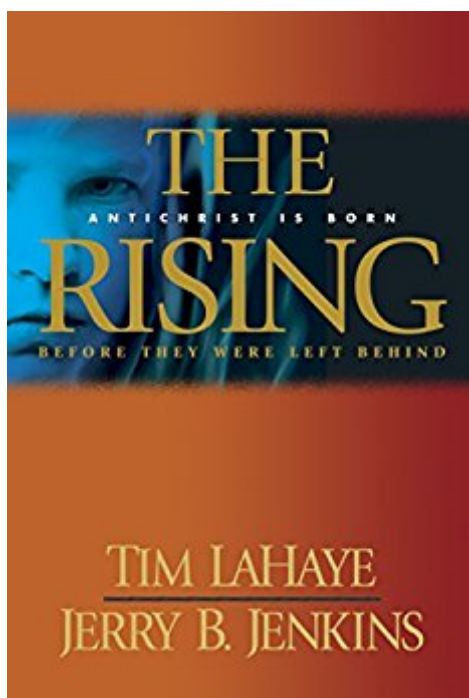


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Customer Reviews

Hands-down, this prequel novel is among my top three books ever read. Now, do not be deterred by any negative reviews, as (often with intelligent reads), most who negatively view novels do not understand. This is a book about two boys at its core; Rayford Steele and Nicolae Carpathia, two main characters from the astounding "Left Behind" series that this novel prequels. Reading the novel from a Christian view, and with a mind relatable to the atheistic views as well, this could be an easily misunderstood work, but I assure you, if you read under the guidance of the spirit, you will find a simply masterful work. The book begins founding the story early in both characters lives (Rayford at nine and Nicolae several years before his birth), and smoothly convinces you to care for every character, and I often found myself astounded, shocked, saddened, angry, and outright overjoyed. All in all, if you are looking in the right places for a good work, focused on God so insidiously and masterfully, just as are His works in reality. An A+ effort, and it is with practically held breath due to a phenomenal ending that I will surely be purchasing the next novel as quickly as possible.

I have read this book now 3 times. Twice in hard cover before I was no longer able to read that type of print. Does this say I like the story. If you have read the Left Behind series of books and want to know more about the main characters, this is a must read. Nicolae was born bad and remains that way even when thrown in the burning lake. You can read about His mother and a bit towards the end, if you have not already guessed, you will learn of who his father is also. You will learn of Rayford Steele's upbringing and how he met his wife Irene. This gives good coverage of what is to come. Enjoy. I will be reading this again, once I have read the entire series.

Just like all of the left behind books you are instantly involved with the book and want to read the whole thing at once.

Having read the entire "Left Behind" series, I was anxious to read the "Before They Were Left Behind" series. I love these books. This series is doing a great job of filling in the characters' backstories. Looking forward to reading the next 2 books. Highly recommend all the books.

fantastic series

I believe that the authors are in agreement of the beginning of the antichrist, but as much as I wanted to despise him in many ways I feel sorry for him. His mother made the choice to conspire with Satan to obtain the most secret desire of her heart. He had no choice in the matter of his conception and although he does nothing to make us feel for him; I wonder if the sociopaths of this day are very different. This prequels taught me some things but pale in comparison to the rest of the series.

I read the series Left Behind in my youth. I wanted to revisit it and was so excited they wrote this series. It's just as jaw dropping. I will enjoy Left Behind all the more

An action packed book showing what possibly could happen in the future. Good Biblical verses are used throughout the book. I would recommend it to anyone with an interest in future Bible Prophecy. Amen!

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