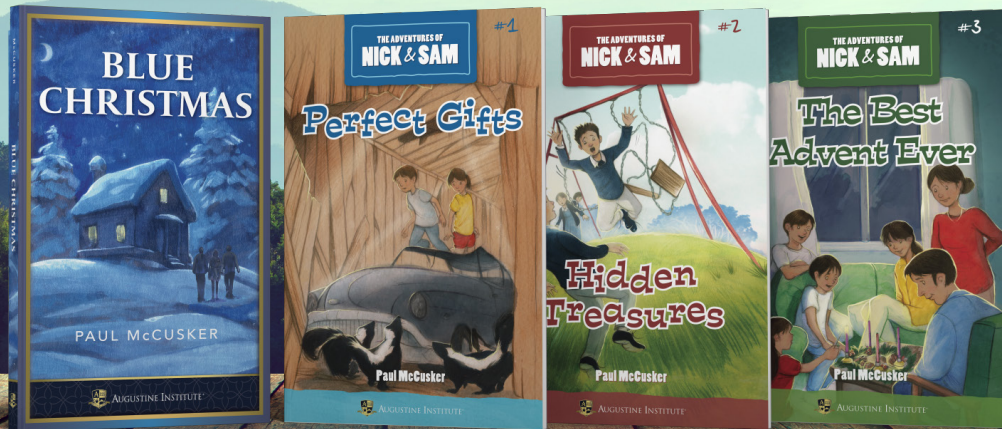




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Welcome to Hope Springs



A WORLD OF ADVENTURE AWAITS CATHOLICS OF ALL AGES!

Hope Springs is a multi-faceted series of stories that explores living the Catholic faith in the modern world. Centered around the Perry family, Hope Springs was introduced in short stories in the *Signs Of Grace* catechetical workbooks. The series now includes novels for First Readers (ages 5-8) under the banner *The Adventures Of Nick & Sam*. The world of Hope Springs will also appear in the grown-up novel *Blue Christmas*.

The likeable and engaging characters reflect the sensibilities and struggles of being Catholic in the quirky small town of Hope Springs. They play out their faith at the St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church and School, with their neighborhood friends (and adversaries), and in many adventures that bring the Church's teachings to life.

Created by Paul McCusker, best known for over 30 years of work with the best-selling *Adventures In Odyssey* children's series, the world of Hope Springs will include regularly released novels for various ages. Plans are also underway for a series of original audio dramas.

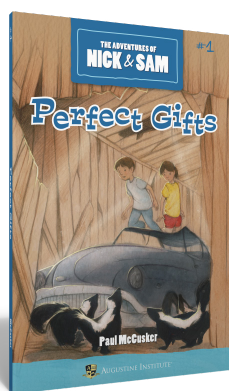
NICHOLAS AND SAMANTHA PERRY

Catholic kids will easily identify with these likable twins who have just moved to the fictional town of Hope Springs, Colorado. Their adventures, victories, and defeats will be familiar to young readers as Nick and Sam live out their faith at home, at school, and in the many recognizable circumstances that make up a Catholic childhood.

The series is perfect as a read-along experience, teaching your kids to read while also giving you a chance to talk to them about the Faith.

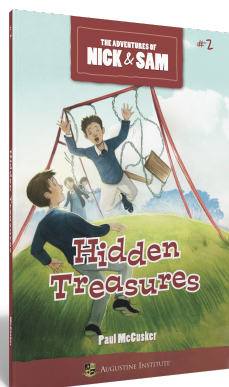


FOR FIRST READERS



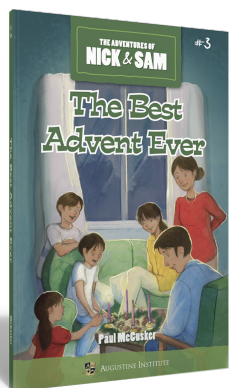
THE ADVENTURES OF NICK & SAM 1: *PERFECT GIFTS*

The fun begins as we meet the twins during their first summer living in Hope Springs. It is August and they are preparing to celebrate their birthday. Problems arise when Nick and Sam decide to sneak a peek at their birthday presents ahead of time, go unprepared on a hike in the mountains, and even run into a family of skunks! Fun and thoughtful, *Perfect Gifts* brings to life the importance of our choices, the consequences, the meaning of forgiveness, and the reality of grace.



THE ADVENTURES OF NICK & SAM 2: *HIDDEN TREASURES*

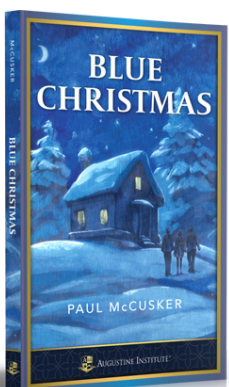
In this second book, the Perry twins begin a new school year at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic School. As they learn to adjust, Nick and Sam take on a class assignment that teaches them about their family history and their town of Hope Springs. Nick tries to help his friend Brad better understand faith. Sam learns new things about her friend Kim, whose parents are in China. Through their parents, their teacher, and a quirky handyman named Mr. Norm, the twins and their friends see why the “past is always present” when it comes to trusting God.



THE ADVENTURES OF NICK & SAM 3: *THE BEST ADVENT EVER*

In the third book, Nick and Sam encounter Advent in a whole new way. Sam competes with her best friend in the school Christmas pageant, Nick hopes to play an angel that actually flies, the search for a Christmas tree leads to danger, and the Perry family traditions take on an entirely new meaning of joy.

FOR GROWN UPS



BLUE CHRISTMAS: *ONE FAMILY'S CHRISTMAS DISCOVERY*

Richard Lee couldn't have been more surprised when he died right before Christmas. Yet it was an even bigger surprise to watch his three grown-up children return home to deal with his funeral arrangements – and their personal grief and conflicts. As David, the successful businessman, Jonathan, the failed artist, and Ruth, the wayward daughter all reckon with the father they didn't understand, Richard Lee learns more about them than he ever knew in life. Poignant and funny, *Blue Christmas* is one family's discovery that Christmas is still a time of miracles.

THREE MORE BOOKS TO COME IN 2019!