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# Three Cups



## Synopsis

Teaching children how to save, spend, and be charitable can be as simple as 1, 2, 3. All parents want to teach their children good money habits from an early age. Many start by giving them an allowance. But it's equally important to teach children a positive, generous attitude as they learn to use money responsibly. Filled with warm, memorable illustrations by award-winning painter, April Willy, *Three Cups* is the story of one family's unique and effective method of teaching personal financial management—and how one boy reaped first the small, then the immeasurably great rewards of the lessons he learned. Families will be delighted with the heart-warming tale and want to integrate the three-cup system in their own children's lives.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

My 6 year old daughter received this book as a gift. I highly recommend it for teaching values about saving money, being charitable and spending appropriately. The story is so wholesome and the illustrations are fabulous. My daughter loves reading it with us.

This is a great little book, a real treasure. The aim is to introduce to children a way of life that is creative, kind, thoughtful, simple and beneficial to all. Not only is it instructive to children but it is also a useful concept for adults, especially in these economically distressed times. The illustrations are beautiful as only April can do. I think this is a great new baby gift, shower gift, birthday gift or just an "I love you" gift. And think of the memories you would make taking your own child upon your knee

and reading and talking to him/her about the beauty of living this way. This book will be a classic!

Follow the teachings of a family as they teach their children basic financial management. By using three different cups, the family shows how money can be portioned out for saving, spending, and charitable giving. The child learns to split his money between the cups, having a visible reminder that each day there is a choice in terms of how to handle one's money. The lessons are accompanied by lovely full color illustrations. I thought this book was simply lovely. The writing presented the concepts in a very basic, easy to understand way that will be engaging to children. Parents can easily read this book to their children while presenting three cups of their own to institute the lesson within the story. I think it is quite valuable, and a great starting point that will allow parents to have discussions about charitable giving, and the fact that there are so many in great need. This is a lesson my own parents taught me at a young age, and I love that this book can be a vehicle to pass the valuable lesson on to other children. I particularly loved the illustrations in the book. I read an ebook, but if I had a child I would prefer to have a hard copy so that he or she could go over the concepts spelled out in the story and illustrations on their own. In short, I thought the book was simply gorgeous and a perfect starting point. If you are looking for a book to help your child learn about money management, and charitable giving, then this is the book for you. I received a review copy courtesy of the publisher.

Three cups is a very educational teaching tool to show your children how to save, spend and be charitable. When a young boy was five, he received three cups for his birthday. Of course he was disappointed, but his father assured him that it would lead to many adventures. It will also mean that he would now draw a weekly allowance. On allowance day, he was to split his money into three cups. One for saving, one for spending and one for charity. He learned that when his cup was full enough to buy what he wanted, he could spend it. When his savings cup had filled enough, his mom took him to the bank to open an account. There he learned about interest and how his money would grow. When he heard of a needy families needing food, he took the money from his charity cup and bought some. All of the cups made him feel good in some way and he took those values and drew upon them as he grew. Then as an adult, he passed those cups onto his own son. Three Cups is an excellent book to teach children the value of money and how to save and be charitable. The illustrations, by April Willy, are wonderful!! This little book packs a big punch and any parent or teacher will find this book will help children develop positive habits. A great lesson and a book that belongs in every children's library.

Disclaimer: I obtained a review copy of this book from the publisher, Thomas Nelson. I rec'd no other compensation and was just required to write an honest review of this work.=====Three Cups is a great idea -- a weekly allowance should be split three ways: sharing, spending, saving. The book is the author's memory of how his parents taught him to divide his money. When he turned 5, his parents chose three cups from the pantry and wrapped them up with a note that he was about to embark on an adventure beyond his wildest dreams. He wasn't so sure when he opened the box, but he came to realize as the idea and his funds grew, just what an adventure he was able to embark on with those three old cups. I liked this book but it didn't go far enough or deep enough into the why save ... why share. The author lost a golden opportunity to explain in more depth the graces garnered by buying the food for the soup kitchen ... or the ability to put his own money into the collection plate on Sunday. He omitted the great truth that when we share, we reap 100-fold. I did like the idea that the parents walked him through the dividing up into each cup to ensure that each got it's fair share. I also liked the image of heading to the bank to open a savings account for his spending portion. I didn't like that the book leads me to assume that he didn't have to do anything to get the allowance -- his parents just gave it to him. I'd rather my kids worked for their money; which would mean that each week the amount would be different but still would grow over time. I recommend this book for new parents with toddlers or young-school-age children.

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