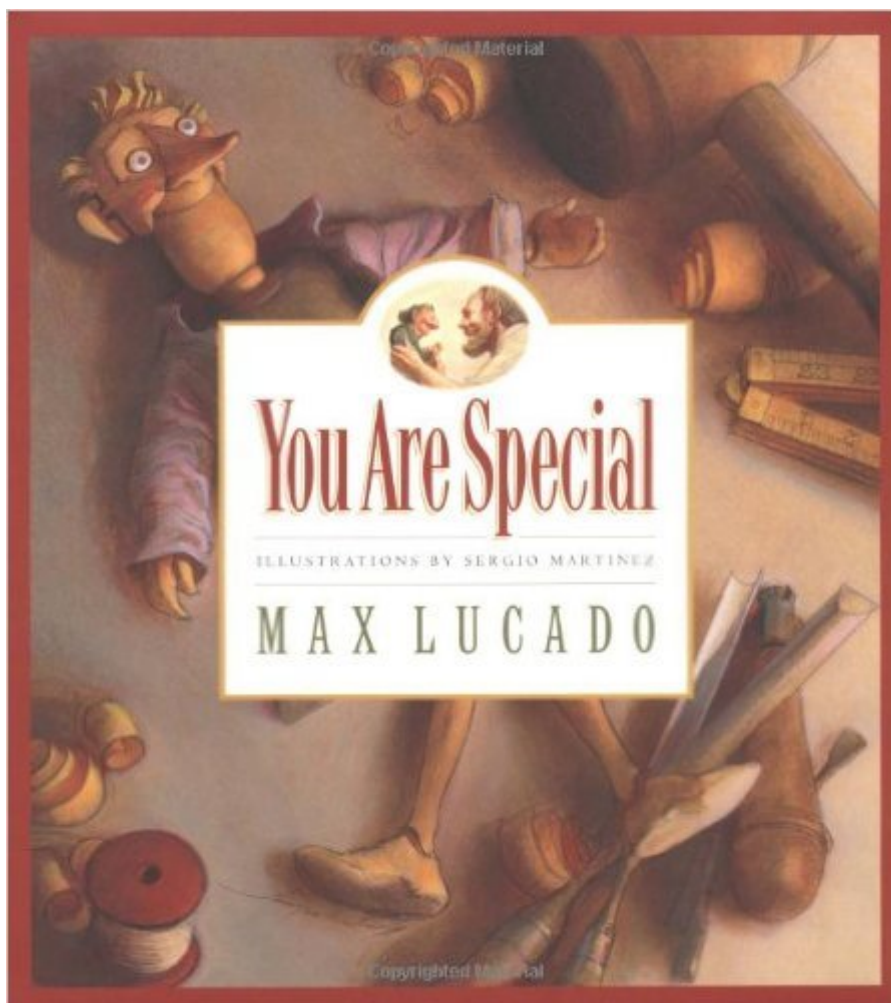


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# You Are Special (Max Lucado's Wemmicks)



## Synopsis

Every day the small wooden people called Wemmicks do the same thing: stick either gold stars or gray dots on one another. The pretty ones--those with smooth wood and fine paint--always get stars. The talented ones do, too. Others, though, who can do little or who have chipped paint, get ugly gray dots. Like Punchinello. In this heartwarming children's tale from the best-selling pen of author Max Lucado, Eli the woodcarver helps Punchinello understand how special he is--no matter what other Wemmicks may think. It's a vital message for children everywhere: that regardless of how the world evaluates them, God cherishes each of them, just as they are. This tale originally appeared within one of the chapters in the award-winning children's bestseller *Tell Me the Secrets*.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 4 - 7 years

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## Customer Reviews

This book shows how true freedom for us comes by not being enslaved to the opinions of others. Max Lucado tells the story to communicate to children (and most DEFINITELY to adults as well) that by taking time to experience and remember God's love for us, we can have a deep joy that isn't contingent upon whether people bestow praise (represented by gold stars) or insults (grey dots) upon us. This is a book that I think everyone should read every morning before we start our day, because this simple story illustrates a truth that is essential to our peace, yet so hard for us to keep

ahold of. Thank you Max, for reminding us of our infinite and unchanging worth.

I'm of the firm belief that a good story is a good story, no matter how old you are! This beautiful picture book is Max Lucado at his best - he tells the story with a perfect economy of words and the illustrations are perfect. The main character, Punchinello, lives in a world where the wooden people wear "stickers" which are Stars or Grey Dots, depending on what others think of you! Poor Punchinello tries hard to gain others' approval, but keeps missing out and keeps getting grey dots, which means that he is definitely looked down upon in this make-believe society of wooden people. Finally, our friend meets a wooden girl who has no stickers! When people try to put stars on her, they don't stick! And the grey dots don't stick either! She explains to our main character that this is because she goes to visit Eli, the master woodcarver, who made them all. She doesn't care about the opinions of others. She suggests that Punchinello go visit Eli as well. When Punchinello goes to visit Eli, he learns an important lesson about the specialness of each created person just because you belong to God! The scenes in Eli's workshop are especially touching. My 17-year-old just read this book and LOVED it. We also watched the video and didn't think it was as good as the book. Please check out my other reviews of Christian books and music!

I really loved this book it has definite religious themes and I am not a religious person but thinking that someone was always there to help me made me feel really good I wanted to run out and call all of the people I know and tell them how much I love them! I have read this book to lots of small children and they loved it but it is also great for teenagers college students and adults. Great messages, beautiful illustrations (some times I just go through and look at the pictures!), and a truly heart warming story highly suggested for everyone! Thanks!

I used to read this book to my campers when I was a counselor at a Christian summer camp. The message is that our creator, God, loves us for who we are - he made us who we are. Whenever we feel inadequate in this world, all we need to do is remember God's love for us. When we do that all those negative things that people see about us and even those that we have started to believe ourselves will disappear. This story is included in Lucado's book, The Book of Secrets. This excerpt from that book is enhanced by Martinez's wonderful illustrations. Why 5 stars?: This book is wonderfully written and illustrated. The message is one that all children (and adults) need to remember. God is able to see past what others do. He looks not only at our surface, but what is inside. He made us the way we are for a reason and he loves us because we are all so different.

The sequel to *You Are Special*, Max Lucado's *Your Special Gift* features illustrations by David Wenzel and is a thoroughly entertaining tale of the "little people" of Wemmicksville and their awakening one morning to find they have each and everyone been the recipient of a perfect gift chosen just for the individual villager. Following Punchinello the builder, Hans the baker, Lucia the painter, Eli the woodcarver, and an extraordinary cast of fun characters as *Your Special Gift* as the Lucia, Hans, and Punchinello strive use their separate gifts to help a family in need. As they do so they discover their meaning in life and the most helpful way to contribute to others. A simply wonderful addition to any family, school, or community picturebook collection, *Your Special Gift* is very highly recommended to all young readers for its creative and unique message showcased with appropriately entertaining cartoon-style illustrations.

Until my sister told me of this book, I would never have even given it a second look. Max Lucado is not my favorite author by any stretch of the imagination, but this one goes above and beyond any of those deep instructional books he and others have sent out to the world. It's simple, and the story goes right to the heart of the reader. It's definitely a great purchase for yourself or as a gift for others. The story is about a land where beautiful people receive stars, and those not-so-beautiful people receive spots. The Stars naturally all hang out together. The Spots don't really have a group - like us they tend to feel scorned and lonely after awhile. This story is about Punchinello, a small lad with more spots than most, who just wants to be liked. He learns of the Woodcarver who made them all, and gets the courage to visit . . . and begins to just sit and talk like a friend with his maker. My sis gave it to me as a gift - she said I was one of those strange people that loved kids' stories (and I hope I always will!), but would still get the real meaning behind it. Well, I did. I hope you'll take the chance to read it, and see just what a great story it is, too.

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