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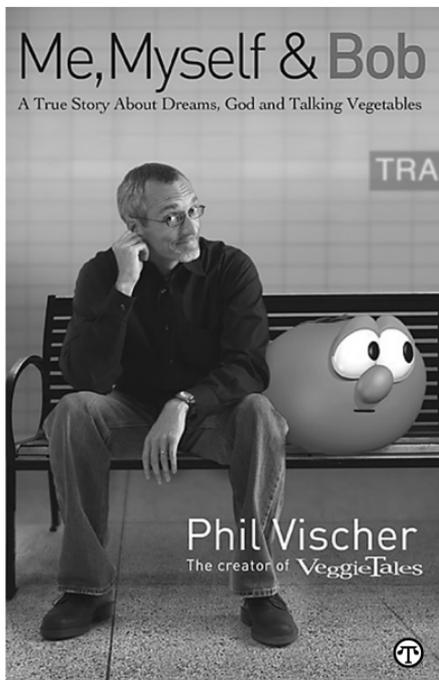
Creator Of VeggieTales Tells His Own Tale

(NAPSA)—In 1990, 24-year-old computer animator Phil Vischer sat down to create characters that could teach Christian values to kids in a delightfully weird way. Hence, a tomato named Bob and a cucumber named Larry were born. “VeggieTales” would revolutionize Christian filmmaking, selling more than 50 million videos and placing Phil’s faith-filled stories in one in three American households with young children.

In “Me, Myself & Bob” (Nelson Books), currently in bookstores, Phil Vischer, founder of Big Idea and creator of “VeggieTales,” gives a behind-the-scenes look at his journey with the very loveable veggies. This is a story of dreaming big and working hard, of success and failure, of shouted questions and whispered answers. With trademark wit and heart, Phil shares an amazing story that shows how God can use failures and the death of a dream to point us toward true success.

“Larry was the loveable goofball—the guy who entertains your kids at a birthday party. But Bob had ambition. The first words that ever came out of his mouth were, in fact, ‘I have a dream.’ Bob, the tomato, was a dreamer. He wanted to change the world. Like me.”

Now, the man who made the vegetables talk has written a new picture book that may make your heart sing. After his bankruptcy, Phil is no longer heading “Veggie Tales” and has started fresh with a new company called Jellyfish Labs. His new book, “47 Beavers on the Big, Blue Sea,” is a children’s picture book that begs to be read again and again.



The VeggieTales stars may be the most famous vegetables you’ll ever eat.

When “47 Beavers on the Big, Blue Sea” find themselves lost on the great deep, obstacles and assorted adventures abound. The aquatic critters also discover the true meaning of Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 and that things just go better when they work together. The book is accompanied by a sing-along CD and children and adults may find themselves singing its silly song long after the story is over. Filled with riotous retro art, Vischer’s imaginative tale on the importance of cooperation through the ebb and flow of life is great for reading aloud and sharing at bedtime.

Look for “47 Beavers on the Big, Blue Sea” at your bookstore this spring.