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Haunted by the toxic memories of a torturous foster-father, Jacob Hope yearns to make a difference in a world gone awry, trying to accomplish some small scrap of good in an ocean of wrong. Tumbling through life with no true direction, Jake unwittingly reveals a nightmare.

The gates of Hell have been unlocked, and something long imprisoned has broken loose from its shackles to roam free upon the Earth. It cannot be bargained with, it cannot be defeated, and it exists with only desolation in its heart....

Longing to confront such evil but not knowing how, Jake must embark upon a journey not only of destination, but of self-discovery. In his attempts to thwart a fallen angel, Jake must also come to grips with his own part in this almighty drama.

For above it all haunts the legacy, a prophecy of who Jake truly is:

Christ reborn - the new messiah.

Corpus Christi Details

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Clayton says

This is most certainly the worst book I've ever completed and I cannot understand why it is rated so well. Its as if a 12-year-old watched an adult film and then tried writing his own synopsis of the events.

Do ebooks not go through the traditional (any?) editing stage before publishing?

The dialogue makes me want to gag, no character would say or think most of the things written in these contexts. I believe my count of Jake specifically saying "What do you mean?" (once it occurred twice on one page) was up to 25 before I gave up even caring.

The Vain character is so poorly cliché I literally blushed at the terrible lines he has. So bad:

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"Do you believe in God?" asked Jake. "Believe?" said Vain. "No, I don't believe. I know he exists, so I don't have to believe. I wouldn't say I like him – although he's gotta be better than Lucifer – that guy just sucks."

"You've met the Devil?"

"Yeah," replied Vain calmly, "a couple of times – you could say we were close at one stage, but he's a real asshole. I don't know if this God of yours is any better, but I know enough to know all that shit is real. When you ask if I believe in Him... huh... I believe in me. That's all. God can suck my dick."

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Yep, typical conversation with Vain. I think it's safe to say that that excerpt would make devout Christians and atheists alike cringe in disgust.

I didn't even want to waste my time reviewing this, but figured I'd better balance the ratings a bit and hope to warn other suckers like me.

Christie says

I was lucky to stumble upon this book through bookhub, for free. Never hearing of Mr. Luke Romyne, I was more interested by the cover art than the contents. So, in a nutshell, I had no clue what I was reading!

Corpus Christi (The Legacy Chronicles) is totally mind blowing. I always stayed away from religious themed books since I read "The Divin Code." However, this book much like "30 Pieces of Silver" have swayed me to reconsider this genre.

Corpus Christi is your basic God vs Satan. Jacob Hope is struggling with what he is to do in life. Unhappy with the UN, he becomes a Red Cross coordinator in Uganda. Then literally hell breaks loose in his life. Nothing is ever going to be the same again.

Jacob is in a continual struggle of self-doubt. He can't grasp why he has been tasked with the burden of saving humanity. Oh, did I fail to mention, he's the second coming of Christ. Talk about burdens.

This wonderfully written book thrusts you into a world of what-if's. I don't know how the author intended for this book to be categorized, but it falls into several genres...fiction, paranormal, biblical, and down right

good!

My only problem with the book was, I couldn't put it down. I'm already excited about starting the 2nd book in this series, Sins of the Father.

Andy Peloquin says

From Chapter 1, I was intrigued by the premise of the book. It's all about a normal guy who finds out that (tiny spoiler alert!) he's the Christ reborn. Now, this may sound a bit sacrilegious, but understand this: he's not JESUS Christ reborn. "Christ" is used more as a title than as a last name (sort of like "King"), so it's more of a mantle or a legacy (hence the name) than the actual reincarnation of Christ. An original twist on the "Second Coming"--loved it!

I didn't like the main character as much as I loved the supporting characters. The angelic players are about what you'd expect from "paragons of virtue", and the demons are sufficiently villainous. No, it's the human supporting characters that I liked best.

In most "good vs. evil" books, there are a team of good people helping the main character defeat the villains. Instead, most of the supporting characters are neither good nor evil, but all firmly in the "grey moral" zone. A few of them are actually downright bastardy (such as the assassin Vain), and I loved it.

I'm not going to spoil the ending, but I have to say that it came as a pleasant surprise. I was not expecting it, and that made me love the book all the more.

The writing style had a few flaws (overheavy sentences, perhaps a bit too much introspection), but overall it was a great book. Best of all, I got a signed copy from the author himself!

Katie says

Superb!

Leah Speller says

When I first met the main character of this book I wondered if he had a backbone but at surprising times he would find it.

Luke grabbed me within the first two chapters. The twists and turns I was right with Jake stumbling blind when everyone around him seemed to know what he did not. Yet I also understood the trials he needed to go through and Luke did it in such a way that you felt it all along with him.

Some might say as Christians this series may cross the line. I feel that it does not. For one it is a work of fiction. Perhaps there is some sense of insight within the pages and that will be a personal thing between you and your own beliefs. But in no way is book saying this is Revelations. Please do not be misled.

I am excited and ready to move straight on to the next and also berating myself into wondering why I had not read this book yet as I had purchased it in January. Good thing I am making myself go through my purchased library before buying new ones...well...ya..know....I can't always...miss that deal where the book sounds so

good.

So on to the next book!!

Lee says

Another Luke Romyn mind-bender that will keep you thinking long after you have finished reading the installment. Vain! So glad Vain made an appearance! Wondering to this day what transpired. This book is more than sci-fi action thrills and adventures with ample dusting of the "serial smarta**s" well known sarcasm, humor and wit. I have noticed that there had been reviews mentioning a lot of religion. Hmm... Maybe it has to do with my Jesuit college instructors but they taught me to question everything especially anything demanding blind faith. (Go figure!) There was a good deal of balanced research and presentation of different theories, which include Universal Laws, Laws of Attraction, Christianity, all three of the Abrahamic religions, as well as, jumping the track of reality and delving into the Fallen, demons, Angels, Behemoth, cherubim, etc. Seriously, how would YOU react and what would YOU do if you found out that you were the Christ reborn?

J. Hammond says

Sometimes the right book falls into your hands at just the right time. For me, Corpus Christit was such a book. And not only was it a book I needed to read, it was a fun one to read. If you enjoyed the DaVinci Code by Dan Brown, you'll love what appears to by this new series from Luke Romyn. It contains the same historical depth and supernatural elements but isn't nearly as cumbersome a read. In fact, it would make a great movie without losing nearly as much in translation as Brown's work does.

Before we go any further, let me be clear on two points: first, courtesy my parochial school upbringing, and love of reading, I am perhaps better educated about the bible (yes, I've read it, more than once) and religious history than many people though i'm not particularly religious; second, Luke is one of my Twitter influencers and has been for years, I find his words entertaining and worthwhile in 140 characters or less, so chances were good I'd like them in book-length.

Having said that, I wasn't entirely sure this was a book I'd enjoy. I try to stay away from "Christian fiction" because it's often heavy-handed and preachy. Corpus Christi is neither. In fact, it reads more like a James Bond novel than anything, hopping from one exotic locale to the next with a fair amount of danger and threats to world-peace laced through it. It didn't hurt that one of my favorite cities, Chicago, made an appearance (I could have used more atmosphere there but still, great to see the Windy City in print, along with Venice, Washington, D.C. and Vancouver, cities I also enjoy). What was really exceptional about this story was how deftly Romyn weaves the occult into Christian and particularly Catholic mythology and history without the blanket condemnation so common in the genre. Sure, the Devil is the bad guy. But at least not everyone who doesn't walk the Christian or Catholic path is his minion. There are even a couple really bad guys who turn out to be on the side of the angels.

For a book with such intricate historical and theological details, Corpus Christi was a very fast read. It took me almost a week to finish it but that was due to repeated interruptions and the fact that sometimes truths disguised as fiction can be difficult to read. I have to put the book down and process them for a while. Don't

get me wrong, I have no delusions of grandeur or of being, I don't know, some grand female figure in Catholic history. Not at all. I just agree with Richard Bach that you can find truth and words you need to hear in every book. I just didn't expect them here. So I'm going to wrap this up with a quote that sums up, better than I ever could, why I think anyone who writes for pleasure or professionally should read this book: "You can look to others for advice and support, but the true transformation has to come from deep inside, and when you feel it, you can act upon your desires and create a better existence for yourself. Until that point it doesn't matter how much you want something, if you can't adjust the way you think about yourself, no amount of outside assistance will ever alter your life."

Theresa says

Corpus Christi is a wide ride. I found myself tied up in knots as tightly as the main character. Jake is an ordinary man thrust into extra ordinary circumstances – appointed a role in a historic battle none of us would be prepared to undertake.

Mr. Romyn places you right in the thick of things with very graphic storytelling and gripping characters. I love his irreverent humor. I purchased the second in this series before I had finished the first. I only hope that Jake, Tony, Mikey, Michael, and Vain are back again to fight-the-good-fight.

Liesbeth says

This is a rather strange book about a man called Jake who slowly discovers he has the power of Christ in him, the new Jehovah.

He sets of on a journey to destroy an evil force, Abaddon.

This path leads him through various parts of the world, he meet a fair few Archangels, and gathers some unlikely followers.

It's not the sort of book I usually read, but parts of it did draw me in, and I wanted to know how it was going to end.

The middle part was a bit too drawn out for my liking, having said that,I did keep on reading it!

Pamela Cunningham says

This book is about a seemingly normal guy who finds out that he's anything but normal .

This is quite and interesting take on what if Jesus was to be reborn in modern times how would he react to this revolution what would be do how would change the world as we know it join the journey and find out .

Jan McClung-short says

Excellent book of epic topic and the characters! Oh my God! What was I thinking....this book is very deep. How could you even think of battling the devil and his fallen angels! I really wasn't sure if I was going to be

able to finish this book. The topic of the end of the earth and the beginning of end of times where evil rules the earth.

Jake Hope is the last reincarnation of christ. He's not Jesus but the energy of christ that battles the evil fallen angel that battles the good of the earth. He was adopted into drunken heatrens family who would beat him senseless quoting scriptures from the Bible. So Jake doesn't believe in God but battles the earth to keep the good energy going. He descends to the depths of the earth to the garden of eden battling the fallen angel to Rome to all over the earth. He teams up with a motly crew that are to guard him. What they do and battle keeps you on the edge of your seat. I couldn't begin to imagine the ending. A great work of fiction. This is not my normal gangre but I really enjoyed this book. I want to read more of Mr Romyn's works. This was my first but not the last.

Jess says

I did like the story but found Jake to be a bit too doubtful and whiny. also slightly too religious for me.

Tina Lewis says

Another fantastic piece of work from Luke, except this one appears to be his best yet. I can't wait for the next book in the series.

Jessie says

As great as this book was, I am giving it four stars because I felt like there was something missing to it. I couldn't tell you what it is, though. Despite that, this book was pretty incredible and I wouldn't mind reading the sequel. The description of events, the character building, and everything that makes a novel great was here. If not for that small thing I felt was missing, this would've gotten five stars.

Eric says

The world desperately needs an infusion of hope. Jacob Hope. In this fantasy tale replete with compelling narrative, one man holds the key to earth's chances for survival. As if this mission wouldn't be daunting enough, it is made all the more difficult by Jake's reluctance to accept his true identity and take his place at the fore of the battle. At least one fallen angel has escaped the pit and mankind is powerless to resist, save for Hope. Will he be able to cast aside doubt and weakness in time? Will he be able to discern the nature and scope of his latent ethereal abilities so that he may offer battle to the forces of evil?

This is another gem of an offering from Luke Romyn. Action-packed, intriguing, and sprinkled with much of the author's trademark humor, Corpus Christi left me anxious to read the next installment. I loved it!
