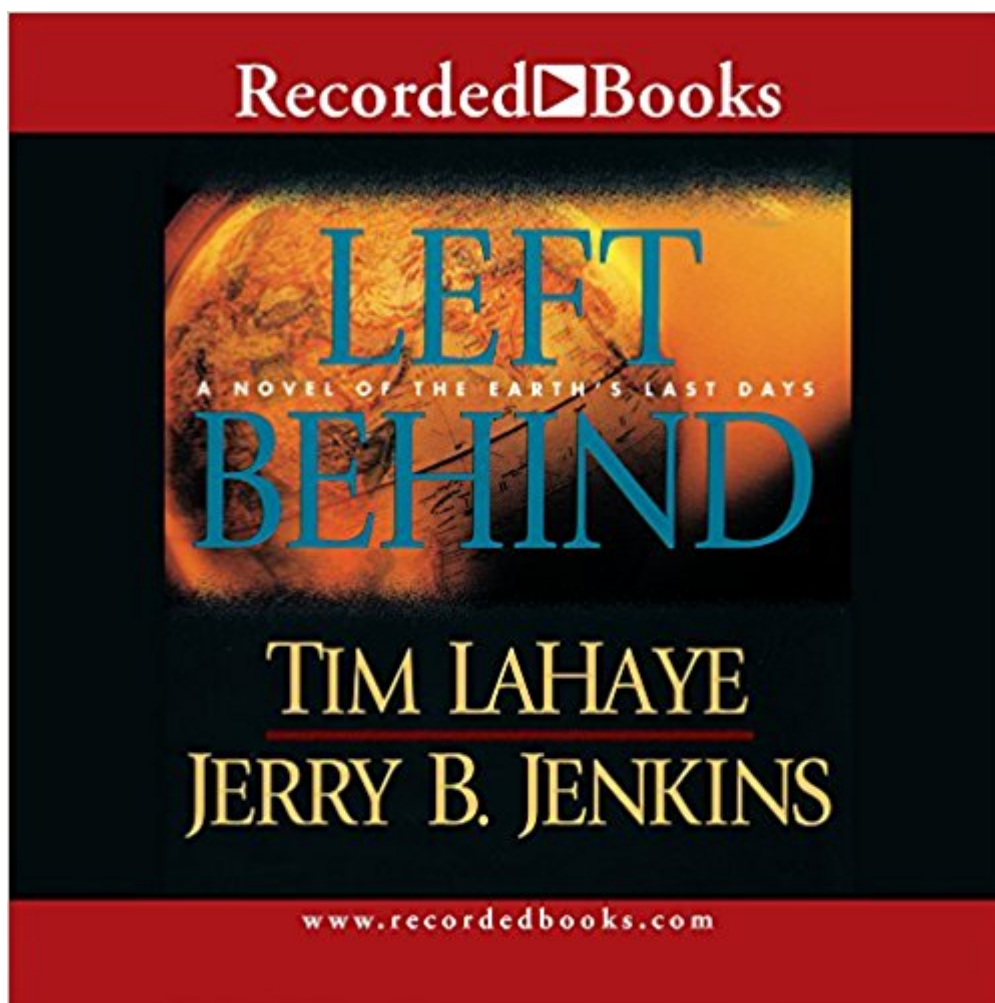


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# Left Behind (Left Behind (Recorded Books Audio))



## Synopsis

What would happen if millions of people around the world suddenly disappeared one day? In this fascinating apocalyptic thriller, best-selling Christian inspirational authors LaHaye and Jenkins pool their considerable talents to answer that question. Narrator Richard Ferrone's unusually deep and hypnotic voice will keep you right in the middle of this not-unimaginable end of the world nightmare. Pilot Rayford Steele is contemplating adultery with a young flight attendant when over 100 of his passengers simply vanish, leaving vacated clothes and bewildered companions. Rayford and the others left behind must deal with mass chaos on top of personal loss. Among the passengers still left is star reporter Cameron "Buck" Williams, who just got the assignment of a lifetime: find out what happened and why. Theories abound, from Christian Rapture to alien abduction. Buck suspects secret meetings between international power brokers are somehow connected. And rising political icon Nicolae Carpathia seems to be at the center of it all.

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## Customer Reviews

Piloting his 747, Rayford Steele is musing about his wife Irene's irritating religiosity and contemplating the charms of his "drop-dead gorgeous" flight attendant, Hattie. First Irene was into Amway, then Tupperware, and now it's the Rapture of the Saints--the scary last story in the Bible in which Christians are swept to heaven and unbelievers are left behind to endure the Antichrist's Tribulation. Steele believes he'll put the plane on autopilot and go visit Hattie. But Hattie's in a panic: some of the passengers have disappeared! The Rapture has happened, abruptly driverless cars are

crashing all over, and the slick, sinister Romanian Nicolae Carpathia plans to use the UN to establish one world government and religion. Resembling "a young Robert Redford" and silver-tongued in nine languages, Carpathia is named People's "Sexiest Man Alive." (This reviewer, a former People writer, finds this plot twist plausible.) Meanwhile, Steele teams up with Buck Williams, a buck-the-system newshound, to form the Tribulation Force, an underground of left-behind penitents battling the Antichrist. Ex-presidential candidate Pat Robertson briefly outsold Michael Crichton with his apocalypse novel *The End of the Age* (now available on audiocassette), and the similar *The Third Millennium* sells well, but the *Left Behind* series is the absolute champion in the race to make the Book of Revelation into racy thriller reading. --Tim Appelo --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Pilot Rayford Steele is flying his 747 to London and contemplating whether or not to commit adultery when a flight attendant gives him some frightening news. Some of their passengers have disappeared into thin air, leaving only their clothing as a sign that they ever existed. After the flight crew does a head count, they realize more than 100 people are missing. One passenger still on the plane is reporter Buck Williams, whose recent experiences and witnessing of some strange events in Israel have led him to rethink his own lack of religious faith. As word comes that the entire world is suffering from disappearances, as well as horrifying natural disasters, Steele and Williams soon realize they, and the rest of the world, are experiencing the "Rapture of the Saints." This biblical story foretells that true believers will be taken into heaven, while sinners and nonbelievers must remain on earth as punishment for their lack of faith. The two men join to form the Tribulation Force, a group of those left behind who are dedicated to fighting the antichrist. While the book is riddled with cardboard characterizations and creaky dialog, those flaws are less apparent in the audio version. Jack Sondericker's smooth narration and calm inflection make the novel's often over-the-top message seem much more believable. Recommended for fans of this popular series. AMelissa Hudak, Centegra Health Syst., McHenry, IL Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

This kindle book is called "The Left Behind Collection", but it isn't a collection of 12 separate e-books. It is one very long book file that includes all 12 titles of the series from *Left Behind* through *Glorious Appearing*. (It does not include *Kingdom Come*, which is considered a "sequel".) To be clear, if you buy this you are getting one huge book file that contains all 12 titles, not 12 individual book files. So, it may seem rather odd that the Kindle progress bar will say something like 18% after

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Really enjoying the read. I am impressed at how the author has woven 'real' life into a biblical teaching. Easy to follow along the paths of the characters and the biblical references also.

This series was recommended to me and I couldn't be more grateful. I learned \*SO\* much biblically, religiously, spiritually, politically and most of all, about MYSELF. I fell in love and related to each and every character in one way or another. The way every word flowed perfectly into the next, this series is melodic. I found myself laughing out loud, grieving for lost souls, on the edge of my seat with anticipation, on my knees praying and everything in between.

This is actually my third time reading this series, my first time reading it on my Kindle Fire. The set includes all but the last book in the series and is a great deal as far as price, as opposed to buying each book separately. This book is a must read for anyone. It gives a glimpse of a possible scenario of where our world is headed. The series is wonderfully written and very difficult to put down. You will quickly relate to the characters in the story as they are very real. Regardless of if you are a believer or not, this series will certainly make you think. The Left Behind Collection

These books by Tim LaHaye and Jerry Jenkins are the easiest and most understandable treatments of End Time Prophecy that there are today. I believe that every born again Christian, and all others as well, can get a tremendous amount of aid by reading them.

This is genre fiction at its most generic. Serious readers will have serious problems with this book. It started out interesting--describing the unexplained disappearance of people from all over the earth and the havoc which resulted. Unfortunately, the book very early devolves into the story of several characters and their attitudes, and completely departs from the description of global implications of such an event. Very interesting, relevant, and unanswered questions: How many people disappeared? What effect did the disappearances have on primarily non-Christian countries? How did the infrastructure begin to right itself? (This apparently happens in a matter of days in the book,

but it is never addressed at all.) Why were the media apparently unaffected? (Or were the authors just making a rather nasty point about the religious beliefs of CNN and other media outlets...?) There is no suspense and no subtlety in the story. You know who the bad guys and good guys are without having to guess. Hattie (Hattie?) the flight attendant is treated very cavalierly as an unpleasant stereotype. Read: dumb, superficial. There is no sense of the real world as a backdrop for what is happening to the characters. They go about their business as if everything is functioning the same way it was before the disappearances. The only thing that's different is the meteoric rise of the Antichrist--going from President of Romania to UN Secretary-general in a matter of a few days, and effecting sweeping global changes along the way. Huh? Are you kidding me? The events in the meeting prior to the press conference announcing his appointment as Secretary-General and his subsequent behavior require much too much suspension of disbelief. He shouldn't have needed drastic tactics to achieve his ends; a real Antichrist-type figurehead would be able to get what he wanted by much more subtle means. And never in a million years would he have been universally accepted so readily by those outside his circle of power. I guess this is an attempt to overlay the prophecies in Revelation onto the modern world, but it is not an effective description of the beginning of the End Times, as far as I can tell. It's only a story saying you'd better get your act together before it's too late--and there are many of those kinds of stories, most better told. I for one would like to read a really good novel about the End Times and would welcome recommendations.

Very well done. I tried not to read these books when my husband told me I really had to that they were so good and would explain the End Times of the Bible. But I thought I had the Bible itself. I didn't need these books. Well yes, I did. Even though I had read Revelations and the whole Bible and was rereading and studying, this book was a blessing, and I intend to read them all. Christians need to know where we came from, how Jesus came to earth and how he will return. Our job is to encourage one another in our walk with the Lord and to lead others to the truth. These books help us grow in the knowledge of what is coming. Great book.

Praise God for LaHaye and Jenkins who faithfully put this series together. They lay out end times eschatology so well so that all can understand the events that will happen when Jesus return to bring His church back to Him. The specificity within the stories of where to find answers in scripture for end times events is wonderful. While this is a fictional account, God's Word is accurate and true and this series makes no buts about that. The story is suspenseful, action packed, more than interesting and believable for the reader who needs a well written Christian fiction. LaHaye and

Jenkins are gifted writers. My life and soul have been immensely enriched because of this series.

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