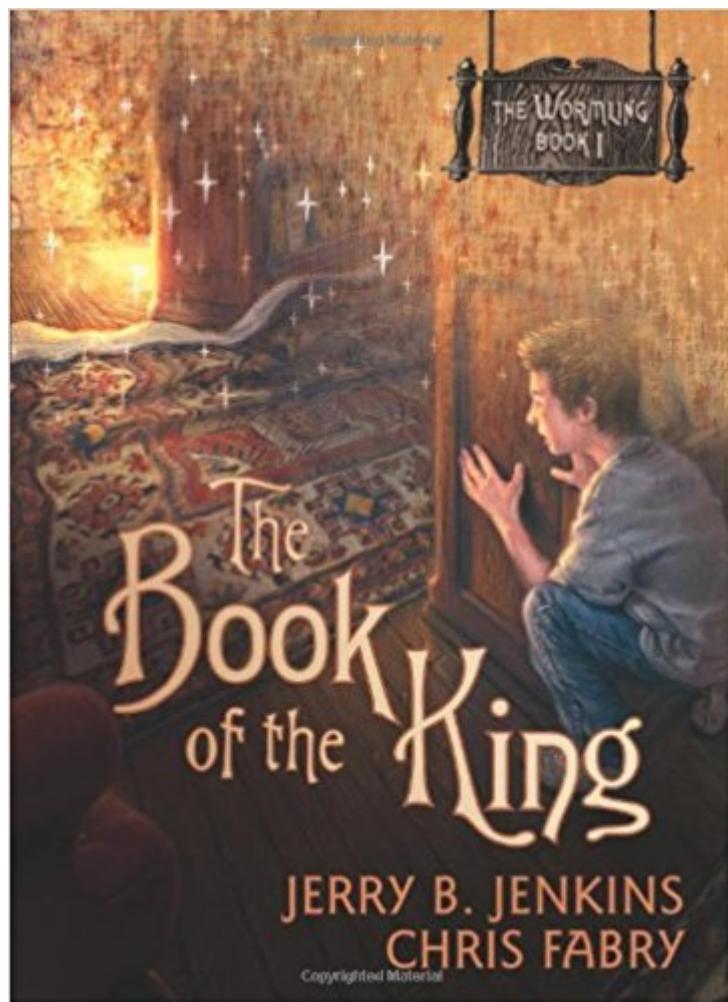


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# The Book Of The King (The Wormling #1)



## Synopsis

“Nothing special” is the best way to describe Owen Reeder—at least that’s what he’s been told all his life. When a stranger visits his father’s bookstore, Owen’s ordinary life spirals out of control and right into a world he didn’t even know existed. Owen believes the only gift he possesses is his ability to devour books, but he is about to be forced into a battle that will affect two worlds: his and the unknown world of the Lowlands. Perfect for readers ages 10 to 14 who enjoy a fast-paced story packed with action, fantasy, and humor.

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"Such was the fate of Owen Reeder, for as he took his last step of what could be called a normal life, something caught him at his waist. His feet and arms flew forward along with his head; then he snapped back. Owen was suspended in midair. That's when he heard the whisper. . . . "Courage, Owen." Nothing special is the best way to describe Owen Reeder—at least that's what he's been told all his life. When a stranger visits his father's bookstore, Owen's ordinary life spirals out of control and right into a world he didn't even know existed. Owen believes the only gift he possesses is his ability to devour books, but he is about to be forced into a battle that will affect two worlds: his and the unknown world of the Lowlands. Begin the adventure.

Jerry B. Jenkins, former Vice President for Publishing and currently Writer-at-Large for the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, is the author of more than 150 books, including the best-selling Left Behind series. Sixteen of his books have reached the New York Times best-seller list (seven in the number one spot) and have also appeared on the USA Today, Publisher's Weekly and Wall Street Journal best-seller lists. Chris Fabry has written more than 50 books for adults and children, including the Red Rock Mysteries series with Jerry B. Jenkins and the Left Behind: The Kids series with Jerry B. Jenkins and Dr. Tim LaHaye.

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"To the Wormlings with the courage to go where duty calls, where friends despair, and where danger lurks. It is far better thing to risk and fail than to never risk," the strange book states in Jerry B. Jenkins and Chris Fabry's tome, "The Book of the King: 1 (The Wormling)." First in "The Wormling" series, this two hundred and eighty-five page e-book targets middle school age children and older, especially those who like spiritual fantasy of good versus evil. With no profanity or sex scenes, some violent depictions may scare younger aged children. After forty-nine chapters and an epilogue, the authors' biographies along with other written works complete the book. In this fantasy fiction, Owen Reeder, a limping high school freshman, loves to read and spend time in his father's eclectic book store. Sheltered, shy, and awkward, he is enamored with a beautiful girl named Clara as he writes for the school's newspaper. After being beaten up by the school bully for supposedly writing a negative article, he experiences a bizarre encounter that alters his life involving a magical book. When his father refuses to let him keep the book, he, with the help of a blabbermouth middle schooler, pursues the stranger who offered the book and is given it. Uncovering his father's secret meetings, sneaking through underground tunnels to avoid a slimy monster, and encountering a bookworm, he reads to overcome his fears. Through the written pages, he discovers he has been chosen to go from the Highlands to the Lowlands to help the King who is being challenged by the Dragon and his council. Using Biblical proverbs in the one-of-a-kind volume, Reeder learns morals such as nothing good is ever easy, courage is needed to follow your heart, a friend loves through thick and thin, and tomorrow has its own concerns. With metaphors, a correlation of the Almighty God and Jesus returning to collect believers follows the storyline. With dry humor and explaining more complicated word meanings, the authors weave a story of those who want to destroy hearts of good people to those who need to be freed from tyranny. The many diverse characters offer numerous adventures for the Wormling in future books in the series. Thanks to Tyndale House Publishers for furnishing this book in exchange

for a review of the reader's honest opinion.

This story has action and humor from a youngster's perspective. It is well done, and very interesting, and makes me want to find out what happens in the next books in the series. I'm not so young, but I like children's and young adult books when they are engaging and non-offensive. Jenkins and Fabry have the talent to write for both kids and adults. I gave it four stars instead of five because I'm still not sure how I feel about being pulled out of the story so often. It's as if we see Owen's viewpoint until suddenly the narrative is addressed directly to us. It's distracting but it serves the purpose of explaining some of the spiritual battle that the hero doesn't see.

This was a short read for me. I did get interested in it but thought some of the situations this kid found himself in were a little too conveniently "got out of". And who in the world could he really trust? Seems like he's always under attack from somebody. His "love" (puppy-type love) interest shows interest in him before he even discovers anything about himself and then SPOILER ALERT BIG TIME.....(giving you time to quit reading here and decide for yourself if you want to read the book) betrays him.I know this isn't much to go on but I did actually read it to the end and wondered what was going to happen to him in future "episodes." Confusing for me, also, was whether or not he is really the "Wormling" the story is about as in one place I was sure and then some things others in the book said made me think he wasn't.I'd read another just to find out what happened (but I wouldn't pay for it... I only get the free books and then look for them in the library). Not a cheapskate - have just reached a point in my life when I have to watch my \$\$\$... :-)You might enjoy it - it's short so give it a try at least.

I got this book because my parents bought this book for me on my kindle I thought that this book was going to be stupid but it was really good. I love the characters in the book. And it talks about a lot. I'm 12 years old in 7th grade and I love this book. I'm gonna tell u about itIt's about a boy named Owen he loves with his father in a book store after his mother died when Owen was born. One day a random costumer walks in the store while Owens father went to the store. Owen asks the man if he wanted to buy a book but the man wanted to sell a book. Owen told the man that his father was at the store and he will be back in a minute. So the man was waiting before Owen asked him what book it was. The man told him that it was very important. But I'm not gonna. Spoil the book so I'm gonna stop there and let u find out the rest.I want u guys to get this book it's AWESOME AND THE CHARACTERS ARE GREAT!!!!!!Your going to love it don't listen to this one star boms get the book

and read the other series for the book of the king.I'm loving it

The book is actually good. The only think I had a hiccup with was with the author and his style of writing. I would be reading the book and all of a sudden the writer would stop to address the readers. As I kept reading this proves be very distracting and corny. I've never been reading a great book and all of. Suddenly they decide to stop for a paragraph to say something to the reader that amounted to nothing. I'm not trying to give it a bad write up, but a better editor should have seen this, corrected this and find a solution to this. The story is decent. The people are easy to believe in. It's not bad. But I was a tad disappointed. I'm gonna go on to rare the next book and see if that continues. It was so much that I could only give it a 3 stars !!

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