



The Art of Wisdom

Volume I

Tammy Lea Fabian



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“The Art of Wisdom, Volume 1” Receives 2021 Da Vinci Eye Award

Tammy Lea Fabian’s “The Art of Wisdom” Receives Award for a New Style of Devotional.

MCKINNEY, TEXAS—“The Art of Wisdom, Volume 1” received the [2021 Da Vinci Eye Award](#) for its superior cover artwork, both in content and style. The Da Vinci Award is an annual honor associated with the [Eric Hoffer Book Award](#), a monetary prize honoring the memory of American philosopher Eric Hoffer and awarded for salient writing and a small publisher’s independent spirit.



Tammy Lea Fabian, author and owner of micropublisher Time in the Desert, explained, “I wanted to create a devotional on chapters 10-12 of the Bible’s book of Proverbs and put it in the form of a coffee-table art book that readers would enjoy leaving out as part of their decor. Since proverbs are the sayings and riddles of the wise, I wanted the cover to reflect that sense of riddle.”

The cover depicts a timepiece resting firmly on a rock against a background of a stormy gray sea. Proverbs 10–12 teaches that “if we stand firm on a rock,” Fabian said, “we will have a firm foundation just like the wise; however, if we live foolishly, we drown in the consequences of our choices.”

While the cover is striking, the devotional content inside has also received favorable reviews. Tara Cuccia, a 14-year old said, “One evening, I picked it up and sat on the couch flipping through the stories and seeing how they connected with the verses and the photography. It was captivating, and I found myself coming up with similar stories from my life that would connect with the verses. I couldn’t put the book down. It was truly a beautiful representation of the book of Proverbs.”

Similarly, Shawn Switzer, wife of Wylie, Texas, Pastor Blake Switzer, wrote, “The Art of Wisdom” is quickly becoming a treasure to us. Proverbs has come to life for us in a new, fresh manner.”

Fabian said sales have been brisk and she’s currently writing the second volume of “The Art of Wisdom,” hoping to complete it this year to satisfy the requests of pastors and other readers who are looking forward to reading and teaching from her take on Proverbs 13–15.



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Meet the Author

Tammy Lea Fabian

Wanting to tame her rebellious heart, Tammy Fabian began memorizing Scripture. A verse turned into a chapter, and a chapter turned into a book. To date, she has memorized twenty-three books of the Bible, including Proverbs, and she's still going, wanting to obtain a breadth of understanding and wisdom to share with others. Over time, her exercises of memorization turned to worship of the Lord, and that worship birthed "The Art of Wisdom," a kind of first fruits dedication back to him. As Solomon left instructions for his son, Tammy, too, wants to leave instructions for how to live well to her son and others.



Tammy is the president of Date Palm Consulting and travels throughout the world as a speaker, interacting with diverse cultures, people groups, and religions. She also is the president of Time in the Desert—a micropublishing company Tammy established to publish needed books for niche audiences, and a graduate of Corban University, with a BS in Psychology.

She resides in McKinney, Texas, with her husband Brian. Besides her son Cal, Tammy has four grown stepchildren. True to the heart of Tammy's intent for the book to bring families together around a common conversation, everyone in her family helped in some way to bring "The Art of Wisdom" to completion. Three family members can be found in stories, one captured her photo for the cover, another gave her a picture for a proverb riddle, and another bought her book right off the press.



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What They Are Saying . . .

“The Art of Wisdom” is not only an amazing artistic production, but the insights into Proverbs that it provides are unique and very helpful. The gorgeous pictures bring the proverbs to life, and the comments on each verse are truly insightful and refreshing.

—**Dr. Thomas L. Constable**

Retired Department Chairman of Bible Exposition, Dallas Theological Seminary

I love this book! I’ve read it daily to grow in wisdom. It is absolutely brilliant! I am not surprised that God has used Tammy in such a unique way — her mess has become her message and now her ministry! This book will be a key to unlock greater wisdom in your life, and the art is breathtaking.

—**Jonathan Pokluda**

@jpokluda

As I am reading through "The Art of Wisdom," the stories of Tammy Lea Fabian are truly engaging and captivating! She transparently calls out and shares with the world her own sinfulness in a way that would make most sophisticated Christians uncomfortable, and this heroic element gives her huge credibility. There is great wealth to be gleaned in the book by the preacher, who is constantly in need of testimonial illustrations! One thing that the book has done for my wife and me, as we take each proverb one at a time and discuss the big idea, is the wealth of ideas they seem to perpetuate in our discussion.

—**John Hardison**

@jwhardison

“The Art of Wisdom” by Tammy Lea Fabian is a delightful exposition of Proverbs 10-12 with penetrating wisdom questions. It uses art and the craft of storytelling to breathe life into these biblical proverbial sayings and shows how wisdom flourishes in the life of this young woman who has committed herself to memorizing Scripture and modeling the art of wisdom.

—**Dr. Ted Hildebrandt**

Retired Professor of Biblical Studies at Gordon College





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The discernment of Solomon has been transferred into the life and art of the creator of this fascinating devotional volume. Through the wisdom of the Scriptures, iconic images, personal life-story illustrations, and riddles, you will engage truth in a uniquely artistic and compelling way.

—**Timothy S. Warren, ThM, PhD**

Retired Senior Professor of Pastoral Ministries, Dallas Theological Seminary

Tammy artfully blends the wisdom of Solomon with beautiful photography and very personal stories to create a captivating book. She had me laughing at her antics, amazed by her vulnerability, and challenged by the applications.

—**Chuck Bryant**

CEO Pinnacle Forum America

“The Art of Wisdom” curates Tammy’s passion for God’s Word (specifically the Proverbs), gift of storytelling, and evocative photographs she has taken over the years into a spiritual and visual gallery full of treasures that you will want to wander through, linger with, and ponder for years to come.

—**Jason Dorsey**

Artistic Director, Sunnyshore Studios

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Pastor’s Wife, Gateway Community Church

