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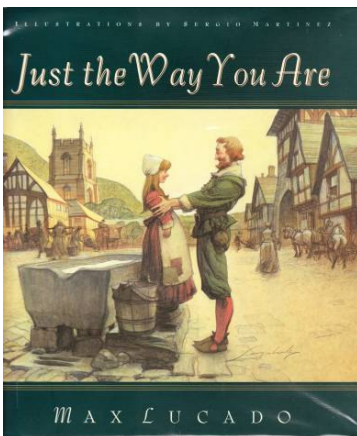
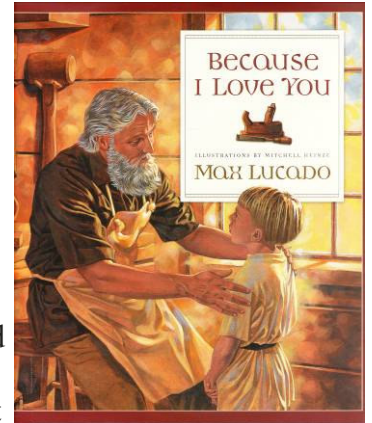
BECAUSE I LOVE YOU

by Max Lucado
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Because I Love You is a wonderfully written story about a curious boy's experience of love and care. It is an allegory of God's unconditional love to allow us to make choices.

Paladin was curious that the children of the village were not allowed beyond the high walls surrounding the village. Shaddai, a wise man, would remind them of cruel thorns, savage beasts and hidden pits that filled the dark forest outside.

But when Paladin discovered a hole in the wall and decided to find out what is beyond, he came to understand just how deeply he was loved.



JUST THE WAY YOU ARE

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Just the Way You Are is a story of five orphans who were excited when they learned that the king had decided to adopt them as his children.

So, too, were the people of the village. To gain the approval of the king, they advised the children to prepare gifts to offer to him. One child decided to carve a wonderful piece of wooden art; another decided to paint a painting worthy to be hung in the king's castle; the third child chose to woo the king's heart with her voice and mandolin; yet another child chose to impress the king with his wisdom and knowledge.

But the fifth child who was a stable girl had nothing to offer to the king except a big caring heart.

Unknown to them, the king came to visit the village disguised as a merchant. The children with many talents were too busy preparing their gifts and had no time for the king. Only the stable girl whose only gift was the gift of her heart had time to welcome the king and so became his child.

This inspiring story teaches children of God's unconditional acceptance and His desire to enjoy a friendship with them.