

Jerry B. Jenkins

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When I was a junior camp counselor and it was my job to tell the campers a bedtime story or devotional, I would tell them a rapture story.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Fiction has a unique role in conveying Truth. In fact, only fiction that is Truth with a capital T is worthwhile.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Broken relationships are a source of heavy heartbreak that seem to affect every family.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

In my opinion, Jesus is God's attempt to reach man. But while I believe Jesus is the way to God, it makes no sense to hate people who disagree.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Good fiction must be entertaining- but what makes fiction special- and True- is that the realness of a novel allows it to carry a larger message.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Books that do a tenth of what Left Behind has done are smashing successes.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Christianity is not a religion, it's a relationship with God through Christ.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Actually 'Soon' has more than the Left Behind series, but I really believe less is more.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

I don't see success as the goal. Obedience is the goal.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Writers write. Dreamers talk about it.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

The theater of the mind is impossible to compete with, and I like the idea that with a few suggestions, each reader forms in his or her own mind what a character or a place looks like.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

I was raised as a Christian but the transaction has to be made by yourself - you and God - at some point.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Ironically, in today's marketplace successful nonfiction has to be unbelievable, while successful fiction must be believable.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Gil Thorpe is a great diversion and is to book writing as poetry is to prose.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

My dream remains to inform and entertain through fiction in the form of novels and movies that compete in the marketplace of ideas.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Left Behind takes what to some people may be unbelievable predictions from the Bible and shows how they might play out. It makes the events of biblical prophecy understandable and thus believable.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

SOON was the first novel where I used a rough outline. Usually I have characters and an idea and write as a process of discovery. Like working without a net.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

I've written enough books with real celebrities, such as Walter Payton and Hank Aaron and Billy Graham, to know that fame looks good only to people who don't have it.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Of course, bad marriages are so pervasive that they have invaded the faith community too.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

When you come to Christ as a real young person, I think when you become a teen-ager either you rebel or you search, doubt, and wonder.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

As for dialogue, I think it keeps things moving to cut to the chase.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

I was raised in a Christian home and, in fact, my mother led me to Christ as a youngster.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

The uninitiated have real questions and valid concerns over how the things of God appear to them.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

I put off writing the first Left Behind book for a year because I got invited to assist Billy Graham in his memoirs, and had we known what we were putting off for a year, we might not have put it off.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

Wherever you have people, you have factions and disagreements and personality conflicts.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

You can't understand where someone's going unless you understand where they've been.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

The most comforting feeling ever is knowing that someone truly likes your entire existence. I feel that way right now. Thank you.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

I love inventing worlds and characters and settings and scenarios.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

No life is messier than one in ministry

~Jerry B. Jenkins

We sometimes idealize the early church and want our churches to go back to the simple, old ways. We need to carefully read the history. Harmony takes work.

~Jerry B. Jenkins

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