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This engaging prequel to Joseph Girzone's bestselling series, which has sold more than 5 million books in the United States, describes Joshua's early years and the first inklings of his destiny as a messenger of love in a troubled world.

Millions of readers around the world have followed the story of the gentle woodcarver and carpenter who was first introduced in 1983 in Joseph Girzone's beloved parable, *Joshua*. In JOSHUA'S FAMILY, Girzone travels back in time, painting a captivating portrait of the mother and father who nurtured Joshua and of the friends and neighbors who viewed the unusually precocious child with an uneasy balance of wonder and skepticism. Joshua's extraordinary nature and mysterious gifts come to light even as he participates in the ordinary routines of small-town life: his gentleness and loving spirit imbue his interactions with contemporaries and adults alike. As he grows from child to adolescent, Joshua gradually awakens to the knowledge that he has been placed on earth for a special reason. Leaving the comforts of family and a familiar world, he moves to the outskirts of a distant town, where he will begin to teach others how the powers of love, tolerance, and understanding can heal the divisions in the human family and bring everlasting peace to the world. This is the book so many have been waiting for, and its powerful message is a much-needed antidote to the difficulties in today's world.

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Darius Murretti says

Wow ! I really liked this one . Joshua , an incarnation of Jesus , is in 4th grade in the year 2005 .dealing with issues such as God being illegal to speak of in the classroom and drug traffic in elementary schoolsI really really Like this author and his opened minded loving approach . I own this book and will listen to it again and again over the years

Note : This is a work of fiction is any one wants to read a non fiction bios of 3 incarnations of Jesus from Child hood to adulthood and death pick up a copy of HEAVEN ON EARTH
<http://www.scienceofthesoul.org/produ...>

Jesus was the Holy Spirit made flesh and the holy spirit is ever popping up here and there in the human from --same holy spirit that is with God and is God --different bodies , places and times

These bios are alway very heart warming , moving and fascinating to read . These individuals , stars of another firmament quietly and ostentatiously go about their missions on our plane !!

Heather Jarrett says

Another Beautiful Book

Amber says

I loved finding out about Joshua as a child.

Sally Mccoy says

Have always enjoyed these books

Janine says

I'm not finished yet, but I'm more than halfway through. I like it, but it's now really bugging me that it seems inconsistent with the first Joshua book. In the first book, Joshua is a grown man and the time setting is the late 1980's. This book is about Joshua's childhood, so in my mind that means it should take place in the 1960's/70's. However, in this book Joshua is introduced to computers and the Internet at school! When he goes home and tells his parents about it, it is apparent they know NOTHING about computers. Joshua's father has to ask him to describe what a computer even IS, which he has a hard time comprehending. As a reader, I find this very inconsistent. I mean we didn't just go from no one knowing what a computer is to full

blown Internet access, AND kids did not have computers OR Internet access in schools prior to the 1980's. Even that is a stretch. I graduated high school in 1989, and our school had a computer lab with very basic computers that could do word processing and not much else, never mind Internet access. No one had even heard of the Internet at that time.

I'm still enjoying the message of the story, but I just find it annoying that it isn't in keeping with the correct time period.

Patrick says

JOSHUAS FAMILY WAS A VERY INTRESTING AND INSPIRING BOOK. IT IS A LOOK AT THE HOLY FAMILIES DAILY LIFE. THIS IS A VIEW OF JESUS DICOVERING WHO HE IS AND HIS RELATIONSHIP WITH hIS HEAVENLY FATHER AND THE IMPORTANT PART THAT JOSEPH and Mary had with him . Set in modern day time with modern day problems this book is Joseph Grizone's most creative book in the joshua series. I would recomend this book to teenagers and their parents.

Carolyn says

I didn't like this book. The story line sounded good, but the way it was written made it sound more like a Primary talk than a book. It seemed to be aimed at a very young reader, it just about drove me crazy!

Laura says

This one was the first books by Joseph F. Girzone which I have read and I am making plans to get the others if not in order whatever is available. I loved this book which points to the hardships and struggles people with minimum monies are viewed by many people. In this one they moved to a house from the description was almost falling apart and with a rental price they could afford. Just a handshake completed the deal. Joshua a young school age boy was more perceptive in that he thought once the house was fixed up the landlord would want them to vacate, and it happened when his father fixed up the house and landscaped the area which now wasn't a eyesore the realty wanted them to move. In court I love the support the community did by being in the court room, where the judge added up all the improvements as value given. I love him as he interacts with his classmates who were not aware of his powers but as a novice I love reading about his internet searches truths as compared to his already known information. He was instrumental in stopping drugs from getting a foothold (this was so cute – I laughed and laughed at his methods. But most important was his interaction with the seniors. Enough said I really enjoyed this book.

Ktmholm says

I just discovered this prequel to the inspirational series (Joshua) that I'd read years ago. In the series, Jesus (in the person of Joshua, a woodworker and traveler) returns to the world, interacting with people. This prequel presents Joshua as a boy just starting to be aware of his powers and his differences from others. I enjoyed this story, but prefer the rest of the series, with Joshua as an adult, as they are generally more

substantive. Still, I would recommend this especially for series fans.

Joshua Reid says

This prequel to Joseph F. Girzone's Joshua series is incredible. This book follows a younger Joshua; who comes into his own as the messenger of love that the world needs. Throughout the novel, Joshua is confronted with wanting to be just like everyone else around him but is told that everyone has a special assignment from God from his mother, Miriam.

Although this book does focus on Joshua and his relationship with the children of the village Shadybrook, one of the themes that I recognized throughout the story was the notion that young people are sometimes easily influenced by the violence and evil of the world around them to do things that they normally wouldn't do.

Overall, the book was an amazing attempt by the late Joseph F. Girzone to show the young years of his titular character, Joshua and his own struggles with being a messenger for God in a world overrun with evil.

Jennifer Schmidt says

i loved the Joshua series but struggled to finish this book, forcing myself not to put it down, in hopes of finding the connection with the previous books. sadly, i did not. the book read like the author wrote it, not a book where the author disappears in the characters. it was truly disappointing.

Ann Watkins says

Yuk! Another attempt to parody the life and character of Jesus Christ. I didn't even bother to read more than the first chapter.

Michael says

This is one in a series of books by Fr. Joseph Grizzone. The writing is extremely simple. Characters are wooden. There are few descriptions. There is virtually no drama or conflict. Still: I like these books. There is a...kindness, I guess, that infuses the author's stories. The main character--a version of Jesus who lives and works in the modern world--shows those whom he meets how acts of kindness, patience, and generosity can save the world.

When I was a teenager, my friend and I were in a record store (!) with his father. His dad looked around, looked at what we were looking at, and said, "Where is the *nice* music?" I thought of that story today when I finished up this book. I am at an age now when I, too, like things that are nice. The *Joshua* books are nice.

And nice is good.

Four stars because the writing is...well, humble.

Sofia Alessandrini says

An elderly neighbor recommended this book and I was not into it at first. I had a very hard time getting into it in the beginning but it picked up at the end. A good Catholic leisure read. Joshua was a lovable character. I think the author is very talented.

Deb says

This "prequel" to the Joshua series tells us what Joshua's life was like as a boy. Joshua's life parallel's that of Jesus, though the book is set in the modern day US. Miriam, Joseph, and Joshua move to a new town, where Joseph fixes up a broken down house for them. Joshua has unusual abilities and a special kind of Charisma, which he uses for good, such as when he helps a local kid out of a drug problem. [return][return]This is a heartwarming story, though some of the way's Girzone interprets Joshua's character (as a retelling of Jesus) may not agree with everyone. Some of the storylines, like the one dealing with the drug problem, were resolved way to simply and didn't seem realistic to me. Still, it makes for a thought-provoking story.
