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As the youngest bureau chief and head of the Chicago Police Department's Major Case Squad, Boone Drake seems to have it all under control. Only those closest to him know that just a few short years ago, he lost everything that mattered to him in a tragic accident. After years of healing, his life is back on track. He recently married a wonderful woman named Haeley, adopted her son, bought a beautiful home, and rediscovered his faith. But Boone can't fight the feeling that something is about to go terribly wrong . . . again.

When an all-too-personal case takes Boone to Beijing at a time when Haeley can least afford to let him go, Boone is forced to make a difficult choice. There he becomes enmeshed in a dangerous human-trafficking ring that takes him through the famed Hutong District's narrow streets, alleys, and hovels. Teamed with a former Liberation Army officer, Boone has one chance to pull off an elaborate sting and rescue a young boy before he disappears forever.

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Susan Nichols says

This book was so good! It held me from first page to last. A father like Boone is certainly hard to find.

Jorja says

Dr. Jerry Jenkins is the author of more than 175 books. He has been a journalist, a writer, and an editor. Jenkins is currently encouraging and training new writers through his Christian Writer's Guild. His books can be found regularly on the New York Times Best Sellers List. The Breakthrough is the third Precinct 11 Novel, preceded by The Brotherhood and The Betrayal. Although promoted as the third in a trilogy, Jenkins leaves the police procedural open to follow on novels.

Boone Drake is the youngest bureau chief in the history of the Chicago Police Department. Jack Keller, Boone's first partner, then his mentor and his boss, sponsors Drakes promotion to the head of the newly formed Major Case Squad. Following the first two novels in which like the Old Testament Job, Boone has lost everything: his wife, his son, his home, and his faith.

Now he has a new wife, Haeley, a new son, a new home, a renewed faith, and an increased passion to get gangs off the streets. Haeley won a seven figure settlement from the City of Chicago for false arrest late in their courtship and paid early in their marriage. The money was used to buy a comfortable house in a nice neighborhood, to ensure college educations for Max, who has been officially adopted by Boone, and any future siblings, and to gift Boone with the car of his dreams, with the balance given to the two churches that are important in their lives. Yet Boone is somehow waiting for the other shoe to drop.

When disaster strikes, it seems that Boone is destined to lose everything again, as tragedy threatens those closest to him. Haeley needs him desperately. Max is kidnapped, and all clues lead to a human trafficking ring from the dark and infamous Hutong district in Beijing. The plot is predictable but deftly written, keeping the pages turning. The suspense is created, not by twists and turns of plot, but by the complexity of character development.

Jenkins's father is a police chief, and he has two brothers who are police officers. Cooperation among police departments and forces from the other squads housed at the 11th Precinct and across state and national jurisdictions is emphasized throughout the novel. Equally emphasized is the true-to-life crises of faith shaped by circumstance and cultivated through the relationships of characters that are believably flawed but redeemable.

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Mary says

I enjoyed this final book in the Precinct 11 series. I like how Jerry Jenkins keeps you on the edge of your seat right to the end of the book.

Mark says

Another great book! Could barely put it down. I hope that Jenkins finds a way to make a movie from these books. Too bad this was the final book of this trilogy. I hope that Jenkins will extend this series more...it is too good to stop.

I started reading this series after receiving the first book for free through the Tyndale Rewards program. With the Tyndale Rewards program you receive points for submitting reviews on Tyndale books & you can cash your points in on free books. If you are interested in joining the program follow the link below & you will automatically start out with 25 points & by the time you complete a few of the joining surveys you will have enough points to get one of many the Tyndale authored books for free!!
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Karen says

I always like this authors books, especially his heart wrenching ones which I do not read anymore since they depress me for too long. This is a great series of a different genre. Good Christian suspense and crime.

Josh Utterback says

The first two weren't too bad, but this one is awful. Poorly written with completely implausible behavior.

They issue an Amber alert but don't inform the media because they don't want people to know. THAT'S THE WHOLE POINT IN AN AMBER ALERT. After a kidnapping they deliberately withhold the information from the father. When they catch some of the accomplices they immediately give away all of their information, before even consulting a lawyer, this happens multiple times. Spur of the moment a reputable Chinese businessman somehow hacks a bank website to make it look like money was transferred. Not to mention how they handout and take sleeping pills like they are candy.

The whole thing was just completely

Lynnda Ell says

As I picked up my complimentary advance readers' copy of Jerry Jenkins' new book, *The Breakthrough*, I reached in a basket and took out a bookmark. It turned out that picking up the bookmark was a waste of time. I read the book without stopping.

Every book I read by Jerry Jenkins reminds me that he is a writer at the top of his craft. *The Breakthrough* polishes that reputation to an even higher sheen.

The story revolves around Boone Drake, a bureau chief in the Chicago Police Department. His wife sustains

a serious head injury in a freak accident at the same time kidnappers steal his 5-year-old adopted son. The events produce emotional, physical, and spiritual crises that keep him uncertain about where to be or what to do. His pastor, friends, and coworkers rally to discover the facts surrounding the kidnapping, care for his wife in the hospital, and uphold him in his faith.

The action is nonstop, the plot twists more times than a mountain road, and the characters are complex and believable. Without preaching, Mr. Jenkins shows us how intense trials in a Christian's life can prove his trust in God. Prove it not to God – He already knows – but to himself and to those in his community. Mr. Jenkins also shows us that even good friends can fail us and that forgiveness can heal that breach of trust.

Madelein l'Engle in *Walking on Water* expresses my emotions when I finished *The Breakthrough*. She states, "We don't want to feel less when we have finished reading a book; we want to feel that new possibilities of being have opened up to us. We don't want to close a book with a sense that life is totally unfair and that there is no light in the darkness; we want to feel that we have been given illumination." That's it. I felt illuminated and strengthened to face my own trials when I finished Mr. Jenkins' latest book. See what I mean; read *The Breakthrough*.

Jan Aldergate says

meh! improbable plot, wooden characters, but you can save time because you won't have to do your bible study while you read this. just didn't work for me.

N Hemhil says

A wonderful conclusion to an enthralling trilogy.

Rachel says

Too much willing suspension of disbelief is required.

Ray says

"*The Breakthrough*" is the third of the "Precinct 11" series of novels by popular Christian author Jerry B. Jenkins. This series features Boone Drake, the head of the Chicago Police Department's Major Case Squad. In this story, Boone Drake, who has already having lost a wife and son in a previous tragedy, now must deal with the kidnapping of his newly adopted son which occurs just after his new wife is rushed to the hospital in a coma with a life threatening head injury. So this is certainly a book which reminds you of the age old question of "why do bad things happen to good people?".

It was a nice story of a loving husband and father dealing with and overcoming adversity and apprehending the kidnappers, but to me it was more about the moral than a truly realistic, believable crime story. It just

wasn't my preferred style of book, however I would recommend it to readers of Tim LaHaye, Joel Rosenberg, etc and those who seek and enjoy a Christian emphasis in their readings.

Libby says

Third in a Great series!

I liked the fact is was told from a Christian World view and that it was a unique story line. It kept my interest from the beginning. I'd recommend it.

Randy Tramp says

Boone Drake, head of the Chicago Police Department's Major Case Squad feels something is about to go wrong, again. And it does.

Boone must go to Beijing at a time his wife, Haeley needs him the most. There he must infiltrate a human trafficking ring.

Action packed pages with fast-moving scenes. I enjoyed listening to this story. One of the characters (Jack) sounded like Clint Eastwood. I found myself thinking about the story in between listenings. With the scripture sprinkled into the story, I felt the story went to a higher level.

Tee McDaniel says

Great book!

Alet Swart says

I devoured the book in a day and a half. It was a little predictable at the beginning of the book with an obvious happy ending, but everything in between was well researched and extremely informative.
