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If you loved The Ultimate Gift, you will love The Lamp. It is a fascinating novel that you won't be able to put down until you get to the end.

In The Lamp, you will explore the relationship between wishing, hoping, believing, and reality. Who among us has not thought about or wished for better things? Too often, these thoughts or wishes simply fade away into nothingness as we focus on the hectic lives that we all lead.

The Lamp Details

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KATHY F says

Believable and uplifting

Don't we all wish we could have a magic lamp? And who hasn't thought about what they would wish for! An inspirational book about how the requirements to really think about what you want improves your life and your relationships.

Cheryl Ellis says

Jim Stovall has accomplished writing a simple, somewhat predictable, uplifting story!

Stanley and Lisa are going through a tough time in their marriage after the tragic loss of their only child. With the help of a few strangers, they find how to live again. If you "just believe" is a running theme and brings them back to each other. The challenge of the three wishes makes them realize what they have and could have again.

I enjoyed this book! I would like to see the movie!

Fraser says

Another easy read. Like a parable. So many take aways...start with be thankful for where we are.

kReN says

Each one of us has the abiity to create the life we want. We just need to believe we can.

Cherie Clayton says

Now...to watch the movie! Jim Stovall's The Lamp was a good read. At times I felt as if the book was written purposely for a middle school kid. It was very simple, to the point, and I felt it was missing a lot of details that would have been pertinent to the story line. The message of the story was great, and moving. I heard that Mr. Stovall movies are incredibly good and I am excited to watch the movie.

Christine Gaudreau says

I enjoyed this book and wish I could have given it a better rating. It was at first difficult to read as the couple is in distress regarding their loss of their 7 year old and I have an almost 7 year old and couldn't imagine life without him. Once I got into it though, I didn't want to put it down as I felt I had to know how it ended. It has a very positive message yet it's delivered in a predictable way. I could have guessed the ending before I was more than half way through and was almost hoping it wouldn't end like I thought, but it did.

Zury says

For a free book (at the time) this was a very well written novel with a storyline that made you feel connected to the plot as well as to the characters. It's obviously about a genie or rather a "Messenger" as he calls himself. If you were given 3 wishes and you had about a month or less to ponder it over, what would it be? That's the choice that was given to the main characters of this story. The couple in this story are going through an extremely tough time in their marriage. They lost their 7 year old son to a horrible accident and they can't seem to move past it. Especially the father. Because of this, they have grown apart and they feel like just giving up. However, with the magic of finding a lamp with an engraving on the bottom saying "Just Believe" this gave Lisa hope.

I didn't know what to expect from this book so this was a surprise with a very positive message. The author was able to take an extreme case of tragedy and quickly turn it around to something positive that I believe all of us can appreciate and take to heart in our own lives.

Granted the story is a bit predictable, especially the ending. But even as you read the ending, you can't help but smile at such joy. Great job Mr. Stovall. A very pleasant read that left me smiling after closing the book.

Sandy Walker says

Nice screenplay, but not a novel

This was a quick read - nice, inspiring story. It's more like a screenplay than a novel. There's a lot of "telling" rather than "showing" - as a result, the characters are not very deep.

It reminds me of a made-for-TV-movie where everything gets perfectly resolved. That's nice, but it feels a little too simplistic. There's great potential here for good storytelling. It makes you think, which is why it was written.

Candice says

I came across this inspirational little story in a box at the back of my bookshop. Initially I picked it up because it was obviously quite a thin book and I thought it would help pass the time between customers. I quickly found myself unable to put it down. It's a heartwarming tale focused on a lacklustre couple who find themselves in a deep rut in life. They lack ambition, motivation, and everything they do seems to be done

with the least amount of enthusiasm possible; their morning routines, their relationship, careers.... Until one day something happens that lights a fire under them; has them excited and dreaming of possibilities. It's a catalyst that starts them on a different route in life.

I thought this was a brilliant little story packed with such great life lessons.

I noticed somewhere that this was tagged as Christian fiction, and while not particularly religious myself, I think anyone would benefit from the lessons this lovely little book teaches.

(Note: I think there must be different versions of this book? After reading other reviews it's obvious the copy I read is missing a large part of the storyline that other reviews mention...)

Janette Fuller says

Stanley and Lisa Walters have had a rocky marriage for the past two years. Two years ago they lost their only child, their son Eddy. Stanley has not been able to write a book since then, which in turn caused financial issues. He has been overcome with anger and grief.

Lisa works out of the house and briefly considers an affair, but she remembers that there used to be something great between she and Stanley. The local baseball team, which Eddy played for, is having a garage sale to raise funds for new uniforms. Lisa decides that it is time to give back and donates some of Eddy's things. Lisa also inadvertently inherits an antique golden lamp. The lamp has "Just Believe" engraved on the side. This lamp has a special messenger that comes with it.

Charles Montgomery III is the messenger and he is sent to the Walters to bring hope back to their lives. He gives them three wishes but they must follow these rules;

- 1.) They cannot wish for something that they can do for themselves,
- 2.) They cannot wish to bring back the dead,
- 3.) They cannot interfere with another person's free will.

Charles ensures them that life can become happy again and he will return in 30 days. When he returns they are to have decided on their three wishes. Within days the couple begin to feel a renewed sense of hope, they are "believing" that things in their lives can change, even with tragedy in their past. Stanley begins writing, slowly but surely, and he becomes involved with the local baseball team again. Lisa begins to feel like she is gaining control of her life again.

As Stanley and Lisa progress on their journey they become closer to each other and closer to their neighbors. What will the wishes grant for these two? Will they ever feel like a real family again?

"The Lamp" is a quick and easy read. In the Foreword, the book discusses how so many young people start out life with high hopes and dreams and that most end up content with ordinary lives. It proceeds to state that this book could be the change that is needed if we are stuck in such a predicament.

This is a heartwarming story of a marriage that is in shambles and is able to find that spark of hope necessary to keep moving forward. "Just believe" becomes their motto, as in "all things are possible if you just believe". I like the message in the story although it is a bit predictable and the writing is simplified as if written for a younger audience.

Bob Allen says

Stanley and Lisa are each grieving, in their own ways, the tragic death of their son, Eddy. Lisa buries herself in being a fitness trainer. Stanley, a writer (at one point it seems he's a writer of technical manuals; at another he seems to be a novelist), is lost — he can't write, he sleeps in Eddy's room, he doesn't talk to Lisa, he goes to the Little League field where he coached his son but can only criticize the coach and players, he is constantly annoyed by the foster children next door and accuses them of petty thievery — he's just checked out because he blames himself for Eddy's death. The foster mother, Miss Esther, has donated a lamp to a yard sale to raise money for new uniforms for the Little League team. Lisa takes the lamp home; Stanley tries, in vain, to discard and destroy the lamp. Miss Esther says that the lamp "is a very special oil lamp...will bring its owner the wisdom of the ages..." This is supposedly a Christian Aladdin's lamp. But, if one takes it as Christian, then it's actually animism. The only way this is a good story is to treat it as purely legend, like the story of Aladdin's lamp. Pretty well written and the reactions of Lisa and Stanley to Eddy's death are realistic.

Lauren says

I really would have liked to have given this a better rating. It has a wonderful positive message that many could benefit from and it flows pretty well. However, the story is completely predictable, the writing style is over simplified, and there is much too much repetition throughout for my taste. I like to be challenged as a reader and I like to imagine things in detail. So, for my taste it was just too easy of a read. I would recommend this for juvenile readers or younger. Also, the book was written by a blind man. Perhaps that's why it lacks sophisticated visual descriptions??

J.D. Small says

Totally inspirational. Big surprise at the end . . . make me stop and think . . .
Very worthwhile reading.

Nancy Holte says

The story of a couple who lost their son and how they healed. A man shows up one day seemingly because of a mysterious lamp. I enjoyed it.

Ann Boytim says

Relationship, wishing, hoping and believing in a magic lamp is a quick read. A couple who are very unhappy in work, relationship and life in general find they have a lamp in their possession along with a genie. Getting three wishes really changes their lives but truthfully they have to dig deep down and search their lives for the

answers to their wishes.
