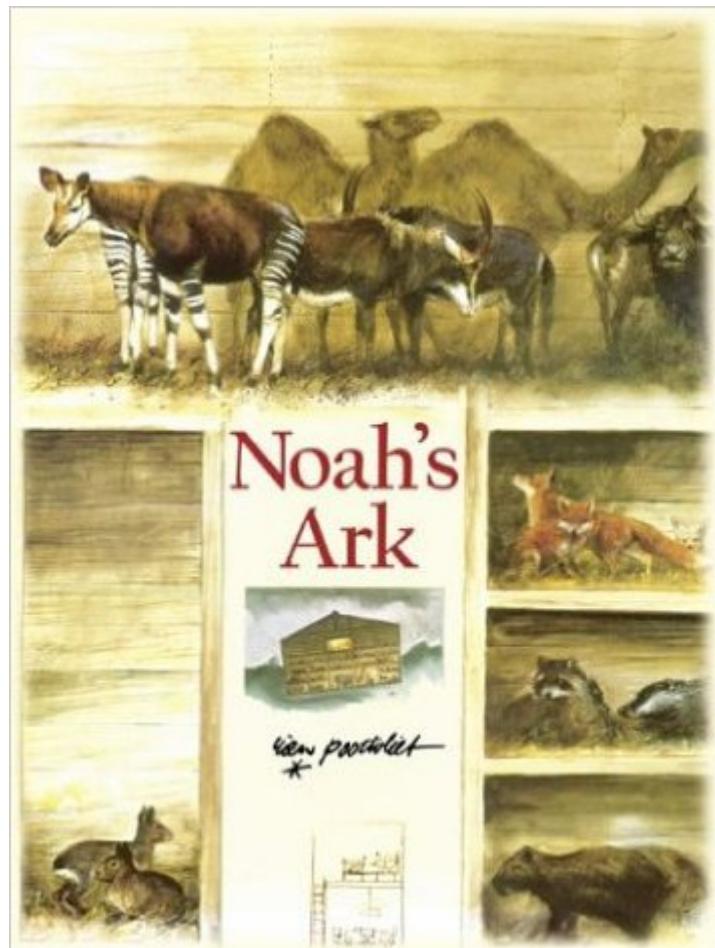


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# Noah's Ark



## Synopsis

Admired all over the world for his remarkable illustrations, Rien Poortvliet showcases his craftsmanship and love for the natural world in Noah's Ark. Poortvliet's distinct talent can be seen in both the exceptional variety of animals and the character with which they are portrayed, which have made this book a perennial favorite for readers young and old. Poortvliet tells the tale of Noah and his vision, offering a parallel, nonreligious allegory for those who may not appreciate the story in its original form. He speculates about the design of the Ark, how it might have been built, and how the animals—from zebras to foxes, snakes to rhinoceros—might have lived together aboard the boat. Originally published in 1986 in a larger format (which is now in its fifth printing), Noah's Ark is being reissued in a new, smaller format. This new edition of an Abrams classic contains all of the exquisite illustrations of the original in a more accessible trim size, and at a reduced price.

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## Customer Reviews

Four or five years ago, I stumbled across this book in a store and was taken aback by its beauty and inspiration. I loved the book but decided not to buy it at that time. I lost track of the author information and was disappointed for I was never able to locate the book again. Not long ago, I described the book to a friend of mine, how it is a book centered around the Biblical story of Noah's Ark and celebrating the beautiful diversity of Earth's creatures. She recently surprised me by locating a copy for my birthday. :-D I enjoy reading the artist's thoughts of the story and what it must have been like to be there. I especially like the many colorful pages where Poortvliet concentrates one feature of the animals, so that we can see the contrasting beauty of their ears, or eyes, or skin,

etc..This is large book with hundreds of colorful pages, a nice edition to any collection. If I decide to keep this out on my coffee table, I will first have to build another table where it will fit. :-)

I just saw this book last night and it has some of the best art work I have ever seen. The drawings are beautiful. It is an awesome book for any art lover and anyone interested in Noah's Ark.

I was introduced to this wonderful book a few years ago by our pastor. I was awestruck by the wonderful illustrations. The text is very interesting and thought provoking, leading me to an even deeper amazement of God's incredible creation. I have purchased this book for our family and will be giving it as a gift to my 2 sons when they marry and/or have children. I am an avid book reader and of all the books I have, this ranks second only to the Bible. I recommend it to everyone.

The genius and breathtaking artistry of Rien Poortvliet are beautifully displayed on every page of this wonderful book. Strong faith and great love for the subject matter are apparent from start to finish. As a believer, I can only describe it as a striking affirmation of the Genesis story, and the author's obvious familiarity with animals brings the account to life in ways that never occurred to me before. What a heartfelt portrait of Noah and his family and their experiences with all those extraordinary animals as they rode out the flood together! This can really be considered as a supplement to the Bible story, because it neither takes away from the content revealed in scripture nor presumes to add any superlative events not supported or implied by the text. Delightfully, it adds a dimension of intimate realism to the whole of the flood account and a sense of reverent awe to the depth of the beauty inherent in God's creatures. It reminds us that they as well as we are "fearfully and wonderfully made."

Yet another wonderful example of Rien's work. This is a large book, great for coffee table display, or just to enjoy. It is filled to the brim with Rien's wonderful artwork and writings, there is no doubt that this is a man who loves and respects all life he sees. His drawings of the ark as well are fantastic! Children and adults alike will love this book. Wonderful price on it here as well.

I am an artist and I saw this book in a local book store and I was amazed. The illustrations are magnificent. It's a must-have for anyone who loves God's creatures.

Pages of beautiful art work adorn every page. The artist uses color in a very flashy dramatic style

while capturing the feeling of the animals he is depicting. The story is from the Bible with wonderful comments from the artist on his views and feelings of the Ark. The writing is handled just as artistically. The text of the story is included but the artist comments are full of wit and humor

I have purchased three of these books for myself and friends. I am awed by the beautiful artwork and the wonderful way Mr. Poortvliet told the entire biblical history of Noah. It is wonderful to just pour over the illustrations and little side comments throughout this book. Just Wonderful!!!

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