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The straight-faced, funny man of *Duck Dynasty* has a real story to tell. Not a repeat of the previous *Duck Dynasty* books, Jase opens up about his personal family life, his childhood days with a drunken father, and how he came to faith.

This open book from Jase may surprise some fans who love him for his dry humor and rivalry with younger brother Willie. This hilarious, yet thoughtful book, is structured around lessons of faith in the blind on topics like respect, passion, forgiveness, generosity, humility, kindness, and honesty. Chapters discuss: the highlights of Jase's memory of the early days with his drunken, disruptive father; his high school days and his strong commitment to *not* be like Phil had been, opting for total abstinence from drinking and sex; the moment he forgave Phil for being such a terrible father in his younger days; his first hunt with Phil, where he saw an excitement in Phil that he'd never seen before; his first date with Missy, which was a "fake date" to make another girl jealous; and of course, a chapter on Uncle Si, with stories not told in previous books. Other chapters include stories of his brothers, frog hunting and fishing, and his most memorable road trips. And finally, Jase shares a chapter on hunting in heaven. Here, Jase shares his love for the land and our responsibility to care for it. More than a behind-the-scenes look at this beloved *Duck Dynasty* character, readers will be inspired and encouraged to implement Jase's lessons from the blind into their own lives.

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Strawberry Fields says

Out of all the Duck Dynasty books I've read, and I've read them all at this time, this is the one that focuses the MOST on the Lord. Throughout every tale Jase tells, there is a lesson to be learned from the Bible. He relates those stories with ease and a simplicity in understanding the Word that anyone on any spiritual level can understand. I have a new respect for Jase; his convictions and hunger to win souls for Christ. After reading all the Robertson book and watching the show, I feel as if I know them personally...like I could just pick up the phone and call them and talk for hours on end! Whether you are a fan of the show or not, I believe that you will enjoy this book. I learned an awful lot about frogs and ducks from this book! I didn't know there was that much to them!

Scott Stewart says

This book is not like the other Robertson family books. It is hilarious in the dry way that Jase is known for. I will not provide too many details, so you will want to read it yourself. But I thought the way he started dating his present wife was hilarious. After so many years of wanting to be like his dad, it is refreshing to see he chose his own path because of his faith. This is an easy fast read, and you will find yourself feeling like a part of the Robertson family with all the insight you will gain from reading "Good Call".

Patrick says

If you mix one part family memoir with two parts redneck bible study and then drop the mixture into West Monroe, Louisiana, this is the book you would get. The evangelical fervor here would be off-putting if it weren't so obviously sincere. Jase Robertson, like everyone else in the *Duck Dynasty* family, seems blessedly free of any pretensions. He's also an interesting man with a gift for remembering anecdotes, and a life rich enough in experience to supply more than a few of them.

The writing style throughout *Good Call* is conversational, as you might expect if you've followed his exploits on reality TV or duck hunting DVD. Robertson also admits that he wrote most of the manuscript after midnight. The most annoying foible in the work is that neither author nor co-author seems to wield adverbs comfortably: There are at least two instances of forgiveness for slights that Robertson says he and his family "didn't take personal" rather than "personally."

Once I realized that a down-home sermon would stand as counterpoint to social commentary, childhood memory, hunting anecdote, and everything else in the book, I found Robertson's unabashed Christianity refreshing, albeit in need of adjustment in the few areas where his unconscious Protestant bias shows. Despite his love of nature, for example, Robertson apparently has no use for what educated Catholics call "sacramentals," such as holy water. That doesn't make his theology of baptism unsound, but it does make it incomplete. The same might be said for his claim that "My belief system does not come from a religious denomination or creed. It comes from the Bible."

I'd love to sit at Phil and Kay's dinner table with the whole Robertson family sometime and ask Jase where he thinks the bible came from. And that's just it -- I'd frame things a little differently than Jase Robertson does, but I'd still enjoy his company, as I did even in this lightweight but heartfelt book. Other Christians are likely to feel the same way, unless they're looking for memoirs of a higher literary pedigree.

Stacee says

A quick and often humorous read, Jase's book shows us an entirely different side to the sarcastic one people see on the air.

He shares all sorts of stories and it's written in such a way that you can actually hear his voice while reading. I was a bit surprised at just how much religion factors into the Robertson household. I really enjoyed getting the scoop on some things from Missy's POV.

All in all, a fairly amusing read.

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Stan Stinson says

Loved it! It was great learning about Jase and his journey in life so far and that journey has his faith as a guiding factor.

You will learn about duck hunting, frog hunting, his journey of forgiveness for his father Phil, and his faith, which is very strong and he is able to relate this to everything else he shares. He lives what he believes and many lives have been changed because of it.

"Once I became a Christian, I viewed being part of the forgiven as synonymous with being a forgiver. I learned to forgive my dad for his mistakes. It was a huge step for me, but it's impossible to find harmony in relationships when there is no forgiveness."

You will learn more about Missy and their life as husband and wife such as,

"Missy and I baptized more than 100 people in the first year of our marriage."

If you want to know more about the 2nd oldest of the Robertson boys you need to get this book. One more quote summarizes what Jase believes about the Bible.

"The Bible is not a rule book for life or a collection of fairy tales; it's a love letter from God to humanity. It's an introduction to Jesus Christ, who is God in human form. It declares to the world: god is for you , not against you. To me, the Bible is a work of nonfiction broken into three parts: from Genesis to Malachi, it's about Jesus Christ coming to earth; from Matthew to John, it's about Jesus' life on earth; and from Acts to Revelation, it's about Jesus coming back to earth."

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Aynsley Anderson says

To sum up; the Bible is for realsies, nature is glorious (so hey, let's kill it) and the author has 427 best friends, one of whom is Jesus.

Brian Shoop says

Loved this book. If you know about the hit TV show Duck Dynasty, than you know about the guys on the show. This book was written by Jase. For me it ranks up there as one of the best books written by the different guys on the show. My 2 favorites, Of all the other Duck Dynasty books is this one by Jase and the one by Si. All of the guys have a strong Christian faith and Jase tells us his stories of his faith, growing up, his family, living the Christian life, and hunting. There are parts that are funny, and parts where he talks to you heart to heart. I would strongly suggest this book if you love Duck Dynasty, are a Christian wanting to read something inspirational (or not a Christian, maybe this book will convince you), or just need a good clean "guys" type of book. This book is totally "Faith, Family, and Ducks"!

Christina says

This book was just ok. In fact, towards the end I just sort of skimmed through it. I really like Jase on Duck Dynasty. I love his wit and his sarcasm. I was expecting a book full of that. What you get, however, is lots and lots of in your face Jesus talk. Over the top Jesus talk.. he wants to talk about the Gospel and Jesus to EVERYONE he meets (including a crank caller). Anyhoo, if you are the type of person who gladly welcomes Jehovah's witnesses into your home and lets them talk to you about being saved for hours, then this is the book for you.

Jim says

If you have seen Jase on the Duck Dynasty TV show, this book shows a very different perspective than the sarcastic one seen on the air. It's a quick read, very humorous with lots of stories of life in the Robertson family and many tales about their hunting adventures.

He tells stories from his childhood with emphasis on the changes that occurred when his father Phil became a Christian. He also tells about his marriage to his wife Missy, the birth of his three children, and his daughter Mia's challenge of having a cleft lip and palate at birth

Jase is a funny guy but he is very serious about his personal faith in God. I was quite impressed with Jase's active, evangelistic faith and his relationship to God. He quotes many scriptures throughout the book and his preaching on Jesus and the gospel takes up a substantial portion of the text.

Overall, a very interesting, entertaining and inspiring book.

Morgan Duplechin says

I wanted to love this book so much. I loved all of the other duck dynasty books so I went into this book assuming I would love it. I loved it at the beginning. I enjoyed reading Jase's stories and many of them made me laugh. Towards the end I got very bored. It felt like he just kept repeating the same exact story over and over again just in different situations and I got VERY tired of hearing about ducks, deer, and frogs. Don't get me wrong it isn't that I have anything against hunting it's just that I didn't really want to read a book based around hunting. Though I did really want to like this book I didn't.

Lori L (She Treads Softly) says

Good Call: Reflections on Faith, Family, and Fowl is a highly recommended collection of stories and observations on faith and his life by Jase Robertson (with Mark Schlabach) of Duck Dynasty fame.

Good Call is an obvious choice for those who watch and enjoy Duck Dynasty on A&E. Jase Robertson is the second oldest son and has worked for the family business, Duck Commander, for years. Jase also graduated from Bible college and worked in the ministry. This is his chance to tell some stories (along with some comments from his wife, Missy) but, more importantly, share his deep faith in Christ. Obviously, as time has proven, it is easy for some people to make fun or look for faults in a person of faith, but I will always stand by his right to share his faith.

Actually, I don't watch Duck Dynasty. I don't watch TV much at all beyond news and weather (online). I'm not a hunter either. My choice to accept a review copy of Good Call may take some people by surprise... but not everyone. First, I strongly support the Robertson's right to share their Christian faith and beliefs on their TV show and at large. Second, I also grew up in a family with a father, often described as a man's man, who held fast to his strong, abiding faith, and hunting and fishing were a common part of everyday life.

It was from my own background that I could easily appreciate Jase's stories. For goodness sakes, I had an uncle who played Christmas Carols on a duck call and we had to guess what he was playing. (Yes, he did a great job, and yes, we also could guess the carols pretty quickly.) I am a Christian so I understand Jase's faith and share that common bond with him. I value Jase's ability to clearly explain his priorities in life, his faith, as well as entertain us with his hunting and fishing stories.

You don't have to be an outdoorsman to enjoy this book. Some readers might find that they will appreciate Good Call more if they have a passing knowledge of the Robertson family and the show Duck Dynasty. Certainly Christians will respond very favorably to Good Call. I would guess that at least some exposure to someone who is an avid hunter/fisher would help.

Disclosure: My Kindle edition was courtesy of Howard Books for review purposes.

John Dobbs says

I like and enjoy watching Duck Dynasty although I'm not part of the hyped-up fan base that has made the show so popular. I'm happy for the Robertsons and the platform they have to spread joy and Jesus. So I expected to like GOOD CALL. But the truth is that I LOVED GOOD CALL! This book gave me a lot of insight into the heart behind the Robertson family. I liked that this book was about Jase's life, not particularly about the show. I was encouraged by the amount of Scripture woven throughout the story of his growing up in the home of Phil and Kay with his brothers. The first chapter, 'Forgiving Phil', caught my attention and I never wavered through the book. There were moments when I literally busted out laughing ... and some tears as well. I liked Missy Robertson's insertion into some of the chapters as well.

I would encourage young people to read this book, because I think there is a lot of wisdom for making good choices early on. I loved this book and have already given a copy away with plans to share it with other members of my family. I hope it's a big seller ... and I think it would make a great movie!

Nick S says

This book was great. I loved reading about what God does in Jase's life. He has great stories and surprisingly there's more God than ducks. After reading this, I would definitely say that Jase has become a role model for me and I would recommend it to anyone.

Shelly♥ says

Just about all of the major stars of the Robertson Family on A&E's Duck Dynasty Series have written a book to talk about their life and their journey. We've seen books from Willie, Phil and Uncle Si. Now Jase is getting in on the publishing market, sharing his incredible story of "success" - although not the success we think, even the success that might appear to us on TV.

Jase shares his story of faith and eternal goals. From the first page, where he quotes scripture (and quotes it often throughout the book), Robertson is opening his heart to share the trials and triumphs of his own life through the lens of faith. He recounts some hard years growing up, before his father found the Lord, and how his love for Jesus transformed him and made him who he is today. Along every portion of his life, Jase has put his faith first - not only applying it to his own life, but living out his faith and ministering to others.

While I was aware that the Robertson family faith was a priority for their lives, this book completely caught me off guard and surprised me. I had not read the other books, but have always enjoyed Jase's unique way of looking at things on the show. So I have been completely blown away by chapter after chapter of his incredible story, his goals, and his continual pursuit in the upward calling. Now don't misunderstand, the book is not a faith primer. Jase is sharing stories, lots of stories of family and friends, all your DD favorites, but he's also showing us that side of him that A&E never will - the thing he's most put his faith in - Jesus Christ.

Recommend for: Christians - both fans and non fans.

Note: I was provided a copy of this book by the publisher in exchange for an honest review. All opinions

expressed are my own.

katyjanereads says

1. Every Duck Dynasty book challenges me as a Christian and I like that. It makes me reflect on my life and how I can tell others about Jesus and be a good example to others around me.
2. This was a good overview of who Jase is and what has made him the man he is today.
3. I got emotional when he talked about his daughter and when he talked about the hunt he went on with the man who was cancer free.
4. It was neat to read about how him and Missy started their relationship. And her little additions in the book were good reads.
5. My husband and I went to Duck Commander last month for our anniversary. We didn't see any duck men but it was fun and made me appreciate the books even more.
6. Even though I don't hunt, I learned a lot about duck hunting in this book.
7. "Facial profiling" haha.
8. I got a kick out of how Phil doesn't mow his grass because it's a waste of time and the frost will get it.
