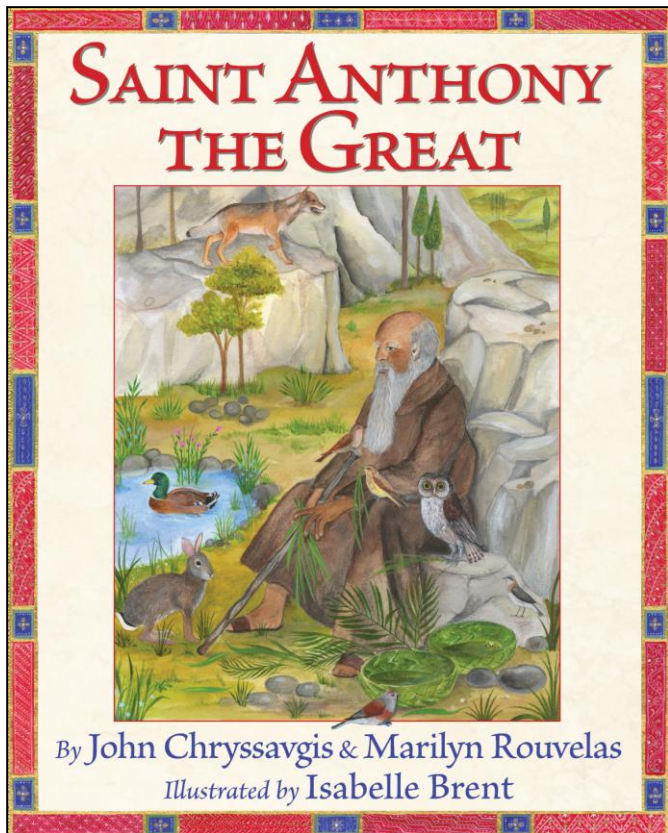


Saint Anthony the Great

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Do you sometimes feel unhappy or jealous and don't know what to do? A long time ago, Anthony (c. 251-360 A.D.) felt like this, but decided to do something about his sad heart. He gave up everything he owned and set out with nothing to find answers. His journey took him into the desert of Egypt, where he came face to face with many temptations. But through being quiet and alone in the wilderness, Anthony discovered the power of God's love in his heart. For many years Anthony taught other people how to live with love, joy, courage, and peace. People can still learn from him today, if only they pay attention to his good life and teachings. The answers are also there for you. Will you take the journey with us?

This Book Features

- ❖ A timeless story about the victory of good over evil, inside us and around us
- ❖ Beautiful illustrations that bring to life Saint Anthony's journey towards discovering the love of God in his heart
- ❖ An Appendix containing: The Life of Saint Anthony, a Timeline, Recommended Books for Further Reading, a Map, a Glossary, and Biographical Notes on the Authors and Illustrator

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Praise for *Saint Anthony the Great*

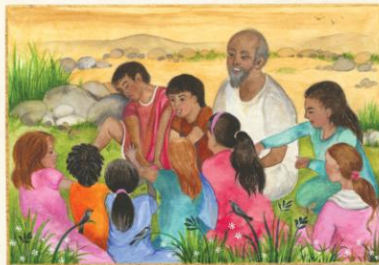
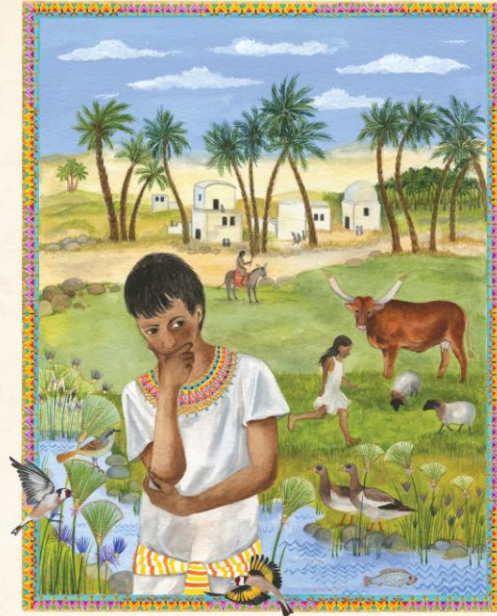
“... [Saint Anthony the Great] tells the story of a saint deeply important in both the Roman Catholic and Greek Orthodox traditions, filling a critical niche.”

—*Kirkus Reviews*

Selections from the Book

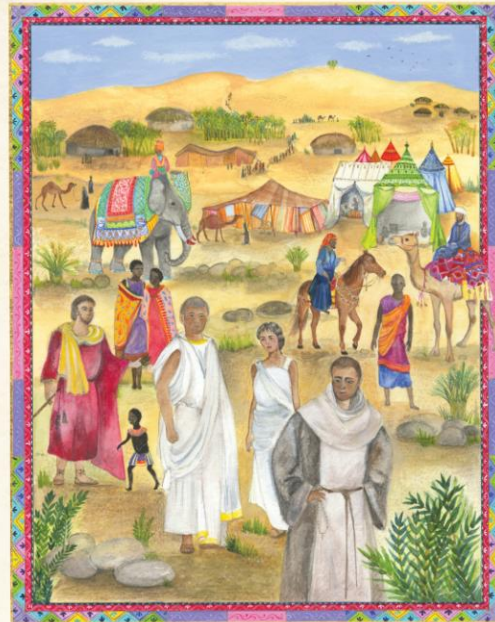


Many years ago in Egypt, a young man named Anthony began a long trip to a place close by. Anthony was born in Koma, Egypt. His parents were Christian. He was a happy child. When he was about nineteen years old, Anthony's parents died, leaving him and his sister alone. His heart was sad. What should he do? At church one day Anthony heard Christ's advice in the Bible. "If you want to be perfect, go, sell all you own. Give to the poor. Then you will have treasure in heaven. Come, follow me" (Matthew 19:21).



People moved to the desert to live near Anthony. Little huts and tents spread through the hills. People were singing, praying, and helping each other. Anthony taught them, "If you love your neighbor, you love God. If you love God, you also love your own soul."

Anthony had become a wise old man. People would ask him about how to lead a good life. He told them that having wrong thoughts was natural. Fighting them made the heart stronger. Wrong thoughts could be replaced by right thoughts of peace, courage, joy, and love of God and others.



About the Authors



Archdeacon John Chryssavgis is an award-winning author of over 20 books for adults and children, a translator, an educator, and a clergyman of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America. He completed his doctoral studies in Patristics (the study of the early Church Fathers) at the University of Oxford in 1983. Fr. John's books include *The World My Church* (co-authored with Sophie Chryssavgis), *In the Heart of the Desert: The Spirituality of the Desert Fathers and Mothers*, and *Remembering and Reclaiming Diakonia: The Diaconate Yesterday and Today*. Chryssavgis serves as theological advisor to His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians. He has just completed a two-volume series entitled *Primacy in the Church*, highlighting his interest in relations between the Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches. In 2014 Chryssavgis was involved in organizing and directing the press office for the meetings of the Pope and the Patriarch in Jerusalem and Istanbul, which is documented in the book *Dialogue of Love: Breaking the Silence of Centuries*. Born in Australia, he now lives in Harpswell, ME.

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About the Illustrator



Isabelle Brent is an internationally known artist who has illustrated more than two dozen children's books. She is also well known for her work as an illustrator and designer of greeting cards, gift wrap, and gift bags. Isabelle's paintings have been exhibited at the prestigious Royal Academy of Arts in London. Her art has also been exhibited in Paris, Tokyo, New York, and many other places worldwide. Her books include *The Christmas Story from the King James Version* and *All Creatures Great and Small*. Originally from England, Isabelle now lives in France.