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From Susan Tassone—best-selling, award-winning author and renowned “Purgatory Lady”—comes *New Friends Now and Forever: A Story about the Holy Souls*, the first children’s picture book about our friends the holy souls!

New Friends Now and Forever is the delightful story of twins Ben and Hope, who become “prayer pals” with Mr. Ray, an elderly friend from their parish. They agree to pray for each other and to help him pray for his departed wife. Along the way, Hope and Ben learn that purgatory is real and that it is nothing to fear because it is a special way God shows his love for us. And the best part? The children learn that the power of their prayers helps the faithful departed reach heaven and that those souls will intercede for them, becoming their “forever friends.”



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“This delightful story with beautiful illustrations will captivate children and at the same time teach them their Catholic Faith about purgatory – an often-misunderstood topic.” – **Fr. Wade Menezes, CPM Fathers of Mercy, EWTN author & global Catholic radio host of *Open Line Tuesday***

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“Susan Tassone's heartwarming story of family and friendship brings to life the gift of purgatory. Children will enjoy the relatable characters and captivating illustrations and even be inspired to become ‘prayer pals’ for the holy souls! A much-needed addition to every Catholic family's home library.” – **Theresa Linden, author of *Tortured Soul*, a YA novel about purgatory**

“This book is a masterpiece. We can't wait to have it in our store.” – **Linda Enfield, Manager/Buyer, Giftshop of El Nino, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville, Alabama**

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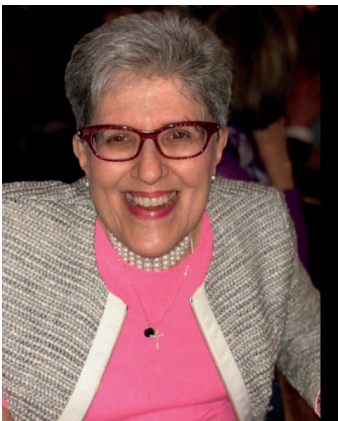
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SELLING POINTS

- Heart-warming, inspiring, age-appropriate story that brings the Church's teaching about purgatory to children ages 6-10
- Internationally known author has generated over \$2 Million dollars in book sales
- Breathtaking and vibrant illustrations throughout
- Special features help children and adults actively engage the Church's teaching
- Perfect read-aloud for classrooms, homeschools, parish religious ed classes, and families
- Guides parents, grandparents and guardians to form merciful hearts in their children to plant the seed of prayer in their young hearts and to teach them to reverence the deceased
- Teaches children the Eternal Rest Prayer, the Church's official prayer for the dead.



ABOUT THE AUTHOR



Susan Tassone has long been a passionate champion for the holy souls in purgatory and is recognized as leading a worldwide purgatory movement. She is the award-winning author of fourteen best sellers, including *St. Faustina Prayer Book for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, Day by Day* for the Holy Souls in Purgatory, and *Praying with the Saints for the Holy Souls in Purgatory*.

A popular speaker and frequent guest on national radio and television programs, Susan is the all-time best-selling author in the history of EWTN Global Catholic Network. She was also featured as an expert in the groundbreaking documentary, *Purgatory: The Forgotten Church*.

Susan holds a master's degree in religious education from Loyola University Chicago. In addition to her numerous awards, she was granted two private audiences with Pope St. John Paul II, who bestowed a special blessing on her ministry for the holy souls. Learn more at: susantassone.com.

ABOUT THE ILLUSTRATOR



Yorris Handoko has been professionally illustrating since 2006. Some of his most recent works are inspired by his daughter, Gia. For Yorris, "Art is a way to celebrate the good in this world. It lifts people's spirit and expresses the brilliance of the mind. Art makes the world a more beautiful place to live." A history buff and piano enthusiast, Yorris lives with his family in Indonesia.

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Special features:

- Guidance for grown-ups teaching children about purgatory
- Seek-and-find Catholic symbols activity page
- Special prayers for the holy souls

