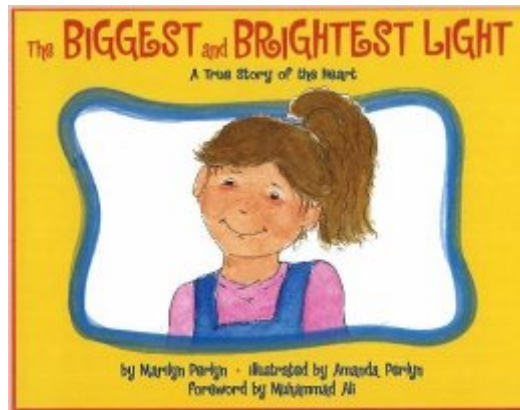


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# The Biggest And Brightest Light: A True Story Of The Heart



## Synopsis

This timely new book will inspire children and give them a real understanding of the feelings that come from giving. When six-year-old Amanda wanted to help her teacher who had a problem, she wondered what could she do? She thought of great ideas like making holiday decorations, baking cookies, and entering a contest. Through Amanda's efforts to help her teacher, she discovered that helping someone else gave her the best feeling she ever, ever had. It was better than eating a chocolate sundae, better than opening up all the presents at her birthday party, and even better than the day she got her new wet-nosed puppy! The uniqueness of this incredibly inspiring book lies in the fact that *The Biggest and Brightest Light* is a true story written by Amanda's mother and beautifully illustrated by Amanda when she was only 16 years old. This tender story, written primarily for children ages 4 to 8, will tug at the heartstrings of readers of all ages and leave them looking for opportunities to follow Amanda's example.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 7 - 8 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 3

## Customer Reviews

This heartwarming book is a beautiful and true story that will inspire parents and children alike. It is an effective tool in helping children to understand how to help others. It is rare to find a book such as this that appeals to all generations and it will definitely become a treasured gem in any child's book collection.

This story is inspirational for anybody, of any age, and a wonderful reminder that nobody is too young to help others! The love and hard work of this mother-daughter team shines through the entire book. I highly recommend this book to children and adults alike - we all need a little reminder of the power of giving!!

This true story, of six year old Amada, demonstrates the impact a young child can have in making a difference in the lives of others through acts of kindness and loving concern. Dr. Malko, Amanda's first grade teacher, told the children of her daughter's illness. Amanda was concerned when she learned of the hospital expenses. She thoughtfully considered how she might help. An idea came to her. She made and sold holiday ornaments to help provide for this need. Dr. Malko expressed her appreciation this way: "...You know, Amada, when children do such special deeds, they are like angels...Thank you my little angel." This gave Amanda the best feeling that she had ever had. As the stars shimmered in the nighttime sky Amanda glowed with pride knowing that no matter how old you are, you are old enough to make a difference in someone's life. This wonderful story will tug at your heart as you share it with your child. Children ages four through eight will be delighted by the eye-catching color illustrations created by Amanda Perlyn. "The Biggest and Brightest Light" is inspirational and full of seed thoughts, of kindness, and thoughtfulness, to sow and nurture in your child's mind.

*The Biggest And Brightest Light: A True Story Of The Heart* is a rich and meaningful picture book about the greatest treasure anyone can share. Written by Marilyn Perlyn, *The Biggest And Brightest Light* features very simple yet moving illustrations by Amanda Perlyn. Six-year-old Amanda wants to help her teacher with a problem, but this problem is so big that it cannot be solved... for the teacher's daughter is very sick. Sometimes the best thing one person can do for another is simply to be there, and care. More than gifts or pleasantries, the biggest and brightest light is love, compassion, and the warm feeling one gets from helping someone in need, a lesson that bears remembering in this timeless tale about making a difference.

*The Biggest and Brightest Light* is a truly inspiring piece of children's literature. As a mother, I feel that *The Biggest and Brightest Light* is a wonderful tool for helping parents introduce to their children the essentials of generosity and the joy of giving to others. As an elementary school teacher, I've been able to incorporate this fantastic story into our character education program. Between the vivid

illustrations and Amanda's heartwarming journey, this children's book is a true gem to be cherished for years to come.

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