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His name is Joseph Turner, a brave young construction worker from the Bronx, who rescues an imperiled co-worker trapped on a swaying iron girder twenty-four stories high - only to slip and plummet to the pavement below. Horrified onlookers are astonished and the world is stunned by what happens next. Suddenly, miraculously, Joseph Turner is granted a rematch with life. Only this time, with a beautiful, unusual power. An astonishing adventure, a romance of tenderness and passion, a spiritual thriller that spans time and the world.

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Stacy says

I loved the premise. Who is Joseph Turner and what was happening to him? Was it real or all a dream? Joseph was a great hero - strong of heart and mind, generous, open, kind, and non-judgemental. I really wanted to know what would become of him.

But, as much as I liked the premise and first half of the book, I was equally disappointed with the rest. It became so glaringly obvious in its intent that it turned me off. It became very heavy handed and the author's problem with religion and authority was on display.

I thought the first half was original and fresh and the perfect set-up. I was caught up in the excitement and the questions, but the second half was all over the place. It completely lost its focus with its wide range of politics, hit men, the Catholic Church, healings, betrayals, the message of personal healing. It lost the heart of Joseph's story, which is what I cared about.

there's more on my blog <http://stacybuckeye.wordpress.com/200...>

Rose Beyke says

I read this long ago. I want to read it again, but can't find it. I hope it reprints someday.

June says

Excellent and beautiful story of man who has to find himself and through quite a few trials discovers that he the second son. Doesn't quite come out and say it, but that he is Jesus coming again. Even though it is fiction, it makes one realize what Jesus might have went through being a man, and finding out who he really was. A really beautiful story and one of the best books I ever wrote. I lent it to someone and am sorry I never got it back.

Kyra E. says

I fell in love with this novel when it was published! Still memorable today. Wonder if it was ever made into a movie. Worth reading even today.

Caroline Boyd says

I'm pretty sure Joseph Turner is my new crush. But don't worry to all you guys out there; this book will appeal to you too, since it is an action/thriller with tons of suspense that constantly builds. I basically couldn't

put it down. The book is an easy and intriguing read, with an interesting premise. There was one night when I only slept for about four hours because I was so glued to the pages. Needless to say, I strongly recommend "The Second Son" to pretty much anyone who is looking for an entertaining read by another best selling author.

Weng says

I read this book when I was still in highschool. I love it when books make you think about possibilities and your own beliefs. This book left its mark on me and it became one of my favorite books of all time and after having read a lot of books since highschool, it remains as one of my favorites until now...

Richard says

Great story and at one time was going to be made into a movie but its religious plot points were too controversial.

FYI: I found a great web link (see below) that will tell you all you need to know about this book.

<http://www.mondo-video.com/books-that...>

Rachie says

This book is one of my 'WOW' books! I remember reading it as a young teen and the story has stayed with me for all of these years, to the point that when I realised that my copy was missing (after moving countries, towns etc), my hubby tracked down a copy of it (which he presented to me on my birthday - best gift ever!) - even though it's out of print!

Although it is considered a 'religious' book, it is much more than that. It is a book of endurance, kindness, friendship, a man dealing with the quandary of life and all of his beliefs. Joseph Turner is an ordinary man, who ends up surviving and living an extraordinary life, but not a life he asked for. His needs are simple and yet, once the Catholic Church steps in, everything changes for him.

I won't say anymore, but if you've never read this book, read it - you won't be disappointed!

Steve says

Read this quite a few years ago, but I can remember thinking it was a stunning book. A modern outlook on the second coming of Christ. Not a religious book, a great story well told

Richard Scott says

While not a religious person, I do find religious fiction often entertaining. Charles Sailor's "Second Son" is well written and thought-provoking. A very good read.

Beki says

I would have to re-read this book to give a detailed review of it, which I may, at some point, do. But for right now, I'll offer an over-reaching opinion of the book in general that has been so strong in the imprint of it that it has remained unchanged from the time I originally read it, as a teenager, to now: This book is profound. It changed me in the reading of it, and is one of the handful of books to which I credit my ignition as a writer.

Many, many books have influenced me over the years, but only a few of them are embedded so deeply into the fabric of my very self that to remove them would be to remove me. This is one of them.

I cannot say, for certain, that this book would have the same effect on me now as it had then, when I originally read it. In fact, I can almost guarantee you that it wouldn't. I am worlds and decades away from the person I was then, and influence -- particularly marrow-deep influence -- is a specific synergy of the person you are as introduced to the catalyst of change that will make of you who you become.

And who I have become, both as a writer and a person, is due in no small measure to the catalyst *The Second Son* was to me when I originally read it. So what it would be to me now? Is unknown. But what it was to me then will never be forgotten.

Jennifer says

It's out of print, but if you can find a copy I LOVE this book. How the world, the Catholic Church, and toy companies would react if God's Second Son really came down among us.

Nicole says

I read this as a teen when it was first published and found the story very thought provoking then but now it seems even more relevant with how blatantly & efficiently the evangelicals are marketing their propaganda. The strident and deliberate obfuscations they use in presenting their views to promote ingroup solidarity are worse than anything Sailor used in his book.

Thompson Seiwell says

A book that stays with you. Makes you think, what would really happen to a person in this situation. It's on Kindle now, so reread and still a very good book.

Tracy says

This is a freakin really good book. It really makes you think. I don't know anyone who has read it who has not loved it, you can't put it down. It has not been in print for a long time...the church bought the rights to the book and movie they were making to stop people from reading it...I have heard. If you can find it in a second hand bookstore...snap it up. Very hard to find.
