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Boone Drake has it made. He's a young cop rising rapidly through the ranks of the Chicago Police Department. He has a beautiful wife and a young son, a nice starter house, a great partner, and a career plan that should land him in the Organized Crime Division within five years. Everything is going right. Until everything goes horribly, terribly wrong. His personal life destroyed and his career and future in jeopardy, Boone buries himself in guilt and bitterness as his life spirals out of control. But when he comes face-to-face with the most vicious gang leader Chicago has seen in decades, he begins to realize that God is a God of second chances and can change the hardest heart . . . and forgive the worst of crimes. A thought-provoking police thriller from *New York Times* best-selling author Jerry B. Jenkins.

The Brotherhood Details

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Vikki says

The Brotherhood by Jerry B. Jenkins is the story of Chicago cop, Boone Drake. He's got everything in life that he's ever wanted: a rising career with the Chicago Police Department, a beautiful wife and son that he loves very much and his home. Everything is going exactly he wants...until something goes horribly wrong.

Jenkins has written a very moving story and appeals to a demographic that I think Christian authors have ignored....men. It didn't hit me until I completed "The Brotherhood" and wanted my husband to read it, that I realized I've never recommended Christian fiction to my husband or any other male I know who likes to read. I think Christian fiction is written primarily for women and what little fiction there is out there for men is "end of the world" type scenarios.

Jenkins book is a welcome addition to the Christian fiction landscape and I hope this novel is the start of a series.

Megan says

To be honest, I didn't expect to like this one as much as I did. It seems to be quite a guy book. In it, Boone Drake is a officer of the Chicago Police. He has a beautiful wife and loving son. His dreams are coming true, but then disaster hits. He struggles with a reason for living. After losing so much, only his career matters until that is threatened as well. Through desperate prayers and the ministry of the local pastor, Boone seeks solace in his faith--faith that had lacked passion in the past. Currently, God continues to show Himself to Boone and Boone lands a new assignment that can only be from the Lord.

The horror at the beginning of this book left me sobbing-to put it lightly. The hope that Boone Drake finds then lightened my heart. His spiritual journey is realistic and transforming. Many of the secondary characters touched my heart as well, and I actually would have liked to know more about them. This is the first of a trilogy of "Precinct 11" novels, which is promising. It makes a great series. The Brotherhood is a fast-paced story including suspense, spiritual growth, discipleship, and a little romance. It is easy to read with descriptive language and I would recommend it.

Gail Welborn says

The Brotherhood, Precinct 11 by Jerry B. Jenkins, Tyndale House Publishers, Inc., 2011, 384 Pages, ISBN-13: 978-1414309224, \$14.99

Boone Drake's passionate good-bye kiss, returned with equal fervor by his wife Nikki, carried the promise of an exciting evening the young rookie would look forward to. He turned from Nikki and chuckled at his son Josh, toddler arms waving frantically from the high chair, spoon in hand, demanding equal attention. Boone felt happier than he'd ever been, amazed that his love for Nikki and Josh never diminished, just increased.

Within hours the normalcy of Boone's morning would stand in stark contrast to bone-chilling events that would jeopardize his career and destroy his personal life.

Thus begins Jerry B. Jenkins new series set in Chicago, The Brotherhood, written in "homage to all the cops in my immediate and extended family—and to the city of Chicago," reports Novel Journey from their interview with Jenkins. <http://tinyurl.com/67whzyn>
Full Review: <http://tinyurl.com/4esnuzn>

Linda says

First half of this book is way too sad. Might be necessary for story but it had me in tears a lot?

Lisa says

Riveting! Can't wait to read the next installment.

Lyndon says

A character driven story (Christian themes and characters by the co-author of the Left Behind series), which is fine, but don't look for a plot until the last quarter of the book. A rookie police officer in Chicago faces a personal tragedy, he questions God, goes off the rails, slowly comes back over the months, meets another woman, finds his career path, bit of tension, then another tragedy which sets up book 2. Not my favorite kind of novel but not bad writing, just a bit of skimming through the boring parts. Probably won't finish the 3 book series.

Spenser says

DISAPPOINTING, not what I expected. Certainly not a police thriller, or for that matter, any sort of thriller. Heavy on religious overtones and light on law enforcement fiction. The book just smacked of an amateur attempt to write police fiction intertwined with religious beliefs. This will be my first & last read in this series.

Cheryl Malandrinos says

Jerry Jenkins has been one of my favorite authors since the Left Behind series was released. His masterful storytelling and engaging characters have captured my attention for years. The Brotherhood, the first book in the Precinct 11 Trilogy, blends the author's knowledge of growing up in a family of police officers with a fictional character's transformation.

This is a slowly evolving thriller. While there are definitely spots of action, it's not the typical action-packed, breakneck speed of many thrillers. A good deal of time is spent delving into Drake's character, witnessing him deal with the effects of a horrific, graphically described tragedy that changes his entire life. It explores

his crisis of faith in all its ugliness as he turns away from God and seeks comfort in other ways.

The Brotherhood is a deeply emotional story. It's less car chases and shoot outs than one might expect from a police procedural, but I got to know Drake up close and personal, which I enjoyed. Part of me wishes the lengthy conversations between Drake and this gang leader were shortened a bit, but overall, it intrigued me enough that I plan to read the other two books in this series.

If you enjoy emotional stories and books that dig deep into a character's psyche, you'll enjoy The Brotherhood.

Nicki says

I started off really enjoying this audiobook, but unfortunately that didn't last long. I found the main character very irritating in the end, and in some ways too good to be true. Although it is a good story it could have been a lot better. The author repeated himself an awful lot, reminding the listener what had gone on before in previous chapters, which wasn't necessary at all.

The narrator was good and was easy to understand. He did different voices for all the characters, although at times I did get a bit confused as to which character was speaking.

This audio is definitely for someone who likes police/gang stories, and is probably aimed more at men than women.

I found it over preachy at times with frequent repetition of the gospel message.

Thanks to christianaudio.com Reviewers Program for this copy

Bill Garrison says

THE BROTHERHOOD by Jerry B. Jenkins, sounded like a great book. It is labeled as a police thriller and Jenkins continually tops the best seller lists, so I thought I'd give it a shot.

The Verdict: The novel in no way passes the test as police thriller or procedural. However, it is a solid and entertaining story about Boone Drake, a cop who faces tragedy, and with God's help, rebounds to overcome it.

Boone Drake is an idealistic cop with a great family. When tragedy strikes, he doesn't know how he will cope. He loses everything. His pastor is there to guide him through the rough times, as is his partner Jack Keller. Over the years, Boone grows closer to God and finally gets his chance to tackle the gang problem in Chicago.

Readers looking for a good Christian police novel where the primary focus is police work and cases should look elsewhere. It's hard for the novel to be a procedural when the action lasts over several years. Boone is interested in fighting the gangs, that is mentioned early on. But, the actual case, and only case, that he works on in the novel, doesn't begin until you are 2/3 through the novel.

Why I'm recommending this novel: Jenkins is at his best when he is writing about the suffering that Boone Drake goes through and the steps he takes to reclaim his life and relationship with God. Even though this book threw me off by not being what I expected, I still found it to be an enjoyable and rewarding book.

N Hemhil says

Politics and heroism. Justice and faith. This book has it all.

Martha Stoddard says

I loved the way the author shows how God works when we are in the depths of despair. The book also highlights that no one cannot be saved!

Steve says

What do you do when life hands you a lemon? Do you make lemonade as the clichéd slogan suggests? Or, do you curse God and die as Job's wife advised? One man's response to one of life's bitter lemons, the sudden loss of immediate family members, is the subject of this Jerry Jenkins novel.

If you read Jenkins' second in his Precinct 11 series, *The Betrayal*, first, as this reviewer did, then *The Brotherhood* is the prequel, the back story to what happens to Chicago Police Department detective Boone Drake initially.

In this opening volume, we meet Drake's family and follow his early career with the Chicago PD. Life for Drake is pretty routine until the unspeakable happens. Drake's painful goodbye to the two people in his life he loved the most, chapter four is without a doubt the single most powerful piece of writing Jenkins has ever done. The bedside scene at Presbyterian St. Luke's Hospital is unmatched in its emotions; fear, anger, despair, just as raw as the wounds and burns that ripped Drake's family from him.

Jenkins pulls no punches in documenting Drake's reaction to one of life's worst lemons. He takes us on Boone's emotional journey in an attempt to answer the timeless question; why do bad things happen to good people? His quest is as true-to-life as life itself. You get no pat answers here. No clichés. When it comes to relationships, Jenkins has once again proven to be a premier story teller. In this good-cop, bad-cop series, he's a craftsman at making fiction as real as it gets.

Randy Tramp says

Boone Drake has a beautiful wife and young son. As a cop, he's rising through the ranks of the Chicago Police Department.

Until a horrible accident.

His life spirals downward until he comes face-to-face with a vicious gang leader.

Are you in a devastating period of time? or Have come out of such time? Questions, such as "God where are

you?" or "God, do you care?"

Boone went to the deepest and darkest depths.

Life is not fair and bad things happen to good people. We don't know why, but this book touches those subjects.

I recently read a book by a popular secular author on a tragedy in the life of the main character. I didn't finish the book because there was no hope. Unlike this read, hope is splattered throughout the book, even in the midst of great despair.

It's a hard book to read, but one that'll give insight into difficult situations.

Rachel says

excellent!
