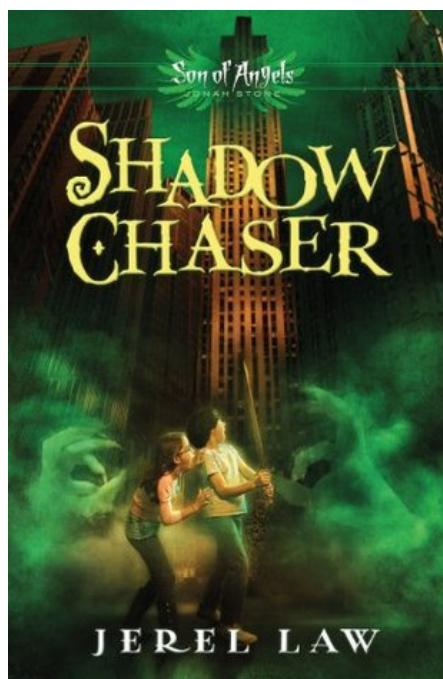




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Join part angel Jonah Stone as he faces his biggest challenge yet!

Many months have passed since part angel siblings Jonah, Eliza, and Jeremiah Stone began their angelic training. As part angels, or *quarterlings*, the siblings joined other children of nephilim to begin honing their special powers.

In this third installment in the Son of Angels series, Jonah's story comes to resemble a modern-day Job as he's faced with trials that affect his health, strength, relationships, and most-prized possessions. As he and the other quarterlings prepare for mid-term exams, their powers are tested once again in the most fierce battle against Abaddon's forces yet. Will Jonah's faith in Elohim continue to persevere as he fights Abaddon in his hardest battle yet?

Parents today are looking for fiction that makes Christianity and the Bible exciting for their kids. This series is the first Christian answer to Percy Jackson and the Olympians, the Kane Chronicles, the Secret Series, and other middle-grade series packed with action, adventure, and supernatural fights. But the message is solidly based in Scripture, conveying God is always in control.

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From Reader Review Shadow Chaser for online ebook

Kristin says

I'd like to thank NetGalley and the publisher for allowing me a copy of this book in exchange for an honest review.

You can find my review of the previous book in the series here, from a year ago. What a change a year can make in my life, but its been so much time apart from the series, maybe I should have re-read the second book first. This book really relied more on the previous books than the second did, and I didn't really like that. However, it is a series, and that does happen.

There was just as much action as the previous book, and we revisited many of the past characters. We did get to see more of the Stone parents as they started figuring more into the story line. The religious theme and the Bible were heavy but not overwhelming. The story of Job was a nice parallel.

Overall, I enjoyed the book and hope to read the next. I know I said that I would have liked to read the first in the series, well, I just went out and bought it.

Heather says

Jonah, his family, and the other quarterlings have already been through a number of great trials and battles, but the battle that Jonah faces now will be his hardest trial to date. He is now being personally targeted by Abbadon and many lives are on the line because of this. Jonah struggles with the burden that has been place upon him, but he's even more concerned about how his friends and family are suffering because of it. His faith and his friends' loyalty will be tested time and again as the story unfolds.

Readers familiar with the Bible will quickly see the parallels between Jonah's trials and the ones that Job faced in the Bible. Because of this, you know that there will be grief and suffering involved in the story. The question is whether or not Jonah will be able to overcome the trials before him and allow his faith to become stronger because of it.

Shadow Chaser is the best book in the Sons of Angels series to date. It's hard hitting and really makes you think. The story is also one of the hardest to read when you're invested in the characters because seeing them suffer so much is not easy, but that is what makes this particular book feel true to life. It doesn't neatly wrap up with a happy ending. Instead, it makes you wonder how the quarterlings will handle the latest developments in their lives.

Jerel Law's Son of Angels series is getting better with each book. I can't wait to read the next one.

Disclosure: I received a preview copy of this book through NetGalley.

Bookwraiths says

Originally reviewed at Bookwraiths Reviews

Shadow Chaser is the third book in the Jonah Stone, Son of Angels children's book series by Jerel Law. This novel is unapologetically Christian in nature and also in its hero's resemblance to one Percy Jackson. If you are either a follower of Jesus Christ or a lover of half-blood heroes then you might enjoy this YA story of modern day, angelic conflict and Godly messages.

The world of Son of Angels is basically the modern day. In the preceding installments of the series, Mr. Law introduced Jonah Stone: a teenager who is the son of a minister and unbeknownst to him a "Quarterling" because his mother is half angel, or a nephilim. The revelation of his true nature is unbelievable to Jonah and so is his discovery that the earth is still the center of a great conflict between the angels of God, or Elohim, and the fallen angels of Satan, or Abaddon. A conflict which is unknowingly raging around the world as these spiritual beings fight in a dimension encompassing our own.

Naturally, the discovery of another quarterling draws the attention of not only the "good" angels but also the "bad" angels, who wish to either turn Jonah to Abaddon or kill him. Demons therefore begin to attack not only Jonah but his family and friends as well, so he - like all other quarterlings - is encouraged by the angelic hosts to attend a special "school" in New York City, where he will be trained to defend himself from the constant attacks (both physical and spiritual) of these fallen angels.

With that back story out of the way, we now turn to *Shadow Chaser*.

Jonah and his two siblings are safely ensconced in the Angel Academy for training. Jonah himself has been doing well, growing in his angelic powers and trying to cope with his newly discovered gift of prophecy, but he has a lot on his plate: not only is he still expected to master a "normal" education but an angelic one as well. Plus, let us not forget that Jonah is still a teenager; one who seems especially hard hit by the onset of acne. These teenage blemishes cause him both physical pain (they later turn into really painful sores) but also makes him the butt of everyone's cafeteria joke and quickly turns our pizza face teenager into a social outcast. But the fun doesn't stop there because it is time for angelic testing, which means Jonah finds himself competing against a few other students who have become his "rivals" for best quarterling at the school.

The story that ensues from this setup is an engaging one. Plagued by intense visions and actual pestilence, our young quarterling embarks on his own inner journey for understanding and peace, dismayed by the sickness that invades his body and the turmoil raging in his pubescent soul. Soon, the story turns into a modern day (though watered down for 8-12 year olds) version of the Biblical story of Job, and Jonah has to decide whether to place his trust and faith in Elohim (God) or throw in his lot with Abaddon (Satan). It is a life changing decision that our young hero faces.

After finishing this story, I have to admit that I liked Jonah. He reminded me a lot of Percy Jackson. (Please remember imitation is the sincerest form of flattery.) Our young quarterling is confused, dense to most everything around him, committed to his family and friends, and sincerely wants to do the right thing. However, just like Percy, Jonah is having a hard time finding the right combination of youthful enthusiasm, godly ability, and hard-earned wisdom to actually make the correct decisions. But while he may annoy a reader with his cluelessness, Jonah always comes through when he needs to and saves the day. What else could anyone ask for in a YA hero?

Outside of Jonah, however, I have to point out that this book had some issues. Issues which affected my ability to enjoy this very compelling story as much as I otherwise would have. The three main problems are as follows:

1) The rhythm of the storytelling was a bit inconsistent. We all know life is like a roller coaster: big ups then big downs, but spaced between these highs and lowers are times of normalcy. In *Shadow Chaser*, there never seemed to be any of those regular moments. One minute Jonah would be having a huge fight with evil fallen angels then he would be over in a corner in the cafeteria having an emotional meltdown because his acne had

gotten worse or his friends were making fun of him. While I realize that is very teenage-like behavior, there was too much of this up and down behavior and not enough normalcy for my tastes.

2) There was no real mystery in this book. One thing Rick Riordan did an amazing job of in Percy Jackson was to keep leading a reader around through repetitive quests while promising a big payoff; the payoff being the answer to a prophecy or the reveal of the “bad guy” or whatever. Even when these reveals were not earthshattering, they still gave a reader a feeling of reward for reading yet another installment of Percy’s story. In *Shadow Chaser*, there was no real mystery for Jonah and the Quarterlings to solve, since you already know that Abaddon is behind everything.

3) While the supernatural world of the angels of Elohim are mentioned numerous times throughout the book, a reader never learns much about them. In fact, the angels are written in such a way that they seem much like any other teacher or military instruction in the real world and their otherworldly dimension just an invisible New York City. I personally would have loved Mr. Law to have fleshed these divine creatures and their spiritual world out in all their supernatural glory, making me sit in silence as I read about the divine splendor of it all, but instead I found myself told over and over again that this person - who acted like and talked like any other person - was a divine and glorious angel. That did not work for me.

All in all, this was an interesting book. It leaned heavily upon the Christian Bible and little known sections of that work, and it was also unabashedly a morality play for a Christian YA audience. However, Mr. Law added in enough action with quarterlings fighting fallen angels or quarterlings vs. quarterlings during their Angel Academy mid-term exams that things never got dull. So, for someone looking for a Christian version of Percy Jackson, this is a good read, but I can see where it might not appeal to everyone.

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Alice says

3.5 stars

Shadow Chaser is the story of Job. Job is a righteous man, and God has a plan for him. God has decided to let Satan test him as long as Satan doesn’t lay a finger on Job himself. But his family and household are all fair game.

Jonah Stone is a quarterling, a child who is descended from a human and an angel, and he has the gift of prophecy. Though, when he speaks prophetic word, he feels like he is going to throw up. He, his family, and the other quarterlings have already been through a lot of trials and battles in the test. However, the battle that Jonah has to face now will be the hardest one because Abaddon has singled him out. There is trial of fire to test the loyalty of his friends and the strength of his family. And at the end, they will suffer a great loss that will push all of them to the limit of their faith.

We all go through hard times and losses. This is a story of loss, heartbreak, and the faith to overcome. It is a story about how no matter how the enemy imposes illness and wants to make our lives miserable, God is always with us. Jerel Law finds a good way to explain faith to young readers through this novel without preaching.

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Zachary Flye (Zach's YA Reviews) says

4.5 stars*

Originally posted on my blog: Zach's YA Reviews (zachsyareviews.com)

Review:

Protagonists: Jonah Stone has endured many trials in the name of God, and has had what can only be a hard life. Now with the burden and gift of being a prophet revealed to him, his life is about to get so much harder. In this installment we see Jonah grow and begin to question God and his ways. I liked the character development a bit more in here because while there were still Biblical messages in here, I could really see the parallels between the lives of Jonah and Job from the Bible. I feel like this made Jonah's character a bit more lifelike and really took this book to a whole other level.

World-Building: Like I said above there is a parallel between Job from the Bible and Jonah in this story, though Job's story will always be more tragic, it was hard to read this slightly darker take on this world. It's always been dark, but more like it was in the background, this book really brings that darkness to the foreground with tragedy and even death. There is a new villain introduced in this installment, though the "Big Bad" will always be the Devil, another powerful Fallen angel steps up to make Jonah's life a living hell.

Predictability: There not much I can really say about the predictability other than I was completely blown away by the twists in this book. It took me a while to understand some of the parallels and then when the larger twists came I was done for. There were still predictable moments as there always are in book, but here they were really few and far between. I loved and hated the twists in this book. I loved them because they made the book so fascinating, while on the other hand, I may be a little mad at the author for the things he does to these characters.

Ending: The ending, while slightly a cliffhanger, just kind of... ends. I felt like there was going to be another chapter or something to introduce something that would carry on the the next installment, or have a large twist, but it quietly ends. Which looking back on it was the right thing to do. I'm not sure if I could have handled the larger twists in this book with the same respect going into the ending. The ending does help bring the book full circle and tie it back to it's Biblical roots once again.

Rating:

This book was by far the best in the series so far. It still doesn't deserve five stars but it's getting there. It was easier to read than the first one that was so targeted to a younger audience that it made it harder for an older one to enjoy it too, but this one definitely raised the bar and made it what I would call and "all ages" read. However, it still wasn't at the caliber I would have liked, but I'm holding out for the next installment to blow me away.

Patsy says

I love this series! It has characters that I want to know more about. It has a fantastic, creative plot and I find myself hoping to find more authors like Jerel Law.

Chrissy (The Every Free Chance Reader) says

3.5 stars

Did I enjoy this book: I did enjoy this book. It was a bit slow in the beginning, but I was completely hooked by the end. By about halfway through, I read every free chance I had.

We are with the Stone kids – Jonah, Eliza, and Jeremiah – at Angel School in New York City again. This a new term following a brief break. Jonah finds himself tested beyond belief in Shadow Chaser. This is the story of Job. Jonah's faith and trust in Elohim is tested.

As I said above, the beginning of this book was slow. It took me a bit to really get into this book. Because I was really looking forward to this installment of the Son of Angels series, I kept reading. I'm glad I did. The second half/last third of this book really had me glued to my book. I wanted to figure out what was happening to Jonah. I wanted to see how the quarterlings fared in their examinations.

Were there parts of this book that reminded me of other very popular middle grade/YA series? Yes. I couldn't help but think of the Tri-Wizard Tournament from Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire during the practical examinations that the quarterlings went through. I'm not upset that this came to mind. Shadow Chaser is in no way a copy of Goblet nor is it a close imitation. Shadow Chaser is different but it just brought that book to mind as I was reading parts. That happens to me quite often while I'm reading books. Something will inevitably remind me of another book that I have read. That's not a bad thing.

Would I recommend it: I would recommend this book if you have read the first two books - Spirit Fighter and Fire Prophet. Do not read Shadow Chaser if you haven't read the first two books.

Will I read it again: I will probably read this entire series again once my kids are old enough to read it. I can't wait for the fourth book in this series.

(I received a copy of this book for review purposes.)

<http://everyfreechance.com/2013/05/bl...>

Ginny B says

The quarterlings gather from all over the earth for Angel School to learn how to battle. Little did they know what they were preparing for.

In this, the third of the series, Jonah faces a loss so great that he questions God. I have to be honest in that I didn't feel like Law spent enough time exploring Jonah's feelings in this (it occurs at the end of the book) and that it is kind of glossed over. All the "right" answers are given to him and all the "right" emotions are displayed but the process feels rushed. If a young person who has experienced such a loss were to read this they might feel cheated.

Other than that this is another good installment in a positive series for young people looking for action and adventure.

Candy says

Wow, this was the most heart wrenching book so far in the Son of Angels Series. It is a surreal ending but one is wrapped in truth. Many people face heartache and must trust God to see them through the pain and believe even when they are under attack by the enemy, God is still in control. Although He may not cause these things to happen, He allows them to happen for a purpose we may not yet see. As with the other Son of Angels books, there is scripture through out the story. I think after reading these book that I can now quote Ephesians 6:10-17. Through these books I have learned more scripture and strengthened my faith. I hope all who read this gain a better understanding of Spiritual Warfare and how to over come what ever the enemy throws their way. And know you are not to little or to young for God to use you to do something great. Jonah, his two siblings and the rest of the quarterlings, are once again training at the convent. Jonah's faith in Elohim is put to the ultimate test. He must trust Elohim is still in control as Abaddon unleashes a stealthy attack not unlike the one he unleashed upon Job. When everything around Jonah seems to be going wrong, can he hold on to the truth, trust in Elohim or will he succumb to the thwarts of Abaddon?

Brenten Gilbert says

RATING 2.5

The third installment to the Jonah Stone, Son of Angels series finds the Quarterlings returning for another semester of spiritual schooling. It seems that they've been permanently relocated to the convent, but school isn't always part of the program. Anyway, it's been a few months since the last adventure and Jonah has been struggling with his newly discovered gift of prophecy. Plagued by intense visions (and soon, actual plagues) Jonah embarks on an internal journey that draws heavily on the book of Job.

And while Law takes great pains to make this an introspective look at the characters as they deal with inner conflicts, there is still some physical action spread between battles with demons and mid-term exams in the form of an Olympics-style competition for all the Quarterlings.

Jonah undergoes the most scrutiny, dealing with boils, clumsiness, awkwardness, and shortcomings in the competition and we bear the brunt of his frustration, having to read through all of his whininess. The Quarterlings are tested to their limits, exposing their true natures and leaving the reader with many questions and expectations. Not all these questions are answered (which is fine, since this book is poised to continue in book 4 of the series, THE TRUTH RUNNER).

Overall, I found myself getting somewhat annoyed with Jonah and his constant doldrums and pity parties. I also felt that the Son of Angels universe was falling apart in the narrative due to inconsistencies. For example, the competitive nature of the exams doesn't really mesh with the previous Angel School philosophy of cooperation and mutual appreciation. Also, the brazen nod to Star Wars during Jonah's exam was a little too obvious for my tastes.

The series has taken a slightly darker turn and it's become more obvious how difficult it is to sustain a story arc across multiple books, but I'll still keep reading and I'm looking forward to the next installment.

-from TRudATmusic[dot]com[slash]raw (Aug 'o13)

Lily (Night Owl Book Cafe) says

I got a copy of this book for free from the publisher through Netgalley in exchange of an honest review.

Shadow Chaser is the third book in Son of Angel's children's book series. I picked it up on a whim because I wanted something different and have been recently on a children's book kick. They are so much more relaxing at times when you just want to kick back and enjoy something different, and easy to follow.

Shadow Chase follows Jonah Stone, a part angel that is currently attending the Angel Academy in training. With the exams just around the corner, Jonah ends up dealing with a little more than just regular school stress. His health takes a tumble when odd pimples appear on his face and arms until they turn into really painful sores. So now he is being teased by other kids as his health continues to take odd turns, unaware of who or what is behind it.

While Jonah navigates through school, his health and test of friendship - the battle between Abaddon and Elohim continues to brew.

Interesting book. I didn't realize how heavy it would lean on the Bible and the Scripture. So heavily that I actually had to Google a few things for them to make sense to me. Outside of that, the story was actually quiet a bit interesting. The Christian part did not bother me. Thought I don't read a lot of Christian books, I have found myself reaching for them a couple of times in the past out of curiosity. The Son of Angel's series, still makes for a good Children's Fantasy novel despite that. Aside for that fact that children who are thought of the ways would probably learn quiet a few lessons from the book.

I liked Jonah. He doesn't have everything figured out yet, which adds to the realism of him being a kid. I love the dynamics of the sibling relationships in this book because once again, there is a lot of realism thrown into the mix of how siblings interact. The story was did a good job holding my attention and I did enjoy the plot. There had been some things that really made me question or pause at moments thought...Like the fact of why couldn't the kids just step out of the other realm while being in danger, since it seems like they could do it at will otherwise? Why didn't the Adults have a bigger part in the book trying to prevent the danger? And thirdly...the message in the end with death, not sure how I fully liked that - but I guess my beliefs clashed a bit with this books.

Overall, a decent little adventure for the right type of taste.

Dorine White says

The Story:

Jonah, Eliza and Jeremiah Stone are back at the convent for angel school. They took a bit of a break after their last adventure, but now it is time to return. As the kids take up training, Jonah learns that he has a new skill, prophesying. He also begins to break out in huge, painful boils.

As the boils begin to cover his body, Jonah gets stressed. Soon, the boils begin to effect his training and he falls out of first place in school. Things get worse when mid-terms are announced, and there will be a live action exam.

Jonah tries to prove himself, but instead he leads everyone head-on into Abaddon's clutches. His friends are seriously injured, and he is to blame. What more can go wrong? How about a terrible illness that strikes his mother.

My Thoughts:

I really like this series. It is a great way to team up action, morals, and Christian beliefs. Right away I knew something was going on with Jonah, the funny thing is that the full angels seem to know it too, but don't say anything. When the boils break out, I immediately thought of Job, from the Bible. The cool thing about the story, is that even though Jonah's friends are placed in situations to lead them away from Jonah's friendship, they stay true and stay faithful.

There are two great fight scenes involving Abaddon's fallen angels. The author does a great job wrenching up the tension and creating new villains for the children to face. The final battle scene is a part of the mid-term exam. The challenges that Jonah faces are meant to test his faith. Plus, there is a tragedy that strikes home. I knew someone would have to die, just like in the real story of Job, I just wasn't sure whom. The author's pick makes sense, but is sad. You really feel attached to the Stone family, and are invested in their outcomes.

Two points though, the first, there is a great scene where Jonah shares a prophesy. The description of how it makes him feel physically is great. However, it happens at the beginning of the story, and then never again. I think there should have been some follow through.

The second thing I noticed was that when the book ended, I felt like the story was not finished. Unlike book two, where there is a complete beginning, middle and end, I felt like this book cut off right before the real ending should have been. I know it will continue on in the next book, but I like whole stories.

I highly recommend this middle grade series. It is action packed, but with Christian overtones.

Sharon Tyler says

Shadow Chaser by Jerel Law is the third book in the Son of Angels series. In this installment Jonah, his siblings, and the rest of the quarterlings are honing their skills and preparing for some serious mid-term exams. However, the added stress of health problem for Jonah and his mother, his efforts to do good getting his friends hurt or in trouble, and the typical struggles of a young man trying to fit in and achieve praise are making things decidedly difficult. Can Jonah figure out what is going on around him, prepare for the exams, and keep his faith in Elohim strong? The challenges Jonah must face will put everything on the line, and be the hardest to overcome.

Shadow Chaser is the most action packed and exciting book in the Sons of Angels series yet. The struggle between Elohim and Abaddon is ramping up, and Jonah seems to be an important player. His life, and faith, are on the line from the first chapter of this book. The trials Jonah must face are reminiscent of Job's trials in the Bible, and both good and bad will come from the struggle. The interactions between Jonah and his siblings and friends are poignant and feel very real. I enjoyed many parts of this story, and had a hard time putting it down because I wanted to see how people would handle each new situation. There is no doubt that this is a piece of religious fiction; with weapons, defenses, and the ultimate goal of true faith.

I recommend Shadow Chaser to those that have read the first two book in the series and enjoyed them. I would recommend the entire series to parents and children that would like something with high action and fantasy that holds with the values of the Christian faith. Even those that are looking for a series full of

supernatural fights and action adventure stories for children, and can handle some serious scripture and religious themes tossed in for good measure can enjoy the series.

Lisa says

3.5 Stars.

WARNING: May contain spoilers for first two books.

As if Jonah has not been tested enough already, in Shadow Chaser, he is really pushed to the limits of what any one person can be expected to endure, much less a teenage boy, even if that teenage boy is part angel.

It's about time for midterms at Angel School. But of course, seeing as the students are part angel, these exams aren't simply just the pen and paper kind. And you thought your high school and college tests were hard!

In Shadow Chaser, we really get to see what Jonah is made of. He is really put through the ringer, both mind and body, but also in spirit and his faith is challenged in more ways than one. He faces challenges in every aspect and has to find ways to rise to those challenges. Can he do it? You will have to read the book to find out.

I enjoyed this book, maybe a little more than the other two. While some of the religious aspects were still a bit obscure to me, having not grown up in the church, it was a little easier for me to follow than the other two. I still feel like this is a cross between Percy Jackson and The Mortal Instruments, but I find that to be less of a bad thing now than I thought it was going to be. The series is unique and something different from anything else that is out there for kids to read right now. It's definitely worth giving a try.

I received this book from Netgalley for review.

Glenajo says

Each One is Better than the Last

I just love this series. I gulped down the first three in a couple of days. Law uses the Bible to base his premise for the story of these three siblings who have supernatural powers to fight demons in spiritual warfare. The siblings use Bible verses to give them strength and increase their powers. They pray to find answers to their questions. However, the final problem is one that leaves the reader hanging and one that many children have to learn to deal with, that of the loss of a parent. If the readers are into the story, they will have to deal with the emotions of the sibling's loss as well. Definitely put this series on the list of books you want your children to read if they are lovers of fantasy and the fight of good vs. evil. As a parent, you will probably enjoy it, too. I did.
