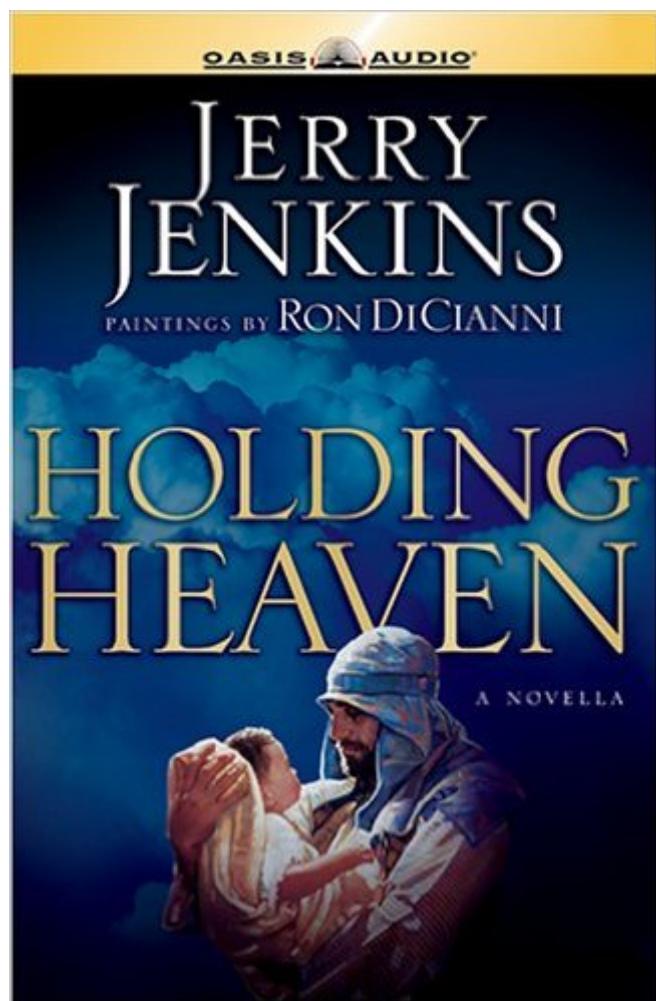


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# Holding Heaven



## **Synopsis**

A poignant novella from one of the best-selling fiction authors of all time! --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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## **Customer Reviews**

A father sits up with his son late one night so the mother can get some rest and thirty years later that same son is staying with his dying father. These two men are extraordinary people because they are Joseph and Mary's son Jesus. As a baby, Jesus had two types of crying, one when he is hungry and thirsty or needs changing and one that sounds like he is crying for mankind. It is an eerie sound but Joseph knows why Jesus is crying and accepts that he weeps for a sin-filled world. When Joseph is dying, he asks Jesus what is to become of him and he shows his earthly father what his heavenly father wants him to do. He will do it knowing that he will be betrayed. Joseph's heart breaks when he learns this because he knows he will not be there to give his son his strength. The love between Joseph and Jesus is so palpable that readers can feel it and the bond they share is that of an ordinary father and son even though Joseph knows Jesus is part Divine, sent by the one true God to save mankind. It is a beautiful story, one that will bring tears to the readers for Joseph's dying lament as much as for Christ's future suffering. This is very different than the Left Behind series but it is also a tour-de-force. Harriet Klausner

Holding Heaven, written by Jerry Jenkins and illustrated by Ron Dicianni, is the story of Jesus told by His earthly father, Joseph. It is a beautifully illustrated novella that would make a great Christmas

present. We don't know much about Joseph from the Scriptures, but we do know he must have been a very special man to be given the responsibility of raising God's Son. This novella shows us the wonder, but also the love that Joseph had for Jesus. Imagine having your son born in a stable. Imagine having smelly shepherds actually find your family in that stable. Imagine a poor family being visited and gifted by wealthy men from a far country. And imagine being visited four times by an angel to direct you as to where you should live. Jenkins primarily uses Scripture interwoven with dialogue to make the story flow. DiCianni, famous for his artwork with spiritual warfare themes, provides dramatic paintings for illustration. Both parents and children will enjoy this rendition of the Christmas story. -- Linda Demorest, Christian Book Previews.com

Glad I was on a weekend vacation when I started reading this. I couldnt put it down, read it in over an hour. Love the perspective it takes, makes you see things from a different angle. Bless Mary and Joseph.

I read this ever year at Christmas time. I cry everytime. To imagine the birth and life of our savior through his father's eyes is eye opening. Wonderful job the author does bringing Joseph's thoughts and feelings to life. Fiction but probably more fact than we could believe.

This book is totally awsome; I've passed it around the whole church to read and had to buy several more copies as it would disappear along the route. In a nutshell, it is about Joseph tending to baby Jesus as Mary is resting, and then it is about Jesus visiting Joseph as he is resting on his death bed. What a unique concerpt in a story. I get goosebumps just thinking about it and am thinking of reading it for the 4th time. Don't borrow it, buy it!

I have enjoyed this novella very much..... I have given it as gifts.... I do have a CD of it at my apartment.... A very inspirational read.. I recommend it very much.... A good Christmas and Easter read.... Anytime!!!!

Jerry Jenkins has taken the familiar story of Jesus and His earthly father Joseph and made it come to life in this fictionalized account that is based on New Testament scripture. One begins to understand what Jesus' early years might have been like and how the Son of God was also the Son of man and how important the guidance of the good and humble Joseph was in enabling Jesus to become the Man He became. It is a touching and revealing portrait of the depth of the relationship

they might have shared. This is a short story but powerful none the less.

If you want to feel as though you are holding baby Jesus, this book is for you. This book introduces the reader to a real Mary and Joseph.

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