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Horan, Clare (Author) & Krndija, Marcelle (Illustrator). ***Wonderful God***. Strathfield: St Pauls Publications, 2009, 46 pages. ISBN 9781921472121.

In ***Wonderful God***, Horan and Krndija have created a beautiful and unique picture book experience. The pictures are immediately captivating, with accompanying words which are inspiring and challenging for readers both young and old.

When reading this book, the first thing that jumps out at the reader is the remarkable pictures. The illustrator has used fabrics, paper and various other items layered and cut with exquisite care to create beautiful images of people and the wonderful world in which we live. These images are truly amazing, and new details are discovered with each re-read.

As a perfect partner, the words which accompany each picture are both simple and profound. Important concepts have been concisely and eloquently stated, making the book suitable for younger readers. This simplicity, however, does not take anything away from the key themes of the book. The author writes of the character of God, and how that impacts on our lives and on all creation. She reminds us of the inter-connectedness of the world and all its creatures, of the reality that God can heal broken relationships, and the example Christ set for us in living out justice and love.

Reading *Wonderful God* will be a special experience for both adults and children. The author and illustrator have come together to create something unique and remarkable. This is a picture book to read again and again.

Review by Heidi Wright

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