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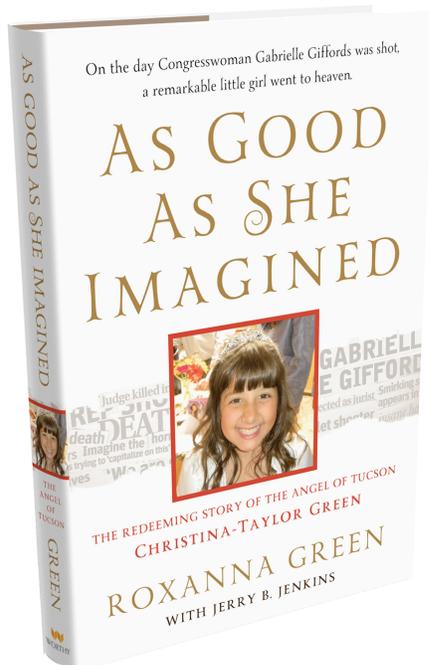
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## Inspirational Story Told of 9-Year-Old Child Slain in Tucson at Rep. Gabby Giffords' Event

*Barack Obama's Memorial Tribute to Christina-Taylor Green  
Challenged America to Be "as Good as She Imagined" We Could Be*

(NASHVILLE, Tennessee) – You can't make up a story like hers – Christina-Taylor Green was born on September 11, 2001, a day of staggering terror, only to give her own life nine years later in another shocking act of terror. Her death saddened hearts, yet her life and legacy inspired a president and a nation.

The new book *As Good as She Imagined* (January 2012, Worthy Publishing) tells the story of the run-up and aftermath to Rep. Gabrielle Giffords' tragic public event on January 8, 2011 at a Tucson grocery store. Written by Christina's mother, Roxanna Green, along with *New York Times* best-selling author Jerry B. Jenkins, Christina-Taylor's story is more heart-wrenching than any Hollywood movie.



Green was a precocious and ambitious 9-year-old. Inspired by her historic birth date, she had a deep interest in national politics and served on her student council. She hoped one day to be a politician and was excited about meeting Rep. Giffords at her appearance on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

“As young as she was, Christina-Taylor talked about getting all the political parties together so we could live in a better country,” her mother remembered for ABC News. “She was going to the Giffords event to ask how she could help and to learn more about politics in our country.”

So many elements shed light on this remarkable story:

Her organs were donated, saving one life and the eyesight of two others. As the only girl on her Little League team, she was a true all-American kid. She

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sang in her church choir, volunteered in soup kitchens, danced, played soccer and was even learning to sew. Young and old alike will be touched by this amazing little girl's all-too-short story.

*As Good as She Imagined* reflects how hope can be born of grief and of a life well-lived, regardless of how brief. The Green family continues to grieve for their daughter, but their story moves beyond the tragedy toward establishing a legacy for their child, who inspired a nation.

Coauthor Jerry B. Jenkins is a *New York Times* best-selling biographer of Billy Graham, Hank Aaron, Walter Payton, Orel Hershiser, Nolan Ryan, Joe Gibbs and others, with over 70 million books sold. His writing has appeared in *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, *Parade*, *Guideposts*, and he has been featured on the cover of *Newsweek*.

This book is represented by David Vigliano of Vigliano Associates.

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