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**Book Reviews**

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AS REGULAR READERS will know, these reviews cover a wide range, and often celebrate the variety of literature that is available to us. The books discussed can be substantial works both in size and in content but lighter, smaller, and more specialised works are often covered. The two dealt with here are quite small in size, and perhaps as a result the book review itself is rather shorter than usual, but that does not detract from their value. Each has its specialised niche and fits it well.

A World-Embracing Vision is a new introductory booklet from our own Publishing Trust (now renamed Bahá'í Publishing). Its aims are set out in its subtitling: "the Bahá'ís... who they are, what they believe, and what they do" and it covers the ground well. The text is comprehensive, it is well illustrated with many photographs in colour, and the whole is well laid out and presented.

The booklet has a number of strengths that make it particularly useful at this time. It is tailored to the British (primarily the Scottish, but with more general application) community in its presentation of Bahá'í history and activity. The photographs are well chosen and wide-ranging. The content includes a lot about what Bahá'ís have been involved with, what they actually do to try to help make the world a better place.

While the price (£3.95) will probably preclude large-scale use it is nonetheless an excellent introductory work to be shared with enquirers and therefore a valuable resource. Not only that but many Bahá'ís will find it worth reading for their own information and will want to keep back a copy for their own bookshelves.

### **Treasure Chest, A workbook about Bahá'u'lláh for ages 7 - 11.**

Debbie Wilke and Gail Radley,  
Published by George Ronald.

Treasure Chest is an activity book for children to help them learn about Bahá'u'lláh and His Faith. It is organised into twelve chapters or "treasure hunts", each of which contains a variety of activities designed to make learning fun.

The book will help to develop children's awareness of the Faith and broaden their knowledge. It will be useful for children's classes and for home study with parents helping to deepen their children. It will have a role to play on those occasions where there is a community gathering,

children are to be cared for, and it can sometimes be difficult to find suitable material to fit into a specific or limited time frame. It is easy to dip into the book and use a number of the projects for the time available.

Active learning materials about the Faith for children are still quite rare so Treasure Chest is another useful addition to our materials, and it deserves to be used.

**Iain S. Palin, July 2001**