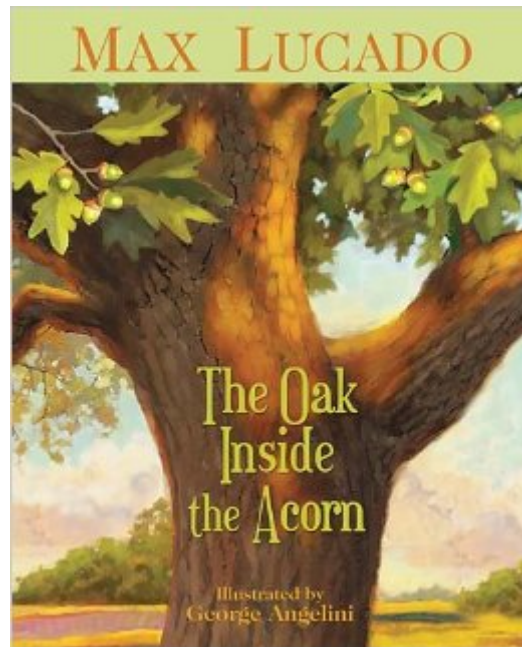


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# The Oak Inside The Acorn



## Synopsis

It was hard for Little Acorn to believe he would ever be a big, strong oak tree. Soon Little Acorn grew into Little Oak. But now what was he to do? He couldn't grow oranges like the orange tree or flowers like the rose bush. He just grew and grew until he became Big Oak, and his branches were big and strong-but still he didn't know what he was to do. Then one day Big Oak found that his strong branches were just right for a very special purpose. The Oak Inside the Acorn is the story of the miracle inside each of us. For within every child is the special person God created, just waiting to grow.

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## Customer Reviews

The Oak Inside the Acorn is a definite must read for anyone (ages 4-440) who needs some encouragement to follow his / her own inner nature, embracing the potential within, becoming what he / she is truly meant to be. In today's, fast-paced, media driven world, it is hard for human beings to identify and to appreciate themselves. This story speaks to those confusions and personal questions. It's the story of growing up. It's the story of courage, patience, and acceptance. Like "The Giving Tree," this book depicts the rhythms of the world...the cycles of life and the subtle, enduring connections among living things. Lucado celebrates the virtue of small things: small things have BIG potential. I loved the line in the story spoken by the Mother Tree: "Within you is a great oak. Just be the tree God made you to be." How many people suffer because they try to hard to be something

that they were not designed to be just like the Little Acorn? The message is very powerful--striking deep into the soul. The book is beautifully illustrated. My favorite panels are the ones that depict the passage of time. Readers can feel like they are moving through the lives of the characters within. This book is well worth the purchase price, and it is a wonderful edition to any library. The story lends itself to a great discussion with young people--Sunday school classes, youth groups, home-schoolers, etc.

Letting go of your childhood is hard to do, and a bit scary. In *The Oak Inside the Acorn*, nature forces Little Acorn to let go of his mother's nurturing branches and begin a life of his own. Little Acorn is not sure what he is suppose to be. He can't bare fruit like the orange trees and he has no beautiful blooms or sweet scents like the flowers. A farmer plants him in the family's back yard, and there he grows bigger and taller every year, right along with a little girl. When the little girl grows into a young lady, Big Oak uses one of his own little acorns to teach her to be what God wants her to be. What I Liked: I like the lesson, to be what God intended us to be. What I Disliked: I was a little disappointed with this book. This author is one of my favorites, but the message in this book was simply not as strong as I had anticipated. The message was clear, it just didn't reach out and grab me like most of his other books do. Age Appeal: 4-8 Overall Rating: Very Good. Loretta from Christian Children's Book Review

This is a really great book. Max Lucado has done it again. Anyone, any age, facing decisions can appreciate this story. The little acorn fears leaving its comfortable home. But in leaving finds out that even though it does not offer fruit or flowers it has a lot to give. Great book for going to kindergarten, college, or a job change.

I usually find Christian Children's books to be hokey, unoriginal, and poor quality. This book, while a bit hokey at points, was original and great quality. The pictures are lovely. The story is a bit long for most younger (the under 3 crowd) children to sit through. My acorn obsessed two year old loves the pictures, though. I liked the story. It did get a bit muddled in the end with what Big Girl was doing or deciding. But overall, it is a great story. As a parent, this book might bring a tear or two to your eye as you read to your child. The message? Be the person God has created you to be.

I bought this book for my son's sixth birthday, uncertain of its message, but hopeful that it had something to do with growing up, and finding God's purpose for your life. It's all in the title-a young

acorn, afraid to leave its "mother" tree, goes on a series of adventures until it finally matures enough to become a constant and reliable companion for a young girl, who is also searching for her purpose. Throughout the book, this tree compares himself to those around him—the orange trees, who grow faster and bear fruit. The flowering plants, whose yield is plentiful and more immediately gratifying. He is frustrated by how slowly he grows, by how unremarkable he seems to be, not realizing that it is he who will become the biggest, the strongest, and the greatest of them all. This message was exactly what I wanted to get across to my son. It is so easy for children to get caught up in comparing their accomplishments to others, especially if they mature much more slowly than their peers, or in my case, their siblings. I have children on both ends, and this book can speak to both of them. I was able to read this to a 3 and 6 year old, but it was a bit too long for my three year old, who had run off to grab another book 3/4 of the way through. Also, if you become emotional when you read "love you forever", this book will probably make you cry. I'm not overly emotional, but I couldn't help myself in the end, as I saw the message come full circle. The analogy isn't completely logical, but it works for a child, and I have been able to use it for both of my children throughout the week as their various frustrations come up. 4 stars for the length, but with a little editing, it could easily be a five star book (I'm not sure the story line with the orange grove is necessary).

This is a beautifully illustrated book. The text reveals how we as parents, and teachers can teach children to let go of us and learn to grow based on those things they have learned. It also reveals the parental responsibility to teach and prepare our children for the world in which they live, giving them strong roots and support. I loved it. Karen

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