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The first four books featuring the young Trib Force, now available in a value-priced hardcover for collectors and for readers who want a longer read. Best for ages 10-14 but loved by all ages.

Book #1: *Taken* contains the first four books and features background plots from *Left Behind*.

Taken Details

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Natalie says

I really enjoyed reading this book as it had so many interesting things in the book. I hadn't read a book like this before but now that I have I know that I enjoy reading them. You see in the book what the Rapture is going to be like during and after it which is super interesting. I also really enjoyed how much was set up.

Brian P. says

The adult series left me a little cold and I stopped around the third or fourth book. THIS one, however, kept me through all forty parts! Though I found the style of the narrative a little less in the mind of these characters in the first four parts (describing their sins more like preachers would than troubled teens), the struggle itself remained solid throughout the series in a way that kept me wanting more. I fell well into the difficulties of the survival and youth ministry in a time of utter chaos in a harsh anti-Christian world during these seven years of Tribulation. Jenkins and LaHaye told a great story full of thrills, tears, and smiles, and I highly recommend reading whether you read the adult series or not.

Kaden Claunch says

Left Behind: Taken is a compilation of the first four books in The Young Trib Force series. The book takes place right before the rapture (or the second coming). Four kids, Judd, Vicki, Lionel, and Ryan, are some of the many non-believers left behind. After being left alone they all have a decision to make: Accept Christ or blame him for abandoning them.

I personally enjoyed this book, however if you're not a Christian or religious you might not find this book interesting or enjoyable. This version of the Left Behind series is the more kid-friendly than the adult series. However death, alcohol, smoking, and drug use are recurring themes.

For a more kids oriented book, I found the characters to have depth and substance. With a first person point of view, we were allowed to see inside the characters mind which admittedly seemed to be of a stereotypical teenager. However, even in this first book the mindsets of everyone changed dramatically to a more mature person.

The only major issue I had with this book was the process of the rapture they used, there are many interpretations of the second coming in the Bible. The main problem is the timeline which can be completely different in every interpretation. If the authors could have made this more universal it would've been better. However this really doesn't take away from the source book at all.

All in all this was a very enjoyable book to me. Aside from the fact that this book probably won't appeal to many audiences. I believe it's worth a read.

Kirsten says

I really liked the "Left Behind" series and I was thrilled to find this compilation available. What an engaging story about 4 young adults and how the rapture changed their lives, not just on earth but how it will affect them, through the eternities as they press forward to share the gospel of Christ with others. These young people are determined to stick together, to strengthen one another as they work toward salvation as a "family" and bring its sweet message to every one they can. Make no mistake, this book isn't all preaching... There are plenty of page turning trials for these young people! Enough that I found myself wishing these teens could just get one lazy Saturday to recover!

And most of all, I love that when I read these fictional books, it inspires me to go back and study my own bible again and research what is found there regarding the last days.

Tahlia says

It was interesting to read this book based on future events that will occur soon in real life.

I am not sure whether I would actually recommend the book- it is an interesting take on the end times but obviously some of the things written in it might not be very factual because there are some things the Bible doesn't actually explain much. The Antichrist in this book is the leader of the United Nations. There are lots of different views on who people think will be the Antichrist so I guess there's not much to be said about that.

There are other things in the book too, including the assumption that every Christian is taken- like when all the soccer players on the field except one are taken as well as many in the audience. A good Bible verse is "not everyone who says to me "lord, lord" will enter the kingdom of heaven but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in Heaven." From this you could tell that many "Christians" will be left behind.

Those who have the Holy spirit living in their hearts will be taken in the rapture because they are truly Christian. Those who profess faith in Christ but do not possess his spirit will be left behind.

Many will be misled by false teachers and false prophets and the website below is a good one to look at <http://www.gotquestions.org/false-tea...>

Noah Powell says

Jerry B. Jenkins really connects with the reader in this novel, Taken. He creates an interesting story line by using 5 main characters that all are left behind after the rapture, making the book as realistic as possible without being able to actually be there. Using figurative language Jenkins makes you feel like what is happening in the novel is happening in real life. Jenkins really puts a great perspective of what could happen if the rapture did happen today. I would recommend this novel to christian teens or teens that are interested in thrilling novels that are realistic to life. After reading this book it has become one of my favorite novels.

Crystal says

I absolutely love this book and I'm definitely going to read the rest of the series. I chose to read the book Taken because I always have been interested in the end of the world. I also really enjoy suspenseful books and this ends at a pretty suspenseful part. This book has so much more going on in it though. There are so many plot twists and unexpected things happening and I love it! I really liked how there are 4 different stories (Judd, Vicki, Lionel, and Ryan) that join into one. My favorite character though is Lionel. He is proof that there really are fake Christians out there. It's really cool how him and his uncle are the center of most of the drama that is going on. I could also understand how pressured it can feel being in a Christian family, there are always higher expectations that could cause people like Lionel to not want to live like that anymore. I really loved this book but the thing I don't like is how it is told in 3rd person. It makes the book less interesting to read when it feels like you are reading lines from a movie scene and not even seeing it. I personally would have also told more about Judd, Vicki, Lionel, and Ryan's personal lives before the rapture.

I would definitely recommend this book to anyone. It isn't just about the Rapture, so much more happens in it. I can't really say much because just one little thing could give something away, so just take my word, it is such an amazing book!

C.J. Darlington says

3 1/2 stars. It was interesting reading about the Rapture from the perspective of four kids left behind. I could tell there were lots of cross references to the adult Left Behind series. At times the storyline was quite preachy, but that's kind of to be expected in a series dealing with biblical prophecy. All in all, compelling enough for me to want to read more.

Celestria says

THE SEARCH FOR TRUTH

" Trouble ma'am?" Buck said.

"It's my Harold," She said.

"Does he need something?" Buck asked, stretching.

"He's gone!"

"I'm sorry?"

"He's disappeared!"

"Well," Buck said, "I'm sure he slipped off to the washroom while you were sleeping."

"Would you mind checking for me? And take a blanket."

"Ma'am?"

"I'm afraid he's gone off naked. He's a religious person and he'll be terribly embarrassed."

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Okay so admittedly, it's a little weird that the born-again Christians get raptured right out of all their clothes. It goes even farther than that though—they also leave behind things such as dental fillings, which is a little much in my opinion. It's supposed to be this horrific and sobering moment: someone looks down and all that's left of the person that was once sitting beside them is the suit and tie they were wearing, glasses, dental fillings, and a toupee...I mean, it's kinda funny really!

But I truly love this series and you get used to the fact everyone is called up to heaven without their clothes, lol.

The Kids Left Behind (or Young Trib Force) series follows the lives of four kids—14 year old Vicki Byrne, 12 year old Ryan Daley, 13 y/o Lionel Washington, and 16 y/o Judd Thompson, (aka the Quad God Squad [you will only understand that if you've listened to the audio dramas?]) who end up banding together after being left behind in the Rapture.

Thanks to Pastor Bruce Barnes, they realize the next 7 years are going to be the worst the world has ever seen, filled with plagues, earthquakes, and the Antichrist. They're hoping to not only make it through the Tribulation alive, but to bring as many people to Christ as they can before it's too late.

Every time I read Judd's story, I just feel like I can really relate to the way he was feeling before the rapture. I don't feel that way anymore of course, but I did go through a phase. Despite Judd's relatable-ness, my favorite character of the original four has always been Ryan and that hasn't changed, no matter how old I get. He and I were the same age when I first read this series, so naturally I liked him best.

I love that the kids series parallels the adult Left Behind books, so we have Bruce Barnes as a main character and we see and hear about the others, Chloe, Rayford, Buck, etc.

I absolutely recommend this series to everyone!

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## **G H says**

I really liked the biblical perspective and truth but over all I thought it a bit boring. The Uncle Andre part lasted such a long time that I got really bored. I loved the first book because it had lots of action and was really into the different characters personalities and problems, but then, like I said before, the Uncle Andre part lasted way too long. I wish that the author could have put more action and in it. I do think he did better longer into the series but then went down hill again. I sometimes wish it that some other really good author had written it so I could read it and enjoy it!

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## **Hilary says**

[I couldn't believe they'd let them plan a sting, be present at the takedown, go to the hospital when one was shot, introduce them to their families... It just seemed unreal, even for that universe. (hide spoiler)]

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### **Ife Oshunniyi says**

Kept me on the edge of my seat wondering what would happen next. Not as predictable as I thought it would be.

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### **Mrs. Bahns says**

This book is about when Christ comes back and what happens after. The series is very interesting and suspensful. When Christ comes back he takes all those who believe Jesus is the only way to heaven, and those who have prayed a certain prayer. Four children try to spread the truth to as many people as they can.

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### **Fallon Prinzivalli says**

Growing up in a semi-Christian home and being so involved in church to the point where I wouldn't get home from our Christmas pageant rehearsals until midnight (at 6 years old), my mother gifted me with the first books in the Left Behind series one Christmas. I hated reading. So, for a few years they sat untouched on my bookshelf. Then, when I was in the 5th grade, a boy who I was painfully attracted to named David began reading them. I decided to jump on the bandwagon so I could start a conversation...and I was hooked. I really loved the story. At 10 years old, I was fascinated by the author's ability to mix Biblical fact with current fiction so I could get somewhat of a grasp of how the end times might look. And mostly I just wanted Vicki and Judd to fall in love. I read each book in a few hours and made my parents take me to our not-so-local Christian bookstore as soon as the new books hit the shelves. I know some Christians snub their nose at this series, but for a Christian kid they're quite enjoyable. And they were the books that got me hooked on reading, so I'm very thankful.

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### **Brooke says**

Taken Left Behind: the Kids is a wonderful story about four amazing kids who are all very different, but all have one special thing in common. They were all left behind. The kids are Judd who was the spoiled rich kid, Vicki who was just trailer trash, Lionel who was dark colored and lived in a Christian home, and Ryan who was an only child and the family baby. This book is themed around the rapture which is when God will come down from heaven and bring all of his believers up to heaven leaving thousands behind for seven years until he will come again. These for kids never actually knew each other until the rapture when there family was either raptured or killed. Through this book you definitely grow with the characters even though I did not think that was even possible.

Taken Left Behind: The Kids was written by Jerry B. Jenkins and Tim LaHaye. This is part of a 12 part book series. I definitely recommend this book to ages 11-15 who believe in Christ. For those who read this you will definitely learn more about Christianity and more about your own faith. I would give this book a whole

five stars. You will have to read this jaw dropping series of books to find out what people believe will happen when the rapture does come along.

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