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Your mom always said you were an angel. What if she was right? Jonah Stone has always thought of himself as average, but in seventh grade he learns a fascinating family secret, and his world turns upside down. Jonah's mom is a nephilim, the daughter of a human and a fallen angel, which makes Jonah one-quarter angel. When his mom is kidnapped by fallen angels, it's up to Jonah and his sister Eliza to rescue her. Guided by prayer and a guardian angel, Jonah and Eliza embark on an epic adventure through the streets of New York and come to understand that God plans in ways they never could have imagined. *Spirit Fighter*, Book 1 in the Son of Angels: Jonah Stone series, is an imaginative adventure that is based on scripture in the book of Genesis.

## Spirit Fighter Details

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### Steve Martinson says

Pretty good story for 10-13 year olds. 3 siblings find out that are one quarter ("Quarterlings") angel. Their mother is a Nephilim, a child of a Fallen Angel and a human. Each of the children have different powers that they don't know about until they are in battle with the Fallen. This was the main reason I didn't give this 5 stars. They are in the middle of a battle and are losing; their powers are not enough to save them, so, all of a sudden, there's another power that helps them win the battle. Otherwise, this is a nice beginning to this series. Since this is a series about angels for pre- and very early teens, it is VERY religious, so take that into account.

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### Iola says

Jonah Stone is thirteen when he flunks the school basketball tryouts but notices something strange about the way he can kick a soccer ball. He tells his parents, who not only believe him but tell him a family secret – Jonah's mother is one of the Nephilim, one of the half-human, half-angel beings referred to in Genesis, and Jonah and his siblings are quarterlings, which gives them special powers and the ability to see angels.

But then his mother goes missing, and it seems that others of the Nephilim have also disappeared. Together with his sister Eliza, Jacob must fight the forces of evil to rescue their mother and the other missing nephilim before the captives can be forced to work for the Destroyer. In their search, they learn to put on the armour of God (from Ephesians 6), to walk by faith and to trust in the name of the Lord.

Spirit Fighter is well written and fast paced. Many of the ideas are reminiscent of Frank Peretti's books, but with a strong youth focus and not so frightening. There are parallels between Spirit Fighter and some of the popular secular fiction available for this age group – the Harry Potter and Percy Jackson books spring to mind.

Jonah can see the fallen angels and feel the despair they exude, similar to Harry Potter and the dementors. Like Percy Jackson, Jacob is part-human and part-superbeing, which gives him extraordinary powers. The difference is that in Spirit Fighter, these elements are given has a sound basis in the Bible. (And, at the end of the day, this is fiction. But it will introduce children to the concept of the spiritual realm and the battle being fought).

An adult might find elements of Spirit Fighter simply too fantastic and criticise it for being too plot driven with insufficient focus on the development of the characters. While this might be true, I don't see that the target audience of middle school boys will be bothered. They just want to see the bad guys get wasted, and should therefore be well satisfied. Despite the presence of Eliza, I imagine Spirit Fighter will be more appealing to boys than girls, and will be enjoyed by fans of TV shows such as Bibleman and Angel Wars.

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## **Brenda says**

Jonah Stone's life really hadn't been going as planned. It's a bit embarrassing to be going to the same school as his eleven year old sister Eliza and his seven year old brother Jeremiah. His hopes are to make the middle school basketball team, but when he finds himself so frustrated that he kicks a soccer ball, something weird happens the ball goes sailing over the treetops. When he goes home and tells his parents they let him in on a little secret, he and his siblings are 1/4th angels with special powers. Turns out his mother is a Nephilim, which is a half human/half angel. When his mother is kidnapped along with some of the other Nephilim, it is up to Jonah and his sister Eliza to try and save her.

I have been fascinated with the Nephilim since reading about them in the book of Genesis, so I was anxious to read this fictionalized story that revolves around them. The author really brings the characters to life in this story, and the plot moved along at a very brisk pace. I really liked Jonah's character, and I found him someone that was very easy to relate to. He was just your average boy dealing with average problems, he often got teased at school, and didn't feel like he really fit in or had any real talent, especially after not being chosen for basketball. When he learns the secret though he realizes just how special he really is. While this book is classified as juvenile fiction, I can easily see this book appealing to many ages, with believable characters, that are so easy to relate to, and a fast moving, action packed plot that also provides several positive Christian messages without seeming preachy. If your having problems getting your youngster to read, perhaps this book just might spark their interest.

A complimentary copy of this book was provided in exchange for an honest review.

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## **Aleathia Colley says**

### **Great Christian book**

Excellent book for teaching teenagers and young people about spiritual warfare.  
Would like to see a trilogy made from this book

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## **Dragana says**

### This is my joint review for both Spirit Fighter & Fire Prophet by Jerel Law:

Usually, I don't read much Middle Grade Fantasy novels. I enjoyed Harry Potter series and Neil Gaiman's Graveyard Book, and was not so-impressed with The Chronicles of Narnia, but that's it. Son of Angels series by Jerel Law intrigued me with promises to be Christian answer to popular middle grade adventure series like Percy Jackson and the Olympians & The Kane Chronicles. Making Christianity and the Bible exciting for kids? I was curious how it will turn out.

Jonah Stone is just another 13 year-old boy with a loving family in a peaceful small town called Peacefield. His father Benjamin Stone is the pastor of Methodist church and his 11 year-old sister Eliza and 7 year-old brother Jeremiah are constant source of embarrassment and trouble but he loves them anyway. The whole perception of the world will change for Jonah when he finds out the truth:

*"Johan, you are not entirely human. You're mostly human, just not... totally."*

Jonah's mother is nephilim, half angel and that makes him one quarter angel - quarterling. Jonah is suddenly stronger and faster than his friends, one of the perks of having angel ancestors. But that's just the start of him discovering his powers and what is he capable to do. Turns out nephilims and quarterlings are very powerful creatures, and as always there is someone who wants to use them for bad and nefarious purposes. Good thing they will have help of Elohim (God) and his angels.

Frankly, this book was not as bad as I expected. Hmm... That came out wrong. :) Actually, it was not bad at all. Story is told from Jonah's point of view and I liked that he's not perfect and that's he's often troubled by doubts, jealousy and other problems. Jerel Law painted a perfect picture of young coming of age boy. Sadly, all other characters pale compared to Jonah and feel a little shallow. While Jonah is painted with different shades of gray with white light of faith shining through them, other characters are more black or white and not very complex.

How Christianity blended into middle grade fantasy book? I must admit, surprisingly well. There is some Bible quoting but not too much. And for some biblical creatures that attack Jonah, their origin and history is only hinted so I was intrigued and even thought about grabbing the Bible and looking for part where they are mentioned to learn more. So if you want to make your kids interested to learn more about Christian religion and they liked Harry Potter, Percy Jackson and similar books, Son of Angels series by Jerel Law may be just the thing for you. :)

I recommend this book to fans of: middle grade fantasy and adventure who don't mind having a little bit of Bible quotes and Christianity teachings added to the mix.

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### **Ana says**

Theologically, this book may be a little off but, it is a book that demands a reader's attention.

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### **Nightsong says**

Great Christian read filled with scripture and excitement.

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### **Michael says**

This is a verbal review from both a fifth and eighth grader who completed the book - as a disclaimer, I did not but then again a middle-aged gray-haired guy is not the target audience!

Bottom line summary is they both loved the book, and we have ordered (and they completed) the Kindle-format sequel. When asked what they liked the most, the fifth grader said he liked the characters and the story, which was about all I could get out of him. The eighth grader said she liked the Bible story aspects.

To tell you how much they liked it, they both hope there is a sequel. What I really like is it appears to be a great story and having them want to read more and exercise their minds vs. playing an endless video game!

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## Ashleigh says

Interesting book, enjoyed it overall...

Review:

Before I start this review, I'd like to say that I'm definitely not the target audience of this book, so I'm going to tell you all of the things I've enjoyed about this book, and then explain the things I didn't, and why I didn't, but mainly it will be because I'm not the target audience. So I did have a few problems with this book, but I don't think that the people who are likely to pick up this book will have the same problems.

It's hard not to compare this book to the Percy Jackson series, because of a few things. One, same target audience, two, it's mentioned to be what the book is supposed to be a replacement for, three, there are a lot of similarities in the series and characters. I can definitely see some of the same characters in the two books. I'm not saying that's bad, but it's unexpected to see so many similarities.

I think for what the book is aiming for, the author has definitely achieved what he wanted, you have a good adventure story, with a lot of Christian background, so it's educational and interesting to read as well as having enough action to keep you invested in the story.

I think one of the things I would have to say about it though, is that I don't really feel much for the main characters. Jonah and Eliza are two kids who are the good kids in the school. You can see that, they obviously love their parents, one of them is really smart, the other tries out for the basketball team, you see these amazing kids go into this fantastical mission from a higher power. But throughout the book you don't get this emotion and feeling that you'd expect. You see them go from one thing to another and you don't get enough of their thoughts and feelings. We get their thoughts and feelings on religion and God, which is fine, but you only see this slight panic at the beginning when everything goes bad, and they just seem to go through everything else.

Now, I can't be sure if this is done on purpose, because I know that this is about faith in God, and they might not have the emotions the same because they're putting all their trust in God, but it didn't feel right to me.

I liked the contrasts between the good and the bad, and how you could never really tell when something was good or bad. It gave you a lot of times where you did want the characters to pull through and realise what was going on. It kept you thinking that something bad was going to happen all the time, and it's interesting to see how they'd get out of the predicaments they were in. Plus, it's telling you all of these Bible stories that you might not have known before you read this book, and gave you an insight to all of the interesting things that are in the Bible.

I have to admit I loved the idea of corruption that oversaw the story. You got this idea that anyone at any time could become corrupted because of the Fallen, and it was interesting to see how it was achieved. I think that because the underlying message of how anyone can lose their faith was there, it was interesting to look into this world of complete faith from someone who isn't religious like myself. The end of chapter 22 is an example of this that is very alien to me, but at the same time you can admire it for someone being so invested in what they believe.

I think my main problem with this book was the fact that I'm not overly religious, and because of this it seemed very pushy when I was hearing about all of this faith that the characters had in God. However, I think that people who are religious and who do follow the Christian faith will be able to read it and understand this faith that the characters have, so I don't think it's a bad thing about the book, I just think it's something that should be taken on board if someone who isn't religious picks up this book.

I do have to say that the end of this book, the way it wrapped up was very cool. I did definitely enjoy it.

Over all I have to say it's not something I would have picked up by myself, it's not something I'm used to reading, but it was a pretty good book to read.

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### **Naomi Brignola-van calster says**

Fun book for teens, gives you a different perspective of the spiritual armor.

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### **Joe Kendall says**

This book started off great and I thought had lots of potential. Character development of Jonas was great. The way that he discovered that he had super powers was great. Where the story fell short was that his sister, Eliza, finds out she has powers too, but as Jonas keeps finding more powers all she ends up having is her shield (which is cool but I thought overly limiting on her abilities for the story). Also the fact that throughout the whole story the kids are put into impossible situations that they can not get out of but just by faith and praying and saying Gods name, they magically get saved every time. I was hoping more for some ingenuity in the kids finding flaws in the Fallens plans that they would be able to exploit. The spirit world that they entered had a lot of flaws to it too. The author kept stating that solid objects could not be affected yet when it came to walls that seemed to go by the wayside. I think this book would be great for young kids, especially with a Christian background, but that's about it. It seems like a Percy Jackson kind of series at first, but only for a more select crowd, unfortunately. This is the authors first book though, so I am willing to give the next book a try and see if his writing style improves.

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### **Glenajo says**

Book 1 of a Great Series for Teens and Pre-Teens

This book begins with a bang and races from there. I actually got the third book first, but quickly realized that I needed to read books one and two to complete the story. The children learn that they are special kids destined to fight in the spiritual warfare battle of good against evil. What child (or any age for that matter) can resist that! The kids learn to put on their armor when they are called on to go into battle by going to school with others who also have special gifts. The book uses versus from the Bible to back up the story. This should be in every library that has a Harry Potter book, and gifted to every child that loves to read. I would much rather see kids consuming this than Harry Potter. I highly recommend this series for lovers of action and supernatural forces.

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### **Tee loves Kyle Jacobson says**

First I would like to THANK Amy at Thomas Nelson for allowing me to read and review Spirit Fighter. I have to say I loved this book and when I was finished I gave my son the book to read and he devoured it in one night.

Spirit Fighter is a story about Jonah and Eliza a brother and sister dual whose mother has been kidnapped by fallen angels. They learn that their mother is a Nephilim making them 1/4 Angel. As the story unfolds Jonah and Eliza have to trust the Guardian Angel God has sent down to guide them in the right direction of finding their mother. As they travel the dangerous streets of New York they begin to understand God's Plan.

I really enjoyed this story because it had all the elements I love in a story about Angels and Demons and Good VS Evil. This book is for middle school children and one I have recommended to my son's school for the summer reading list. It was a fast paced book and I read it in a day and I can't wait to read the second book in the series.

Ephesians 6:12

New International Version (©1984)

For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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### **Lisa says**

There was a part of me that felt like this was a watered down version of the Mortal Instruments series. The Nephilim must hunt for the missing mother. Haven't we been here before?

But this story is geared toward middle grade readers, and is geared more toward the Christian Fiction genre, so I tried to keep an open mind.

Keep in mind, if you aren't a fan of having bible verse thrust at you fairly frequently, this may be a bit offputting in this book. There is a lot of scripture quoting.

But on the other hand, there was a lot of ignorance on the part of the characters considering their age and the fact that they grew up with a pastor for a father. Shouldn't they have had a firmer grasp on the scripture associated with what was going on here?

I did enjoy the book, and read through it fairly quickly, but I am really just torn about it. I am going to read on through the series to see if it redeems itself any.

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### **Kara says**

Age level: 9 and up

Percy Jackson, move over! Jonah Stone is here!

My review: The cover and title of this book got my attention, but the moment I saw the reference to Percy Jackson, I knew I had to review it! I had to read Percy Jackson in college, but I ended up loving it :)

Spirit Fighter tells the story of Jonah, who at first seems like a typical 13 year old boy who loves to play basketball and video games, forgets he has homework assignments, needs to be reminded by his parents to do his chores, has a younger brother named Jeremiah who likes to be nearby, a younger sister named Eliza who is a top student at their school, and has a close relationship with both of his parents. His mom, Eleanor, is a homemaker while his dad, Benjamin, is a pastor at their church in Peacefield, New Jersey. When the story begins, Jonah is having nightmares and having a hard time sleeping. He goes out for basketball tryouts and despite all the practice he puts in, ends up being told by the coach not to return. Whoa! What kind of teacher tells a student that they need to find a different sport after the first day of tryouts? As it turns out, God has bigger plans for Jonah than being on the basketball team at school. Jonah is devastated and cries out to God in prayer and the answer he gets changes everything.

That evening Benjamin and Eleanor decide to reveal an ancient truth to Jonah. Eleanor's father is a fallen angel making her half-angel or a Nephilim; which makes Jonah, Jeremiah, and Eliza quarter-angels or quarterlings. Jonah has already discovered his power; he has superhuman strength that is fast developing, but before he has a chance to enjoy this new revelation his mom is kidnapped. Jonah and Eliza are sent to New York City on a quest to rescue Eleanor, but before they leave they are given three things: a MissionFinder 3000 which looks like a watch, but is a military-grade angelic navigation system; a small Bible; and a blessing.

Jonah has one demonic encounter before going on this journey with his sister and he realizes it's going to take more than physical strength to beat them. He's the oldest of the three kids and initially is the only one who discovers what his identity really is. No matter what powers he has and what he's capable of, he is told throughout the story that the real excitement is how much God loves him and the importance of his faith. Jonah also learns about his guardian angel, Henry, who helps him and Eliza both with their questions as well as fighting the fallen angels they come across. God is referred to as Elohim, which in Hebrew means Strong One.

Jonah and Eliza have several encounters with fallen angels on the way to Manhattan. We learn right away that Eliza's power is a shield as quoted in scripture as the shield of faith. Her shield only works well when her faith is intact. Jonah also discovers that every time they're in an impossible situation that all he has to do is cry out to Elohim and a solution presents itself. Sometimes it's a scripture verse that empowers him; sometimes it's Henry there to rescue them; sometimes it's a vision that guides him; but the story does well to illustrate that God gives Jonah the wisdom, encouragement, strength, favor, and love he needs to overcome anything he has to face on this rescue mission.

References that are mentioned in this story that are either landmarks or important names:

LeBron James  
Attila the Hun  
Genghis Khan  
Joseph Stalin  
Wall Street bull in NY  
Statue of Liberty  
Brooklyn Bridge in NY

Central Park  
The Miami Heat  
Many angels including the Archangel Michael

My favorite parts of the story: a precious scene of Jonah and Eliza riding their bikes super fast and it reminded me of the scene in ET when the kids are flying on their bikes; how close the Stone family is (when Jonah tells Eleanor what the coach says to him she nearly goes to lecture the man before Jonah stops her, I had the same reaction while reading it; Eliza and Jonah risk their lives more than once for each other in team work to find their mom; Benjamin is devastated when he learns his wife has been kidnapped, but he is even more heartbroken to learn that his two kids are being sent on such a dangerous mission instead of himself); the Word of God is emphasized throughout the story; Jonah learns the value of prayer; the story of Jericho is reenacted by Jonah and Eliza at one point and it was awesome!!!! Jonah and Eliza learn that the truth and miracles of the Bible are relevant today and that a person's spirit man is just as real as their human bodies.

Even though I highly recommend this book for anyone 9 or older, I also advise that parents, teachers, and youth pastors to read it over first so that you're comfortable with it before sharing it with your kids. There is violence in the story, but nothing over the top or inappropriate. One intense moment happens at the end where Jonah is tested in his faith, but the power of God comes through strongly and Jonah does not give in to his fear. It was challenging to see what the kids have to endure, more spiritually than physically, but I found myself cheering them on the entire time :) I think the video games and cartoons kids watch today are much more violent than anything this story illustrates, but there is enough action to keep you turning the pages. Spirit Fighter is Law's first book and brilliantly sheds light on the spirit realm, mentions several scripture passages, and shows the power of faith without preaching. It's only 240 pages, but I loved everything about Spirit Fighter and can't wait to read Book Two: The Fire Prophet later this year!

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