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Do we have the technology enabling Christ to be born again of a second virgin mother? A six year old little girl in Alabama knows we do. The Pope is afraid we do. The world asks 'should we if we can?' The book follows the life of a little girl in Alabama who goes completely insane at the age of six and is confined to a state mental hospital. In a strange twist of fate, she is chosen, 'by God, ' to become the mother of his son, the next Madonna in the second coming of Christ. Explore her life as there are those who adore and worship her and there are those who loathe her and will do anything to end her life before her son is born. This story is a true 'can't put it down' book.

## **The Second Virgin Birth Details**

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## **From Reader Review The Second Virgin Birth for online ebook**

### **Deborah says**

"The Second Virgin Birth" tells a fantastic, very fast-paced story of the "what-ifs" of the cloning of Jesus Christ. I'll say this: I simply could not put it down for the few minutes it would have taken me to go get a cup of coffee at 5AM, after having stayed up all night reading it!!

The story is compelling and so well-conveyed that it's nearly believable. Descriptions of forensic DNA testing, cloning and the fortress-like business establishment of one of the primary characters show close research.

I loved the characters...and I wanted to know what happened to them. They are exciting and interesting. From the lovely virgin child, Mary, to the sinister villains who want to capture and kill her, to those who want to protect and worship her, Mr. Taylor makes these characters ring with true personality. His imagination is clear and his ability to convey it on paper is simply a joy to read.

This book is an adventure story that has an edge of the futuristic. It's a book that stands alone in its kind. I must caution, however, there are editing errors that are often indicative of a first book. I rank along with the likes of Dan Brown's works. As the first in a series of books, I highly recommend it.

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### **Debra says**

The impossible has happened. The DNA of Jesus has been found and a team of scientists have been hired to create the new Savior. The mother, chosen from a lottery and perhaps divine intervention, is a fifteen-year-old girl named Mary Carter. Mary's been talking to God since she was six years old and is living in an insane asylum. The Pope and other religious leaders are convinced the birth will result in a new religious order that will strip them of wealth and power. The Pope decides to kill Mary and her unborn child, however, many people will fight to the death to protect Mary.

The Second Virgin Birth is an extraordinary tale of extremes. Extreme science, devotion, fear, and greed, to name a few. But in telling this story, author Tommy Taylor also tackles serious moral and ethical issues in a world that would be turned on its head if Jesus really did return.

Mr. Taylor is a brave author. He's asking us to suspend our disbelief a long way and he's portraying religious leaders as selfish hypocrites. Some readers might take offense to his depiction of the fictional Pope, but the questions Taylor explores in this thought-provoking story are worth the risk. This book isn't about just about the battle between good and evil or science and corporate greed. It's an exploration of those many shades of gray and about people who must decide whether to cross moral, ethical, and legal boundaries for their beliefs.

I love the fact that Mr. Taylor has opened the door for a continuation of this tale. If there are extremes now, can you imagine what will happen when Jesus grows up? Buy a copy of this fascinating tale and enjoy. You won't soon forget The Second Virgin Birth.

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## **Rickey says**

The Second Virgin Birth is a unique, original story about the cloning of Jesus. The last I've heard at least twenty different kinds of animals have been cloned, and it is probably possible to clone a human today. It could already have been done somewhere; we just don't know about it. Something to think about - if you wanted to clone Jesus, where would you get the DNA? Of course, the obvious answer is the Shroud of Turin, but in this novel four other relics are found as well.

As I started the book, the first thing that struck me was the author's foreword: "Everything in this book is true ... it just has not happened yet." Wow! That's quite a statement. Everything??? I think the author should have toned down this statement a little, maybe saying, "Some of these events could be true .... they have just not happened yet." Well, the book is fiction, so I'll just consider the foreword to be fiction as well.

Now from reading the above statement, you might think I didn't like the book. I enjoyed it very much. An intriguing story, I found myself reaching for the book whenever I had free time. There are so many areas the author could have explored further. The conflict in the book was centered mostly around financial profits from this project. It would have added to the book if some moral issues had been worked into the story as well.

There were some inconsistencies in the book. For example, Mary seemed to have a mesmerizing effect on people who only glimpsed her briefly, bringing out the best in them. Yet she didn't seem to have this effect on some of those who were most closely associated with her. They still seemed greedy and self-centered, only worshipping the "Church of the Almighty Dollar."

The author brings up an interesting idea – if Jesus did walk the earth again, would people of all faiths abandon their religions and begin worshipping this living god? Will it be man who brings about the second coming of Christ?

In an interesting touch, the author works in Biblical details into the story. The ending was satisfying and leaves room for a sequel. As much as I liked this book, you may be wondering why I only gave it 4-stars. As I rate a book, I consider everything – the cover, story, and editing. The story and cover I would easily give 5 stars; however, I felt that the book needed more careful editing. I could see this book being picked up by a big publishing house, given a good round of editing and a little polishing of the language – another Da Vinci Code!

A highly recommended book, I look forward to reading the sequel.

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## **Tommy says**

This is the greatest piece of American literature of this century. Or at the very least it's worth reading. I should know. I wrote it.

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## **Robert Conley says**

I was told to read *The Second Virgin Birth* to read by a friend who said it was good. Before reading it I thought that it was most likely another *Da Vinci Code*. Boy was I wrong, it is so much better. The characters and events are so believable that one wonders when this is actually going to take place. The chapters are short and that was a problem for me. I wanted to stop reading the book and begin it again tomorrow, but as I would finish a chapter, I would look ahead and think, well it's only 7 more pages and I would read that, try to put it down and do the same thing over and over. In other words, I wanted to find out what happened next more than I wanted to go to sleep. It was a fast and entertaining read that held my attention the whole time. The fact that Mr. Taylor made his major character, Mary, a sweet little girl, go insane at the age of six, completely caught me off guard and I had to adjust all of my preconceptions of how I thought this character would play out. The book was one, "I did not see that coming," after another. In most reviews I say that I don't want to tell the reader too much and spoil the ending, however in this book, I can't tell you too much because story has several very original new thoughts running throughout the book and I don't want to give any of them away. For once, I felt that I truly got my money's worth.

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## **Marta Moran Bishop says**

I enjoyed this book. It had a good story line that kept the reader interested, although it had some places where there was poor editing decisions, choppy sentences it was enthralling and moved along well.

Tommy Taylor had a very original idea that in today's world could if the right materials be found become a reality. His characters were interesting though sometimes limited in dimension. But over all it was an enjoyable read.

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## **Donna says**

Although the writing was good, the concepts are what make this book so provocative and enthralling. The author writes about scientists stealing DNA from the Vatican and cloning Jesus. Oddly enough, the chosen mother of the child is a 15 year old girl named Mary who has been in an insane asylum for years since she insists God has told her she will be the mother of his son.

The story is well thought out and draws you into a world of political intrigue and greed. The story line is quite believable.

My only question is: "WHEN do we get a sequel? I want to know what happens next in the life of Mary and her son."

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## **Barbara Watkins says**

Intriguing...Mind provoking...Genuinely Breathtaking...

In my opinion 'The Second Virgin Birth' is a literary piece of genius! Never have I read a piece of literature that touched down so deep into my soul. In many ways, today religion has been manipulated by man to fit his own purpose. As much as science has evolved in discovering technological breakthroughs for example

'cloning' (once thought to be as much of a reality as an episode of 'The Twilight Zone')so too has mankind taken a giant leap backwards... When you read the author, Tommy Taylor's masterpiece 'The Second Virgin Birth' you will understand where I'm going with this...

Whatever faith you have chosen, or maybe has chosen you, 'Tommy Taylor's' interpretation of what has been and could be will have you challenging your own beliefs. Working through his own personal tragedy 'Tommy Taylor' has managed to write one of the most remarkable stories of our time. It's an intriguing story of suspense, genuine divine truth, healing and love.

I cannot stress enough the importance of reading this book. Trust me when I say you will not be disappointed, and you will come away enlightened by the experience...

'The Second Virgin Birth'

Review by Barbara Watkins, writer/author of 'Nightmares & Daydreams'

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## **Jim Cherry says**

Ideas are the foundation for any writer. An average idea executed well can get national attention and make the author a critical and commercial success, such as Dan Brown's The DaVinci Code. Conversely, a great idea that is poorly executed may lay unread. Unfortunately, I have to put The Second Virgin by Tommy Taylor in the latter group.

When people talk about cloning they usually discuss it in the context of bringing back some historical personage, Elvis, Caesar, Hitler (for some strange reason) or Jesus. This is exactly the premise of The Second Virgin Birth. Dr. James Burk is a scientist working for Pope John Paul III in trying to isolate DNA of Jesus from the Shroud of Turin. Burk does indeed find DNA on the shroud that he is able to identify as being 2000 years old, and from a 25-35 male who was crucified. Convinced, the Pope will have him killed after Burk turns over the DNA. Burk steals it, heads to England and meets up with Dr. Clark Sullivan, a bioengineer who can clone the DNA. Together they meet and convince Brazilian industrialist Alberto Alvarez to invest in the project to clone Jesus from the DNA they've stolen from the Pope. Alvarez sets them up in a state of the art of lab. After finding a young girl, Mary, who God has told she'll be the mother of his son, they clone and impregnate her. They set-up the Church of The New Living God and start receiving pilgrims and donations from around the world which makes them richer than their wildest dreams. While they're doing this the Pope has mercenaries track them down, and launches raid after raid, to have Mary killed. All fail until he hires a genocidal general from a third world African nation, who launches an all out assault against Alvarez's compound that protects Mary. There is murder, greed, attempted rape, and gunfights but this isn't enough to move the novel.

The main problem seems to be that there is very little literary artifice, as if Mr. Taylor expects the idea itself to carry the reader over. No real dramatic tension is built up over plot points. They're mentioned and then resolved within a chapter or two with no real time or exposition to build up the dramatic anticipation of wanting to see what happens next. There's no real character development beyond the avarice of Alvarez, Burk and Clark, and even they're clichés. The Pope is said to be evil. Sending mercenaries to kill Mary is certainly the act of an evil man, but there is no real reason given that the Pope is threatened by the cloning or

Mary except that it will bring down the church. No reason's are given for the Pope to believe this, and we're not even sure of the Pope himself. Is he an evil man who worked himself up to the Papacy? Or is he an inherently good man who either genuinely or mistakenly believes the new Son of God will bring about the ruin of the church? The DaVinci code also casts a Cardinal and a devout zealot as the antagonists, but their actions are understood because Brown gives us some background and explains their motivations. That is what is lacking here.

The Second Virgin Birth is a really good idea as a concept, but it misses the opportunity that comes naturally from the source material and that is morality and values. A lot of good science fiction uses extreme ideas and scenarios to comment on a society's morals or values. The idea behind this novel lends itself to comment on cloning, whether it's a good idea, or is it "because we can science." Nowhere does Taylor take the opportunity afforded which should be the natural stomping grounds of a Christian writer. The book also fails to succeed as a thriller. As mentioned before, there is no real tension in the actions or decisions of the characters and events. It doesn't even have non-stop action that would keep the reader hanging on by the seat of their pants.

There are also some logical inconsistencies that detract from the story. A couple anomalies may exist in a novel, but when they start adding up they become noticeable as a pattern. Taylor says that people who come into contact with Mary instantly become their better selves, but the people closest to her act opposite to this and you would think those closest to her would be affected the most. If there was supposed to be an ironic reason for this, I didn't see it. The characters of Burk and Sullivan at first seem to waver between being faithful and unfaithful, but these inconsistencies seem to exist for no reason within the world presented to us by Mr. Taylor.

Like most Christian writers, Taylor wants his climatic battle scene to be a battle between good and evil. The characters that are supposed to be the "good guys" are shown to be acting as vilely as the Pope's attacking mercenaries, committing murder, demonstrating avarice and lying to each other. Good has to distinguish itself from evil. In the end nothing redeems these "good guys." The breakthrough of Christian novels like the Left Behind series is that they use modern literary techniques to capture the interest of their audience and not count on the reader's faith, or the morality-tale aspect to sell the story to the reader. They conjure their own sensibilities and induce the reader to follow. The Second Virgin Birth doesn't.

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### **Joey McNabb says**

I loved the possibilities of this book: What if Jesus could be cloned from DNA gathered from the Shroud of Turin? The execution of the story, which focusses on the potential conception and birth of the cloned Jesus, was a bit clumsy.

The characters were overly simplistic: wholly unlikable villains - and a Mary who spent too much time in mystical trances and bouts of selective mutism, punctuated by implausible bursts into coherent social engagement. These transitions were clunky and never put into a logical context.

Now, what I'd love to read is a tighter story about how this newly cloned Jesus would interact in today's world; and how he'd be received.

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## **Rai says**

**The Second Virgin Birth** is a unique and compelling read that takes on one of the most fascinating concepts I have come across in my reads - the cloning of Jesus Christ. It's an incredible premise, and the story is very engaging as a result. This book is a well-conceived exploration of faith, power, corruption, and how one decision can lead us down paths we cannot always predict let alone control. The book shows how some people can demonstrate steadfastness in the face of danger and incredible temptation, while others crumble via unfettered greed and the lust for power and domination. The Second Virgin Birth takes on a plausible premise yet has a parable-like quality to it. I thoroughly enjoyed this book, it kept me turning pages quickly as I was so eager to find out where the story was going.

*Rai Aren, co-author of Secret of the Sands*

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## **Jeffrey Allen says**

Jeffrey B. Allen:

My Review of: The Second Virgin Birth

By: Tommy Taylor

Having just finished writing and published my own book, *Gone Away Into the Land*, a spiritual coming of age story that examines life's journey and its trials and tribulations, I met Tommy Taylor on Goodreads. He was kind enough to back my book and to offer to buy it for his library when his budget allows.

In return, I agreed to purchase his book, *The Second Virgin Birth*. Well, I just finished it and I am wondering how to review a book like this one. First I must say, if I had not fallen asleep at two o'clock in the morning I would have read it in one sitting, nonstop, because the story is that good. To ease the author's mind it was not the story that caused my slumber but a busy day in the sun that just plain caught up with me. The following morning I finished my reading. I closed the book, and as I often do, after reading a good book, I leaned back and reflected on the experience. Somehow I always feel as though I have lost my best friend after I complete a novel that has immersed me as much as this one had.

Tommy Taylor tells a story of greed, and reprehensible religious corruption, yet underlying it all is a benevolent God who is guiding events and lives in order to bring a new born baby into the world. His son will be reborn, or the King of Kings, our Lord and Savior who will be a brother of Jesus with a new name bestowed upon him by his mother, Mary, with the ever present guidance of God. The intrigue and intensity of the story makes you say to yourself, yes, if God were to decide to bring another of his sons into the world the difficulties he would face, within modern times, would be so much more complex than in the ancient world. Nevertheless, the basic forms of evil that would need to be overcome would be essentially the same.

My personal beliefs have nothing to do with why or how much I enjoyed Taylor's novel. I wish all people would read this book - people who belong to every religion of the world. The reality of organized religion and the protective walls and manipulative teachings they depend upon for their very survival would be torn apart should Jesus, the son of God, walk the Earth once again.



What I found interesting about Taylor's means of bringing his message to his readers through a story of intrigue and suspense is that he playfully allowed the common images and the biblical fables of the past, and even the names of the ancient historical figures that were a part of the birth of Christianity, to be interjected into the story as if an effort would surely be made by those involved to honor the teachings and the sacred circumstances that surrounded the first birth of Christ.

Finally, I believe Tommy Taylor, with this Novel, has taken the dreaded teachings of the evangelists and their wild predictions of the end of the world, and given us, through *The Second Virgin Birth*, reason to hope that, should a second coming ever happen, we may not be aware of it until we are meant to be aware of it, and at that time our becoming aware will be a time of enlightenment for all of mankind, not just those who have given themselves, their money, or their belief system over to any one church doctrine, whether it be Islam, Christianity, Judaism, or Buddhism, but it will be an unbiased enlightenment that will change mankind forever.

I loved your book Tommy Taylor. I want everyone to read it and want everyone to embrace the ending, because it is the final words of the book that are the most joyous.  
Keep writing Tommy.

Reviewed By Jeffrey B. Allen  
Author of *Gone Away Into the Land*.

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### **Steve Lindahl says**

*The Second Virgin Birth* is an interesting book, yet it is different from most of the novels I have read. My impression is that Tommy Taylor did not write this book because he loves writing fiction, but rather because he loves God. I had some issues with his style. There are too many clichés, a lack of attention to detail, and character reactions that are not believable. But the big ideas expressed in the book kept me turning the pages. When I first read the concept of *The Second Virgin Birth* I was hooked. We live in a time when events that once would have been considered miracles are now achievable through technology. Advances in reproductive medicine have made it possible for a woman who is technically a virgin to give birth. Cloning processes have reached a point where it is possible to create a person who is more or less an identical twin of another person—if the DNA is available. So the cloning of Jesus Christ sounds plausible.

Before I started reading it, I thought the book was going to be about the realization of God's plan through the work of brilliant people. But instead of taking that path, Taylor has given us a story filled with traditional miracles. These include, among others, the ability of the new Mary to speak with God, the sudden deaths of two hospital orderlies who are about to harm Mary, and a truck driving angel who appears to help her. The way divine intervention was included in a story about science was interesting.

The focus of *The Second Virgin Birth* is on Mary rather than Jesus. Unlike the first mother of God, this Mary is far from a humble young lady who is told by the angel Gabriel that she has been chosen by God to give birth to His child. Instead this Mary communes with God. She has read all the holy books of the world by age eight and understands them. She enters a trance, not speaking for four years. When she finally talks she tells the people around her what God has told her and she is immediately believed.

The villains of the novel are motivated by greed. The Pope is the worst offender among the people who seek riches and power. This fictional Pope, John Paul III, does everything in his power to prevent the birth of the cloned Son of God, including sending out assassins to kill Mary. He is worried that the birth of her child will cause believers to leave the Roman Catholic church to follow the new messiah. This part of the novel

parallels Herod's role in the Christmas story.

I believe this book will appeal to open minded Christians who enjoy reading different interpretations of their faith.

Steve Lindahl - author of *Motherless Soul*

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## **Julie Smith (Knitting and Sundries) says**

This review first appeared on my blog: <http://jewelknits.blogspot.com/2010/1...>

Warning: This is going to be a mixed review - read all the way to the end and don't let my initial comments throw you off!

As I started this book, my first thoughts were, "OK; this book could stand some creative editing." During the initial 30 pages or so, I noticed grammatical/syntax/punctuation and a few spelling errors. I ran into a few of these scattered throughout the rest of the book as well, but not as abundantly - just a few here and there. ALSO, the initial pages were shaky? scattered? fractured? staccato (yes, that's what I actually wrote on my notes). I also found that sometimes the explanations of a place or event felt professorial and was offered in the tone of a fatherly lecture, a BORING fatherly lecture!

But .. I kept reading because I was so entranced by the thought of how the world might react if they knew that someone was actually carrying Jesus Christ in their womb today.

Dr. Burk was working for the Vatican - finding and typing DNA from the Shroud of Turin, and then from iron scrapings and a thorn. I found it a bit of a stretch to think that someone this brilliant couldn't tie the two together until someone else pointed it out. This same colleague, Thurston Henry, suggests that it might not be such a good idea to let the Pope know that they have discovered the DNA of Christ, as this would mean that people would relish the thought of having a living God, and would abandon the church in droves - no more tithes and offerings; no more cash flow. Surely the Pope would either keep secret or destroy their findings. I found this completely believable, not only for the Catholic Church, but for all major religions. This belief is reinforced by the fact that the other major religions DO, down the line, join with the Pope in trying to "eliminate the problem" after 4 failed attempts on Mary's life by the Pope's forces.

As Burk and Henry abscond with the actual DNA after falsifying their findings, Henry refers Burk to his cousin, Dr. Clark Sullivan, who worked on the team that cloned Dolly the sheep, and is now trying to convince the medical community and investors that cloning a human would be a GOOD idea.

Burk and Sullivan team up, get an unscrupulous investor from South America, who provides them with his silver mine as a fortified compound to keep the next "Mary" safe. With the common-sense aid of Pedro, the former janitor, the new Mary is picked. By coincidence, her real name IS Mary, and she has known since she was six that she is to be the mother of God's son, and everyone that is close to her knows it as well.

The writing sometimes falters (again, something a good editor could easily fix), but the story will keep you reading nonetheless. I was entranced with Mary much of the time, and I liked Pedro's common-sense approach to things.

There is a very cool, complete, non-cliffhanger ending which leaves room for a sequel. Would I read the next

book? Yes, I would. I really care about what happens to Mary and her baby.

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### **Lorrie says**

An enjoyable piece of literature in which I felt engaged as my sense of curiosity was satisfied with the possibilities of conceivable events unfolding. The epigrammatic chapters allowed a stop and go as you please but return soon feeling which was perfect given my very busy schedule where the luxury of reading for pleasure is in short increments. This read can leave one with the question 'what if' such events occurred how would people react? Given mans historic ability to be power hungry, egocentric, compassionate and yet forgiving in nature, I believe that regardless of one's religious convictions, one may conclude that to be humbled is a change for the better as there will always be a greater force then that of our mere existence.

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