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Brigid wants to feed the hungry, but she is often hungry herself. When a beggar woman asks for the only food Brigid has - a dish of butter - she learns how to open her heart in generosity and love. This story of the first miracle of St. Brigid of Ireland will encourage children ages 5 to 8 to learn about this generous saint!

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## From Reader Review *Brigid and the Butter: A Legend about St for online ebook*

### Emily Davis says

The story of *Brigid and the Butter: A Legend About Saint Brigid* is a sweet story about a slave girl who lives in Ireland with her mother and they have hardly anything to eat. She works hard cooking, cleaning and tending to her master's cows. She even makes butter (which is hard, in a hand churn, I am sure). One day she heard Saint Patrick tell the story about the little boy giving his five loaves and two fish to the disciples and they fed the whole crowd, with Jesus' blessing. It left a huge impression on her.

I can't tell you too much of the story, but I can say that one day when she gladly gave all she had (butter) to a lady who had nothing, God blessed her with twice the amount she'd given.

As the back of the book says, "taking Bishop Patrick's words to heart, she learned that you don't need to have much in order to give." Isn't that the truth?! There is a small bit of history of St. Brigid after the story. She was such a giving Saint. People received many miracles from her. This is such a great book. I promise you won't be disappointed.

As a Catholic Mom and Grandmother, I cherish these books in our Library. Of course we are partly Irish, and so it makes it all the sweeter.

Pauline Books and Media sent me this book to review, but I only give honest reviews. The original review can be found on my blog here: <http://davishomemarysmantle.blogspot....>

Blessings,  
Emily

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### Steven R. McEvoy says

This book has become an immediate family favorite. We have read it more than a dozen times in under a week. The story and the illustrations are loved by all three of my children ages 10, 9 and 6. In fact I might need to get a second copy of this book because both my girls want to carry it around the house. Pamela Love in her first book for Pauline and from our reading we hope there will be many more.

This is the retelling of one of the legends of St. Brigid of Ireland. And it is wonderfully retold. The story of the young slave girl who must decide between sharing what little she has, or possibly going hungry makes a very hard choice. In part the choice is inspired by a sermon from Bishop Patrick (St. Patrick) preaching on the loaves and the fish.

It is an inspiring story. Every time we read it we end up discussing giving, and giving from what we have. We also talk about sermons and following God's leading no matter the challenge.

The illustrations by April Stott are incredible. My youngest has asked for a framed version of the portrait of St. Brigid from the end of the book. My youngest is constantly carrying this book around and looking at it, and asking someone to read it to her. She just loves the pictures and the story.

My children also love the biography of St. Brigid that is at the end of the book, and also the prayer to Saint

Brigid. Overall this is a wonderful book and we highly recommend it.

Read the review on my blog [Book Reviews and More](#).

Note: This book is part of a series of reviews: [2017 Catholic Reading Plan!](#)

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### **Stuart says**

*Brigid and the Butter* tells the story of a little girl who lives on the farm with her mother. They are not a wealthy family at all and barely have enough to eat themselves, but Brigid is a cheerful girl and a hard worker. She is in charge of milking the cows and churning the butter, and she loved the taste of butter. One day Brigid heard Bishop (future Saint) Patrick preaching about Jesus feeding the hungry all because a little boy sacrificed his food so others could eat. This caused Brigid to think deeply. In the coming days, a starving woman came to her door asking for food. Brigid had no bread, only butter. She was hesitant at first to help the woman, but she remembered the words of Bishop Patrick. She gave the woman the only food she had (the butter) and after Brigid thanked God for the opportunity to help the woman, God blessed her with twice as much butter as she had sacrificed. This is a sweet story that shows children that you should joyfully help others. Like its companion book, *Patrick and the Fire*, it too includes a prayer to Saint Brigid and a brief biography on this saint.

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### **Christine says**

A wonderful retelling of a story about the young St. Brigid. A poor slave girl must decide whether she can afford to give the last of her family's butter to the poor beggar woman who comes to their door. What is a 10 year old to do?

The prose of this story flows well, so as you read it aloud to your kids your tongue isn't going to trip over the words. The pictures, too, won't disappoint. Stott adds a graceful touch to these adorable, yet modern, illustrations.

A great picture book to add to your St. Patrick's day collection, Catholic saint collection, or even just your general read aloud collection. It doesn't disappoint.

Note: The publisher sent me a complimentary copy of these books with the hope that I would provide (favorable) reviews. Complimentary books don't necessarily make good books, though. My opinions are my own.

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### **Stephen Price-Gibson says**

The story of *Brigid and the Butter* as retold by Pamela Love and illustrated by Apryl Stott, is a wonderfully honest story of moral development. The prose is direct and with almost no obvious artifice. The craft is evident only by the lasting impressions made of the life and character of the young Brigid. Apryl Stott's illustrations are a perfect complement to the written word. The illustrations are full of color and personality, but there is nothing sanctimonious in its portrayal of Brigid, Bishop Patrick, or even the scene of Jesus feeding the multitude. Brigid has heard with joy and wonder about the generosity of Jesus, but the reader

learns, with Brigid, that it is only through making the difficult choice to help others at our own expense that we become more like Jesus. The struggle is real, so the Saint Brigid in the epilogue is a role model, and not a plaster saint. Love and Stott a great book to give on any occasion--whether St. Patrick's Day, Christmas, a birthday, or any given Tuesday.

Pauline Books & Media provided me with a free copy of Brigid and the Butter in exchange for an honest review.

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### **Katie says**

This was such a sweet tale of St. Brigid for children!

It has soft, simple illustrations and the language is very relatable for little ones. Brigid (and young readers) learn the important lesson that one can show their love for God and neighbor by charitably offering to share what one has with others. Such a small sacrifice can have a big impact, and God certainly sees and appreciates the littlest acts of love. Great book for kids and a great way of sharing the Catholic faith and one's Irish heritage!

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