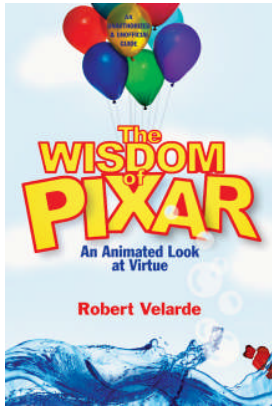


TALKING POINTS



In *The Wisdom of Pixar* Robert Velarde unpacks the movies of Pixar and shows how they display the best of classic Christian virtues. Pixar's films resonate with us because of their moral character. Whether we identify with the plight of a lost fish or the adventures of toys, bugs or cars, Pixar's characters help us build our own character, with the kind of virtue that we want for ourselves and those around us.

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The Wisdom of Pixar

- Pixar was formed as an independent company in 1986.
- Pixar was purchased by Disney in 2006 for a sum of \$7.4 billion.
- Aside from its computer-generated images and stories, why do you think Pixar has taken hold among children and families like it has?

Toy Story

- What does *Toy Story* have to say about identity?
- What are some other Pixar examples of understanding and accepting one's identity?
- How do these depictions of identity translate to our lives as Christians?

A Bug's Life

- Tell us the basic story of *A Bug's Life*.
- What does *A Bug's Life* teach about justice and fairness?

The Incredibles

- How is the virtue of courage depicted in *The Incredibles*?
- As you explain, "Courage can be warped into a vice." How do we go about cultivating "good" courage?

Ratatouille

- You focus on ambition as a lesson from *Ratatouille*. What does this movie show us about ambition?
- How is ambition related to virtue?
- Where does ambition fit into the Christian life?

Robert Velarde on Pixar

- How have the Pixar films impacted your Christian life?
- What is your favorite Pixar film? Why?
- How have you taught your own children through these movies?
- What advice would you give to parents as they watch and interact with culture, particularly movies like the Pixar films?

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