Tree is a timeless parable, skillfully illustrated, and filled with extraordinary meaning for persons of any age. Readers learn to notice the abilities and gifts of persons that often are overlooked and denigrated in society. Researching the uses and lore of the balboa tree can enrich the text with cultural understanding as well expand our world view. This is a wonderful way to share another world culture, while teaching virtue and honor of those who seem so unlike ourselves.

Wonderful story that teaches children a timeless and valuable lesson ... Just because one of God's

creations appears ugly or useless, one must realize that they are GIFTS, and that those GIFTS have much to share with the world. The illustrations are just lovely!

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