

Jerry B. Jenkins

Author of *The Brotherhood*

A Precinct 11 Novel



Jerry B. Jenkins is the most prolific and highest-selling evangelical novelist of our time. He is the author of more than 175 books, including the 63,000,000-selling *Left Behind* series. Asked how he is able to write so much, Jenkins says, "I don't sing or dance or preach. This is all I do."

Jenkins has a longtime association with Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where he was former editor of *Moody Magazine*, vice president for publishing, and is now chairman of the board of trustees. Jenkins has been awarded honorary doctorates from Bethel College (Indiana), Trinity International University (Illinois), Colorado Christian University, and

Huntington University (Indiana).

Jenkins's latest project, *The Brotherhood: A Precinct 11 Novel*, is the first in a police trilogy, with book #1 scheduled for a February 2011 release. A native of Michigan, Jenkins moved to the Chicago suburb of Elk Grove Village as a teen where his father served as police chief from 1963 to 1979. In addition, Jenkins has two brothers who were career law enforcement officers. His knowledge of a cop's life and his familiarity with Chicago has enabled Jenkins to write his first police thriller with a voice of authenticity. He himself actually worked briefly as an undercover narc in the early 1970s.

Other recent works from Jenkins and Tyndale House Publishers include *The Last Operative*, an international spy thriller and re-write of Jenkins's first stand-alone novel (July 2010), *Riven* (July 2009), which Jenkins considers his life's work novel, and *Game Plan for Life*, a non-fiction motivational book with NFL Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs, now a NASCAR owner.

Jenkins's writing has appeared in *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, *Parade*, *Guideposts*, and dozens of Christian periodicals. He also serves as a contributing editor to *Writer's Digest*. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye were featured in a May 24, 2004, cover story in *Newsweek* magazine as "The New Prophets of Revelation."

A good share of Jenkins's non-fiction books are as-told-to autobiographies, including those of Hank Aaron, Bill Gaither, Orel Hershiser, Luis Palau, Walter Payton, Meadowlark Lemon, Nolan Ryan, and Mike Singletary. The Hershiser and Ryan books reached the *New York Times* best-seller list. Jenkins also assisted Dr. Billy Graham with his memoirs, *Just as I Am*, also a *New York Times* bestseller. Jenkins spent 13 months working with Dr. Graham, and considers the project the privilege of a lifetime.

Jenkins owns Jenkins Entertainment (www.Jenkins-Entertainment.com), a filmmaking company in Chicago, which produced the critically-acclaimed *Hometown Legend*, listed as one of the Top 10 family films of 2002 by Good News Communication's MOVIEGUIDE. Jenkins Entertainment also produced *Midnight Clear*, winner of the Special Jury Prize for "Best First Feature" at the 2007 Cinequest Film Festival. *What If...*, Jenkins Entertainment's latest feature, starring Kevin Sorbo and John Ratzenberger, released in theaters this past August with solid reviews. Jenkins's epic novel *Riven* is in pre-production.

Jenkins also owns the Christian Writers Guild (www.ChristianWritersGuild.com), which aims to train tomorrow's professional Christian writers and has more than 1,000 members worldwide. Students are personally mentored by a seasoned professional via e-mail through a selection of two-year courses for all ages.

Jenkins and his wife Dianna live in Colorado and have three grown sons and six grandchildren. Visit Jenkins blog and website at www.jerryjenkins.com.