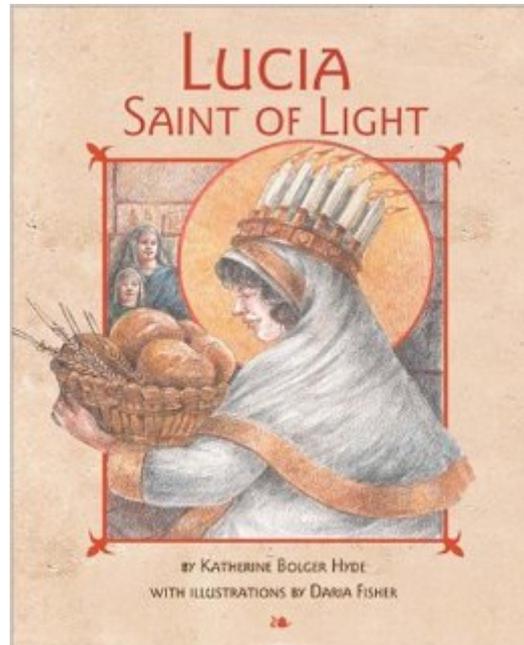


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# Lucia: Saint Of Light



## Synopsis

Long revered in both East and West, St. Lucia is an early virgin martyr whose life and legacy shine as a light of faith, hope, and compassion in the darkness of winter and sin. Lucia, Saint of Light introduces young readers to both her life and her delightful Christmas-related festival as it is traditionally celebrated in Sweden and around the world. Daria Fisher's warm and vivid illustrations will make this book a favorite with children and parents alike. Brighten your home this winter with the festival of Lucia, Saint of Light!

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## Customer Reviews

What a beautiful story about a saint I'd never heard of. If you're an Orthodox Christian, Swedish, or just love saints, you must buy this book. It's not only a lovely story about a woman who was martyred for Christ, but it's a parallel story about how we as modern-day Christians celebrate our namedays. The book starts out with a girl named Lucy who is celebrating her name day on St. Lucia day, and the book follows her along on her journey, with vivid illustrations that my son loved. (He kept pointing at the candles on her head; if you read the book you'll know what they're for). Lucia Saint of Light is a wonderful book for children to learn about traditions and Orthodox customs and how we celebrate namedays, while learning the story of someone who died for her faith. I wish I had a book like this growing up, and just bought 5 copies for friends' children on Christmas.

Finally, a book that connects the Italian hymn about Santa Lucia, the Scandinavian festival and the American Girl Doll Kirsten! Beautiful illustrations accompany a text that deftly weaves history and the

present-day celebration. What's not to like about coffee and sweet pastry in bed!? And now we have the back-story on Kristen's crown of candles. If you have the American Girl doll this would be a perfect complement to her collection. If you collect books on saints (nice to have something besides Tomie DePaola's wonderful books), or if you collect Christmas books, this is definitely one to get.

"Lucia Saint of Light" is a lovely children's book detailing the background story of the life of Saint Lucia of Syracuse, celebrated in Sweden with an annual feast day on December 13. The story is told from the viewpoint of Lucy, a young girl whose parents came from Sweden, and who is the family's Lucia in this year's celebration. Lucy's parents tell her the story of the original St. Lucia, born in Sicily in the late third century. All the pages are accompanied by beautiful, delicate pastel illustrations of the details of Lucia's life. The book is completed with verses from Aposticha for the Feast of Saint Lucia, a recipe for Lussekatter (Lucia Cat Buns), and a list of other resources. "Lucia Saint of Light" is intended for an audience of children age 6 and up.

Both my 3 and 4 year old love this book. I think that they appreciate the pictures and are curious of this is also a tradition we should start at home. It covers the saint in the context of a little girl who's family celebrates the feast of St. Lucy every year with some traditions of cooking and the lighted wreath.

I told my wife that this was everything I could want from a book about St. Lucia. We bought it for our son for St. Nicholas day, and I can tell we'll be breaking it out for years. It has a description of the celebration of St. Lucy's Day, the history of the saint, a carol, verses from the Aposticha, a recipe for St. Lucy Cats, and a long list of other resources to learn about St. Lucia. The illustrations are beautiful. Our kid may not appreciate the wordy-ness of it until he's older, but better, in my opinion, to include everything than to over-simplify. For Orthodox children in particular I'm not sure the words would be too difficult - they're quite used to hearing words like "martyr" "martyrdom" "bridegroom" "pagan" and "virgin" during the Liturgy. The book does not mention her eyes being removed, but does not hide her holy martyrdom either. An excellent book for Orthodox children, in my opinion.

I wanted to like this book better than I did. I felt that the text was affected and unnatural. Kids under 7 probably won't notice. It has lovely pictures, though, some recipes and it's a good way to provide some background to the feast day.

I'm amazed at how much information is available in this picture book format without the text being overly long... It's actually a fairly quick read--Miss Hyde has found some magic ability, being able to weave the story of the third century martyr and the life that she led growing up in Sicily, along with the later legends of Lucia visiting Sweden during the time of terrible famine. A truly inspiring story for young girls (not necessarily toddlers, but ages five and up) and with a recipe for Lucia Cats at the back along with a hymn to the saint and a page of lyrics and the accompaniment as well. Very fun--and the detailed illustrations are worth studying, with lots of whimsy hidden in the pencil drawings...Don't wait for Lucia's feast day in December to pick up a copy...

I bought this for my 8 year of granddaughter for Christmas. She took much pride in reading it to me. The illustrations are beautiful. This book provides a nice view into other culture's celebration of the holidays

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