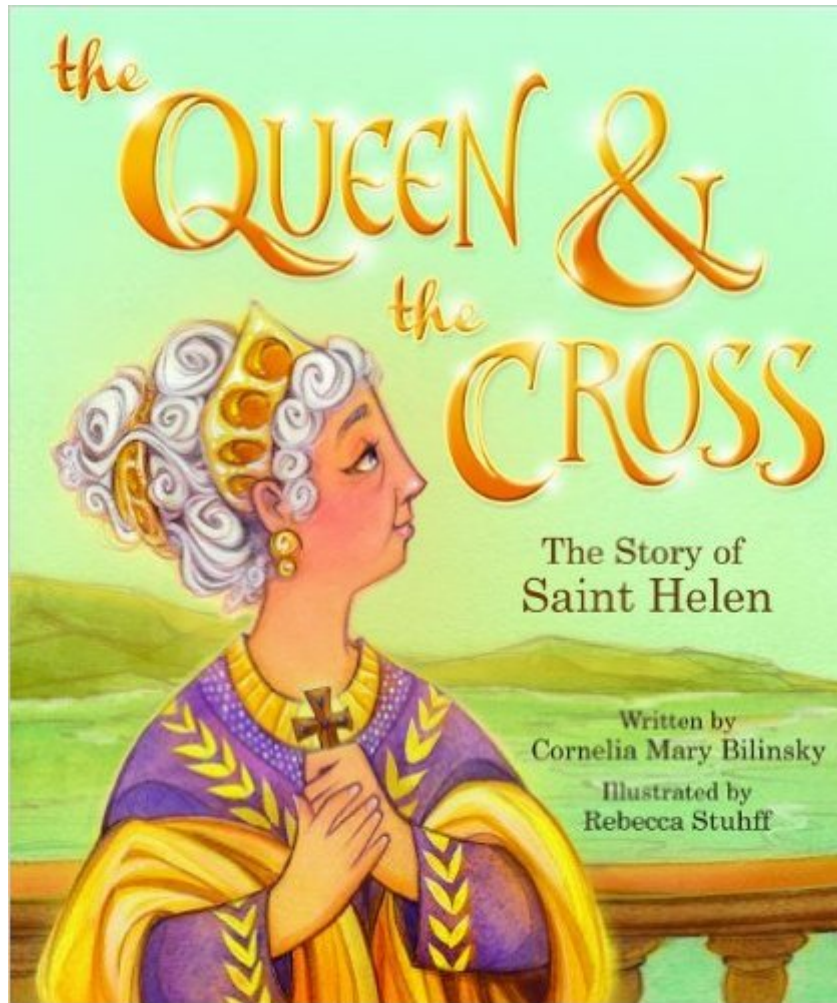


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# The Queen & The Cross: The Story Of Saint Helen (Tales And Legends)



## Synopsis

Sweet-smelling basil marks the spot in this treasure hunt led by a queenly saint...join her as she treks to Jerusalem in search of the Holy Cross of Jesus Christ! In this fabulous and instructive blend of tale and history, children ages 5-8 will be inspired by the lore and legend of the faith. Boys and girls alike will be captivated by Helen, a heroic empress on a mission, and will be encouraged to treasure the Holy Cross in their own lives! As children accompany Helen on her quest to find the true cross upon which Jesus died, they will relive her adventures. They will experience Helen's excitement when she thinks she has discovered the 'X' that marks the spot-sweet-smelling basil-since basil is the herb of kings and Jesus is the King of Life. But just as it seems that the site of the Holy Cross has been identified, not one, but three crosses are found while digging... How will the one true cross be determined? Read on to discover the legend of the Holy Cross and learn all about Helen's thrilling life! Features & Benefits Contains an opening hymn and prayer Includes a brief biography of Saint Helen following the legend Mentions the locations where the true cross exists today Concludes with a quote from Emperor Constantine's letter to Bishop Macarius.

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## Customer Reviews

The Queen and the Cross is a wonderful children's book that tells the story of St. Helen and her

quest to find Jesus' cross. For those of you unfamiliar with who St. Helen is, she is the mother of the Emperor Constantine. Constantine is given credit for making Christianity legal in 313 with the Edict of Milan. In this book, one gets a full picture of the finding of the Holy Cross. We see why Helen wanted to find the Cross; her meeting of Macarius, the Bishop of Jerusalem; the finding of three crosses (Jesus' and the two thieves'); and how she determined which cross was THE Cross. You'll have to read the story to find out. The book starts with a prayer from the Stations of the Cross (Catholic) and ends with a Hymn from the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Orthodox). I appreciate the inclusion of both West and East as parents from both sides will appreciate the message of this book. I also appreciate that the book mentioned where pieces of the Holy Cross are worldwide, in case you get the urge for a pilgrimage. However, since St. Helen is the patron saint of archaeologists, I wish the book would have addressed some of the other great relics St. Helen found, like the remains of the Magi, but it did not. That is not a dealbreaker for me, though, and I still give this book 5 stars.

I gave this book to my five year old granddaughter whose name is Ilona...which is Helen in Hungarian...for her baptism. We both loved the story and the illustrations. It's a wonderful book and I would recommend it.

Awesome book about St. Helen and her quest to find the true cross. My children (ages 3 & 4) love it!

This book is very clear and easy for children to follow. Lovely retelling of St. Helen.

Love this book! What a clear and endearing way to portray St. Helen.

Really nice book.

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