



Heroines of the Past Bible Study
Ten Girls From History
Costumes With Character
Uncover Exciting History
Golden Prairie Press
Amy Puetz
www.amypuetz.com

Amy Puetz is a homeschool graduate who loves history. She loves to tell the stories of people who impacted their generation. She first wrote a historical costume book and then wrote additional historical books with a Christian worldview. Her company, Golden Prairie Press, sent Schoolhouse Crew reviewers a copy of one of their four E-Books.

1. *Heroines of the Past Bible Study* is both a Bible study and a collection of stories about historical women.
2. *Ten Girls From History* tells the stories of ten of the bravest girls in history, girls that demonstrate Godly character.
3. *Costumes With Character* shows how to sew costumes from eleven time periods with one dress. The patterns are designed for young adults but can be adapted for use with younger girls.
4. *Uncover Exciting History* shares American Christian heritage in short, easy-to-read nuggets.

The Schoolhouse Review Crew received these four books for review from Golden Prairie Press. They are found in both print form or electronic (E-Book) format. To read the reviews from the Schoolhouse Review Crew, please click [here](#).



Mr. Pipes and the British Hymn Makers
Douglas Bond
Christian Liberty Press
www.ChristianLibertyPress.com
800-348-0899

These days church music is often reduced to meaningless phrases repeated over and over that leave the singer, or observer, with nothing but a pleasant emotional feeling. Is that true worship?

Regardless of your opinions about church music, I hope that you give your children the opportunity to appreciate and value the depth of the old hymns. *Mr. Pipes and the British Hymn Makers* by Douglas Bond is a fantastic way to do that.

The story starts off with two young American children visiting a town in England, certain that nothing of interest will happen in that quiet place. At first, the boy seemed disrespectful toward the people they meet throughout the town and the children have their usual sibling bickerings (sometimes hearing things like this is a good conversation-starter among your own children!).

Then they meet the church's pipe organist, nicknamed Mr. Pipes, and he takes them through the fascinating history and stories surrounding many of the great hymns of our faith. Mr. Pipes makes the music become truly alive for them.

John and I have always had a huge appreciation for pipe organs and the incredible music they produce. If your children are unfamiliar with pipe organ music, find some on YouTube and let them listen (and watch!). The skills of a pipe organist are really quite remarkable, and it will give your kids a better understanding of what they are reading about in *Mr. Pipes*.

One of my favorite classical organ pieces is Widor's Toccata—takes your breath away. Take the time to find some clips of these great old hymns on pipe organ as well!

Lovely, simple, black and white illustrations are included in the *Mr. Pipes* book, as well as the scores for several great hymns. Our family loves to stand around the piano and sing hymns together; it helps teach them harmony. All of our kids love this family singing time, and *Mr. Pipes* gave us a much better understanding of what we are singing.

Mr. Pipes and the British Hymn Makers was first released in 1999 but is now available as an E-Book. The print version is \$9.89, but the E-Book is \$8.79. It is the first book in the *Mr. Pipes* series, and the entire series can be purchased through Christian Liberty Press for \$38.99.

—Product review by Gwen Toliver, blogging for the Schoolhouse Review Crew at Tolivers to Texas

Whew! That is a lot of excellent products, don't you think?

See you in December!