

Jacob's Bell: Book Reviews

"*Jacob's Bell* by John Snyder is a splendid achievement and 'rings' with many truths. Snyder cares about his characters and makes us come to care as well. He gives us Jacob McCallum, a man who had it all until his addiction to alcohol took everything away and he lost his fortune, his family and his way in life. Snyder writes with simplicity and depth about the harshness and vagaries that life can bring but also about its beauty. He shows a reverence for the past and memories that may be from years ago but which are given as fresh and as near as this minute. His prose resounds with a love of people and the world and is grounded in the particulars of our America - its cities and byways, its taverns and highways. *Jacob's Bell* is a book that has, in my judgment, exceptional merit. It registers the redemptive power of forgiveness and love and I highly recommend it.

- *Brian Avery, Film Producer, Yari Film Group - Los Angeles, CA*

"*Jacob's Bell* takes readers on a journey of success & failure, love & hate, bitterness & repentance. This tale promises to become a Christmas classic that transports each of us to many familiar and unfamiliar places all the while calling us to a place of forgiveness and restoration. *Jacob's Bell* is a gift that reminds us of the TRUE meaning of Christmas and the forgiveness that comes when we trust in God's indescribable gift...his Son Jesus. *Jacob's Bell* will hold a special place in our family library and Christmas tradition!"

- *Jeff Sheets, Former President, Echolight Studios - Franklin, TN*

"I was so moved by John Snyder's latest book, *Jacob's Bell*. It reminded me of God's blessings in our lives and how there is nothing more important than generosity, family, faith and forgiveness. With these things, the impossible becomes possible. John has reminded us why Christmas is so special, and I am truly blessed to have read this remarkable story. Amen."

- *Dan Angel, Film Producer & President of Fezziwig Studios - Los Angeles, CA*

"A touching story centered around one man's redemption and need for forgiveness. Jacob's tale is one many may relate to as he wrestles with the past and searches for a way back to restore relationships he has ruined. Set mainly in 1944, his story is told in a simple, narrative style, using flashbacks. Details of his choices and hard living give way finally in the light of his redemption, and the tale takes a hopeful turn. It brought me to tears, which surprised me, but knowing we are all in need of God's forgiveness and grace touched me. Sometimes forgiving ourselves can be the hardest obstacle to moving forward in our lives. I like how the pastor said it, "...one of the greatest gifts you can give yourself (is) to forgive... including yourself."

- *Karen, Blogger on Goodreads*

"What a wonderful Christmas story!! This book is absolutely amazing. I have never had a book touch me like this one did, if we could only see things through the eyes of a child. A wonderful story about overcoming your past and seeking forgiveness from those who you hurt with God's help. I recommend you have a tissue handy when reading this book. This book deserves a lot more than 5 stars. I honestly think *Jacob's*

Bell will be a new Christmas classic. Thank you FaithWords via NetGalley for the ARC copy of this book. This is my honest opinion of this wonderful book.”

- *Ann, Blogger on Goodreads*

”Such a wonderful book! This story caught me from the beginning. A story of love and forgiveness, a life changing read. I cried while reading this story, so much hurt and wasted time. I love that it is a Christmas book because that is the day of true miracles, the birth of Christ. This story portrayed that in every page, I see homeless people through new eyes, they have stories of hurt and loss. We need to love and help them as the characters did in this book. You will definitely want to read this book, so much depth and emotion in every page. Perfect for the reflection of the true meaning of Christmas!”

- *Shonda, Blogger on Goodreads*