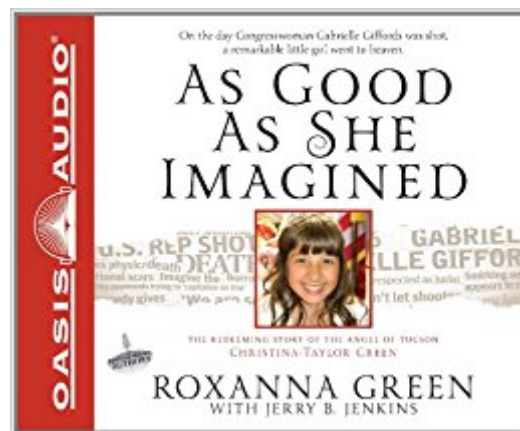




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# **As Good As She Imagined (Library Edition): The Redeeming Story Of The Angel Of Tucson, Christina-Taylor Green**



## Synopsis

On the day Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was shot, a remarkable little girl went to heaven. This is the story of a mother's quest for peace in the midst of unspeakable heartache. By the time the shooting ended on that cloudless January day in front of a Tucson grocery store, 19 innocent people lay wounded, dead, or dying. Among the gravely wounded was U.S. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords. The youngest among the six who died was a little girl whose dark eyes and smiling face would soon appear on newscasts around the world. Some would refer to her as "The Angel of Tucson." Christina-Taylor Green entered this world on September 11, 2001 "a ray of sheer joy on a dark day of madness, shock, and sorrow. On January 8, 2011, another act of madness tore her from this world. She was talented. She was popular. She was beautiful. And she was nine. As Good As She Imagined is her mother's remarkable account of her life, death, and inspiring legacy. With the help of New York Times best-selling author Jerry B. Jenkins, Roxanna Green shares her family's journey of faith and their quest for redemption amid unspeakable tragedy. It is a story that touched a nation and the world "and a story that will inspire you.

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## Customer Reviews

Christina-Taylor Green was beautiful, precocious and popular, a member of her elementary school's student council and the only girl on her Little League team. Born on 9/11/2001, it was perhaps no surprise that she harbored aspirations of becoming a politician "thus her presence at the political rally that fateful day in Tucson last January. Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords was severely wounded in the gunman's splay of bullets; six others were killed, including Christina,

the youngest of the victims. But this inspirational book recounts far more than the events of the tragedy of Tucson. • Written by Christina's mother (with New York Times best-selling biographer Jerry Jenkins), *As Good As She Imagined* celebrates this little girl's life, along with the hope that has been born out of a nation's loss and a family's grief. --This text refers to an alternate Audio CD edition.

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Living in Tucson, I like many of its citizens was touched by the terrible, senseless tragedy of January 10, 2011, particularly the killing of nine year old Christina-Taylor Green. I felt at that time no parents should ever have to endure the heartbreak that happened to John & Roxanna Green and their son Dallas. So I preordered the book on my Kindle and began reading it when it first became available. A word of caution, make sure you have a box of Kleenex handy because if your anything like me there are many parts to the book where you will tear up and cry. I have just finished reading the book for a second time and it has taken on a whole new meaning for me because through my sister I have had the pleasure to meet in person Roxanna, John and Dallas on Cape Cod; a more wonderful family you will never meet. So my review of this book is based on my most recent experience reading this book. Roxanna has done a truly amazing job of writing this book from her heart and soul. She wrote this book to keep the memory of Christina-Taylor alive and this book will certainly do that. Although this book has many sad moments it also has some light and humorous moments as she takes you through her childhood, her marriage to her husband John, the birth of

her first born Dallas and finally the birth of Christina-Taylor. As you read this book you can't help but be impressed by the many good times this family experienced and the faith they have. Needless to say that after the terrible tragedy of January 8, 2011 in which Cristina-Taylor was shot and killed along with five other people in this senseless tragedy it was the family's faith that kept them together and allowed them to move forward; move forward yes but the pain and heartache of losing Christina-Taylor will never, ever be forgotten; her memory will always occupy a huge part of her parents and brother's hearts. All parents think and believe that their child are special and they all our. But Christina-Taylor was truly a special, remarkable and gifted child. What she accomplished in her short life of nine years was truly amazing. We can never understand why God takes a truly gifted child away from her parents and brother at such an early age, but God has his reasons, and I believe that Christina-Taylor was to send a message and leave a lasting impression on this country. She has more than done this for me and countless others. If you are looking to read a remarkable book I highly recommend "As Good As She Imagined" by Roxanna Green The redeeming story of the Angel of Tucson Christina-Taylor Green.

Inspired by the life and dreams of her young daughter who died too soon, Roxanna Green shares her quest for peace in "As Good As She Imagined". Christina-Taylor Green, born on 9/11, learned that everyone can lend a helping hand to make a difference in this world. "We are so blessed. We have the best life", she told her mother, more than once. Wise from birth, Christina-Taylor sought out ways to make the world a better place, and through her daily, mindful actions, she changed many lives. Where does this spirit come from? Her father explained, "She has shown others that their hopes and dreams can come alive if they take the steps to live them out. And she has shown that by caring for those who are less fortunate, we can make the world a better place." Although referring to his daughter, there is no greater reflection of these ideals than in this family's vision and commitment to make Christina-Taylor's dreams a reality. As parents, we often ask, "What should we teach our children?" Those more courageous ask: What can we learn from our children that should be nourished to make the world a better place? What I love about this story is that the endpoint IS the journey - accomplished not in words, but through countless steps of truth and action, from which we may derive meaning and spiritual renewal. Through narration and a mix of design elements, Roxanna Green conveys a family history of deeply held values that shaped her upbringing, later providing vision and direction for her family's growth. A montage of spirit and heart make this book special and memorable. The story isn't told in words alone. The format itself, akin to an heirloom quilt, is a metaphor of imagination, linking family photos, inspirational prose, and personal insights

through the generations. There is a cohesive quality to this book that is hard to explain. Suffice it to say it's a thing of beauty inside and out. Integrity plus. What makes this book so powerful is that it shows you, but doesn't tell you explicitly, the context for this legacy of goodness - and that is the magic. There is not an ounce of preachiness. If goodness is to be inspired from within, it involves a creative, intuitive process from which each of us finds our own roadmap. There is power in what is not said. I recall my mother telling me that when her 9-year old brother died unexpectedly, my grandparents' grief was so overwhelming, they couldn't talk about it. However, my mother remembered that for many years later, my grandmother would practice a daily ritual of preparing a beautiful full-course meal, which she would carefully wrap, box, and deliver every day before dawn, anonymously, to the doorstep of a neighbor, whom she hardly knew - and who had also lost a child. The legacy of my grandmother's heart of gold touched many people and allowed her to live a life of meaning. The clarity of her simple truth shaped our lives and healed many broken hearts over the years, including her own. This book is a treasure to be pursued and implemented in its message. A blessing to the bereaved, this is a deeply inspirational work for people of all faiths. Anyone who has experienced loss, or facing catastrophic illness or other hardship would find a gift of immeasurable quality in these pages. Friends and family who seek ways of supporting loved ones would do well to glean the pearls of wisdom - a rich source of insight for those in the helping professions - teachers, clergy, healthcare providers, counselors, etc., who want to gain a more meaningful understanding of loss and sorrow. As Viktor Frankel said, "The meaning of your life is to help others find theirs." "As Good As She Imagined" is a sublime example.

I finished reading, "As Good As She Imagined" at 11:30 pm last night (1/8/12). I cried a lot, but I also laughed. There are parts where Roxanna describes Christina-Taylor's relationship with her brother, Dallas. They were quite humorous. Dallas' letters to his sister were so whimsical and cheerful. The incident with the pretend hair salon left me laughing out loud. I'm not an overtly religious person and don't go to church, but the signs that God gave cannot be denied. I will not divulge them here because I want others to read the book, but I truly saw them as angels amongst us. At the end, I was filled with hope. Hope that a little girl's life and potential to give back were still being felt. In that, Christina-Taylor lives on. Thank you Roxanna for writing this book. I was really angry about what happened and if you and John can forgive; so can I. Everyone should read this book. It was well-written and you truly feel the heartache in Roxanna's writing. I felt honored and humbled to be able to read about such a special person. Roxanna was right when she said Christina-Taylor did so much in her nine years than some do in their whole life. I want to live up to her expectations. I want

our democracy to be as good as Christina imagined it. I want America to be as good as she imagined it. All of us -- we should do everything we can to make sure this country lives up to our children's expectations. ~ President, Barack Obama, 1/12/11

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