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The Understudy is a sensitive portrayal of a man who finds out what it means to follow the example of the Master. In this heartwarming story, you'll find the vivid characters and witty dialogue that have made Jack Weyland one of the most popular authors in Latter-day Saint fiction.

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Joelle says

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Stephanie says

How would my YW book collection be complete without at least one Jack Weyland book. My parents were huge fans of this author and each child was given at least 4 of his books in a year. They're a nice quick read before going to bed. Fun to re-read Jack Weyland's books after being married.

Shaumbra says

This book has a wonderful insight into how being like the Savior, Jesus Christ, a person can be transformed. I learned a lot from the character who had to play Christ and how his attitude and outlook on life changed when he delved into his role.

Heather says

Good message. I loved the analogy of being "the understudy." I simply didn't find this book captivating.

Heidi-Marie says

I believe the part that most impressed me in this book was how the man felt when he was playing the Savior and what he learned and gained from that experience. It kind of led me to "In His Shoes" and WWJD thought-processes.

Alyssa G. 5 says

The book, The Understudy by Jack Weyland, is told from guy named Michael Hill's point of view. His wife dies at the beginning of the book so now it's just Michael and his son Jim. Michael is an actor and was asked to play the part of the savior in a Mormon movie. As he is playing this part, his son would go to this daycare, even though he is not a toddler or a younger kid, She let Jim, Michael's son, in because she thought that Jim would be good to hang out with her disabled son, Rusty. After work Michael would go and pick up Jim, and talk with Kellie, the lady who runs the daycare. A few days of talking after work, Michael found out that Kellie had lost her husband that summer too. Michael thought they were perfect for each other and begged for Kellie to date him, he really liked her.... But what does Kellie say?

I love this book. I am a big fan of Jack Weyland's books, but this one I was totally sucked into. I read half the book in one sitting. It lets you get a good taste of what it would be like to loose someone, then fall in love

with a girl when you didn't even think you could love again. I rate this book a 5 out of 5 stars! The Author is really good at describing the characters feelings, winch make you feel kin-dove like you're the character. It makes me think of a quote, "God works in mysterious ways". I don't know who said that, but I do hear it a lot. It paints a good picture. I would totally recommend this book to anyone and everyone.

Ginger says

This is one of my favorite books that he has written.

Michelle says

I loved this book. Very fast moving. I enjoyed how he was able to put some of his feelings and views of Jesus Christ in the book. It made me stop and think.

Julie Howard says

This is one of my all-time favorite books, and it's very different from other Jack Weyland books I've read. *The Understudy is a beautiful story about an actor who takes a role playing Jesus Christ and through that role, comes to know the Lord for the first time.*

Kim says

This is a story that really got me thinking about what it means to truly follow the life of the savior. even when times are tough and we make mistakes there will still be hope for us. this story really taught me that. I hope everyone who reads this book gets as much out of it as I did.

Kristen says

What would you do if you were asked to play the part of Jesus Christ? That is exactly what the main character in this novel faces and though it would seem to be an honor on the surface it may be harder than you think!

Megan says

i am in the process of reading this book so only 1 star for now.

its about an actor who is playing a mormon in a movie and someone teaches him how to play the part and along the way i assume he learns about the church

Susan says

I bought this book from the Deseret Industries. It's an older book so I didn't expect it to draw me into the story like the more recently published LDS novel. I was inspired.

Judith says

Great story of how one man finds Christ.

Christy says

I LOVE IT!!!
