

The Wisdom of Pixar

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In *The Wisdom of Pixar: An Animated Look at Virtue*, Robert Velarde offers a thoughtful perspective on Christian principles as presented in some of the most popular animated films in recent years. *Cars*, *Up* and *Finding Nemo* are just a few of the films he delves into to find a variety of themes that support many of the values of Christianity.

While careful to point out that Pixar does not directly tie all its films to Christian morals and theology, Velarde draws sensible conclusions and connections between the Christian life and many Pixar characters and plotlines. The themes of hope and imagination run throughout many of the films—Remy from *Ratatouille* is a rat who becomes fascinated with humans because of their creativity, for example.

Velarde discusses the creativity of God and how humans created in His image also have the gift of imagination. Other themes such as justice, humor, family, adventure, courage, love and even technology are explored in depth through the lens of Pixar films as well as through Scriptures and Christian thought.

This book is for anyone who has enjoyed a Pixar film. Concise chapters and discussion questions make it accessible for group studies.

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