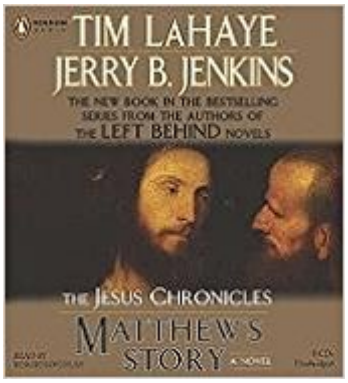
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Customer Reviews

Tim LaHaye is a noted author, minister, and nationally recognized speaker on Bible prophecy. He is the founder and president of Tim LaHaye Ministries and the cofounder of the Pre-Trib Research Center. A pastor for forty years, LaHaye has written more than fifty nonfiction books and co-authored the Left Behind novels, the most successful Christian fiction venture in publishing history, with Jerry Jenkins. Jerry B. Jenkins, chairman of the board of trustees for the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, is the author of more than 175 books. Dr. Jenkins’s writing has appeared in Time, Reader’s Digest, Parade, Guideposts, and dozens of Christian periodicals, and he is a contributing editor to Writer’s Digest magazine. He owns Jenkins Entertainment, a filmmaking company, as well as the Christian Writers Guild.

1st half:The author really makes the character of Levi/Matthew come alive. Compelling, intriguing story of how the intelligent son once so determined to become a priest encounters a tragedy that fuels an anger towards God which motivates him to become the chief tax collector instead. In the second half of his life, he realizes how lonely he’s made himself having spent his life opposing God

as much as possible and running towards money with all he’s got. He’s about to slip into a depression when he has a reunion with his brother, who actually did become a priest, and Levi admits that there’s one thing which could make him give God another chance, or so to speak, would be if he were chosen by the Messiah.Very well-written and emotionally moving, makes you understand Levi completely.2nd half:Disappointingly, this portion was comprised primarily of paraphrasing the Bible. Of course what the Bible says is what’s most important, but when I purchase something like this I expect more work, more input, from the authors (and from Matthew’s firsthand, personal, in-the-moment point of view). In my opinion there were not enough additions I would have expected from a book of this genre - what was Jesus’ tone of voice like when he cursed the fig tree? His facial expressions as he told the parables? The thoughts and images that went through Matthew’s mind? I would have liked to see some more vivid descriptions and additional scenes that flesh out the relationship Jesus had with His closest disciples. There’s some creative moments - including a very interesting (and helpful to personal life) conversation between Jesus and Matthew about his loss early in life, and where is God in such a tragedy as this, which he at first does not understand but suddenly hits him with a wave of comprehension as he’s watching Jesus die on the cross.***For a much better-done novel that makes the Gospels come alive, I would strongly recommend "Jesus: A Novel" by Walter Wangerin. I am always searching for more works like that, and must say that although this one was creative enough by itself, it fell far short in comparison to how moving and realistic Wangerin’s novel is.***

Ah! Matthew the tax collector! How did he get involved with the movement? He was hated and despised by his Jewish friends, but yet he is one of the writers of the Gospel of Jesus? How did that happen? You need to read the book to find out. The authors did so much research that you will believe the personality and problems of Levi and how he came to be called by Christ.

This is part of a series of four books that recreate a plausible scenario about how the gospels were written. I learned a good deal about the context of the times, and that makes it worth the read for me.

great series

Hard to know the history from fiction. Very interesting. Have read John and plan to read Mark and Luke. Would be good if author does book of Acts but he died recently. Someone will take up the

challange.

I am a Southern Baptist Minister, and it was a great book on what this young man experienced when he was in heaven. This is a read for everyone, but especially anyone active in a Christian Church at this time. I rated as a 5 for excellent in reading material.Thank you for carrying this excellent book.Robert Covert, Ph.D.

I must have incorrectly ordered 2 copies of Matthew's book. I havent had time to co on the situation. I really can't use 2 books but I didn't know if I could exchange or what. Other than that everything was wonderful.

Highly recommend for anyone wanting to get deeper into the story of Matthew. Many details I had never read before, excellent resource!

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