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In this emotional story of parental love, a single mother of a teenage baseball player who exhibits the batting eye of a professional athlete, tries to shield and protect her son from the world of over-zealous scouts, hard-nosed coaches, and money-hungry agents. Guided by his mother's firm and steadfast wisdom and his extraordinary talent, both mother and son make it to the major leagues. In the end, "The Youngest Hero" reveals that when it comes to finding your way in life, a God-fearing mother is more important than God-given talent.

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Nora St Laurent says

I really liked this book. The youngest hero puts in a lot of hard work and over comes incredible odds. The Youngest Hero stands as a legend for our troubled times. The story of a brave young mother, protecting her gifted son during his spectacular rise, becomes a rousing portrait of their unbreakable bond and of the power of faith and love to make even the most improbable dream come true.

This makes for a fun read and one that would work well for a book club pick.

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Nora St Laurent

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Rogelio says

I like the book in a way that I was able to appreciate more about baseball. Though I had difficulty in understanding some baseball jargon like the baseball throws players use such fastpitch, curves, etc. Anyway, the story focuses on the struggles of a Mother and her son, the youngest hero, in moving forward with their lives even without a man in the family while doing the things that matter the most -- being together and achieving their dreams.

Paula-O says

This was a great story of a young boy who loved his dad and wanted to be just like or better than his dad in baseball. He taught himself many things and excelled in the game by working very very hard to learn the game. His mother helped him by the way they lived and she supported his dream. You will like this book whether you are a baseball fan or not, I did...

Angel Parrish says

Saved \$11 because I Snagged @ the Library

Once again, Jenkins is the consummate storyteller!

Here is a story that isn't profound, and is not necessarily important. But it's real, it's solid, and once again is a page-turner like we expect from Jenkins. I don't understand baseball in the detail it is described in this book, and yet I found myself fascinated by the descriptions. The characters are genuine and believable and you want to root for them. The problems are all too real-world and believable and you're anxious to see them resolved.

It's hard to say which is actually the greater story--the young baseball prodigy finding his way to success, or the single mother doing her best for her child through tragic circumstances. Certainly the latter is more relatable, as it happens on a daily basis in every city across the country.

Another great read from a great author! It's clean, wholesome, and should be interesting to a wide audience--men and women, old and young, baseball fans, single moms, and anyone who just enjoys a good story. For the conservative parent, it is safe for your teen as well. Enjoy!

Swantje says

I'm skeptical of the author's Left Behind series, but enjoyed this story very much. I don't understand that much about baseball, but all the descriptions gripped me anyway. The characters are believable and you root for mother and son not to become overwhelmed by the success he has through his talent and hard work. I listened to the audio version, it was great to have two narrators for the two points of view.

Ron says

Forget Left Behind, Jenkins hits a home run with sports books. The Youngest Hero has great storytelling, a great story, and great heart.

Steven says

Decent baseball novel. I like the way the kid rigs up his pitching machine to throw golf balls indoors under a single light bulb. That kind of daily drill probably would make for a good batter. And the urban stick ball added an interesting element. The lack of quality coaching may be a bit of magical thinking given the results, but it's a fun read.

Megan says

This was another of my FIL's audiobooks we listened to on our road trip. If you like baseball you will enjoy this book! If you don't like baseball...you will probably still enjoy this book! The storytelling is fabulous (I thought it was a true story at first, the details were so superb...and I don't know any baseball history). It's one of those feel good books that critics probably hate but it just makes you smile. This book was a Home Run!

Adrian Miral says

This book was very interesting, as sports books are my favourites. This book is about a young boy named Elgin Woodell and his single mother trying to make Elgin's baseball dreams come true. He wants to be the star baseball player his dad once was, until drugs and alcohol wasted him. Elgin and his mom, Miriam move to Chicago, and instantly, he meets kids his age who play baseball. Every day they would play, but he wanted to play on a league team. So he was signed up, but dominated his age group, so he would play for a team that was two or three years older than him. He was such a good baseball player that by age 17, he was drafted. He would go on to have an amazing career. This book has everything from tragedy to triumph. I enjoyed this book because it was a touching story. Jerry B. Jenkins has written a great story, and I recommend that everyone should read this book.

Alex Laferriere says

The Youngest Hero, written by Jerry B. Jenkins, takes place in the city of Chicago during the late 1900's. It is about a young boy, Elgin, whose family is torn apart by stress and anxiety. His father, who had the talent to play professional baseball, ruined his career and became a drunken alcoholic who never sees his son anymore. His mother, although she loves him very much, works long days and does not see Elgin much. Consequently, Elgin is a lonely boy, who has only one thing to hold on to, baseball. He loves baseball more than anything, and when he moves into the new apartment in Chicago, he's determined to practice and play as hard as he can. Long hours are spent gathering money for balls, a bat, and a pitching machine. He spends hours every day trying to bat against the pitching machine in the basement, which because of a defect, throws at the extremely fast speed of 130 mph. Elgin doesn't know it, but because he practices with this machine, he has an extremely skilled eye for seeing pitches, and when he finally thinks his skills are up to par, at the young age of 12, he tries out for the local high school team. Will everyone think Elgin is a young prodigy? Or will he fall into the life of a normal teenager? Read more to find out.

Although The Youngest Hero is a sports story, and many people match sports stories with younger reading levels, it is a well written book for a high school student. The problems that Elgin faces in this book are problems that have touched almost everyone's lives. Whether it is feeling not wanted and excluded, trying out for a High School team, to struggling with family issues. Everyone can relate to at least one problem that Elgin faces during his struggles as a young boy. The book tells the reader to never give up, just as Elgin didn't give up when his life was falling apart. He kept going, kept pushing, kept practicing until everything was better. Along with the fact that everyone can relate, the book is well-written also. The language used in the book is worthy of high school vocabulary, and the plot makes the reader want to keep on turning those pages. All in all, I flew through this book in only three days, and I enjoyed reading it very much.

Elisa says

Story of forgiveness, love and focus on God's calling. Set in Chicago, and written from the perspective of the mom and her son. At times, the son seems unrealistically adult to be only 11 years old, but I've never met a child prodigy before either. An easy, enjoyable read.

Sheila says

As much as I hate to admit it I thought the book dragged on for the first 200 pages. Once it picked up the pace though I did enjoy it, although not as much as I have some of Jenkins' other works.

Deb says

The Youngest Hero is a "rags to riches", Horatio Alger type of story. I really enjoyed this tale of young Elgin Woodall who has a deep love for "America's pastime". Despite his family's hardships and an absent father, Elgin tries to fulfill his dreams of making it into the "big league". You do not need to be a sports fan to fall in love with Elgin, his mother and all the other characters who were created by Jerry Jenkins. I found this audiobook very captivating and emotional. The use of two different voices worked well. The Youngest Hero was a book that I couldn't put down.

Note: This was a book that I received from a member at Bookcrossing.com

Ryan says

The Youngest Hero is a great book that tells the story of baseball prodigy, Elgin Woodell, and the struggles that his family goes through on his path to becoming one of the greatest baseball players of all time. Beneath this young boy's dream, readers follow the struggles of his mother, trying to help her son achieve his dream, all while trying to provide him a modest life and balancing the headache of Elgin's drunk, imprisoned father. All while Elgin's mom battles with her own demons and balancing her ex-husband's impact on not only hers, but also Elgin's life, she does whatever she can to make sure that Elgin does not fall into the same path as his dad. This is a great read for those looking for an inspiring story of redemption and driving to achieve your dreams, whatever they might be.

Lawrence says

I'm a baseball fan and I've enjoyed many other Jenkins stories. So this combination made for a quick and entertaining read. I think it's enjoyable even if you don't like baseball because Jenkins makes you care about the main characters.
