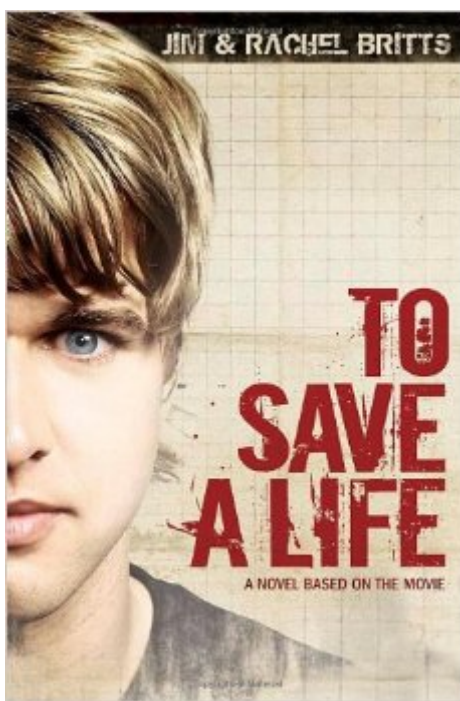


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# To Save A Life



## Synopsis

Jake and Roger grew up as best friends. But in high school, Jake becomes a star athlete who has it all: a college scholarship and the perfect girl, an ideal life that comes at the exclusion of his childhood friend. Meanwhile, Roger no longer fits in anywhere and becomes tired of always being pushed aside. He makes a tragic move that spins Jake's world out of control. As Jake searches for answers, he begins a journey that will change his life forever.

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## Customer Reviews

My 15-year old daughter Elizabeth Hope Rose went home to be with Our Lord Jesus Christ on February 19, 2010. The medical examiner hasn't been able to determine the cause of death, but we know. Our Heavenly Father called her home so that she could be with the One she loved more than anyone in the world - Our Lord Jesus Christ! Beth was a living, breathing, walking, talking, passionate billboard for Our Lord - she owned numerous Christian t-shirts and wore a True Love Waits purity ring and red wristband all the time. (One of her favorite t-shirts says: I found Mr. Right. He gives me eternal life. He's Perfect! He shines like the Sun. He will never leave me. He Is A Prince! He died for me. He knows the desires of my heart. He opens the door. He Loves Me! - Isaiah 62:5 - ). Beth was not shy about sharing the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ and him crucified, nor in encouraging other Christians to be bold in their faith. I love her. I miss her smiles and hugs. But, I know beyond a shadow of a doubt where she is. Beth is in Heaven with the One she loves, Our Lord Jesus Christ! There is nothing like that to bring comfort to a father's heart! Praise be to the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit forever and forever. Amen!! read the To Save A

Life book first, then saw the movie with Beth (she had already seen the movie with our youth group the week before and it was the last movie we saw together as father and daughter). To Save A Life is one of the finest Christian stories out there (Fireproof and Facing the Giants being the others). It deals with real life teen issues: the cult of popularity, family troubles, teen suicide, underage drinking, teen pregnancy, and self abuse or cutting while following the life of Jake Taylor - star athlete, popular man on his high school campus, full-ride basketball scholarship to Louisville, and the hottest girl in high school - through one crisis after another to a personal transformation through Our Lord Jesus Christ - the only answer to life's problems. This story can truly save a life! But don't take my word for it. Read the book and see the movie! May God Richly Bless You! - Mike (Ambassador for Christ, Beth's dad, & pastor)

To Save a Life is not only a book, but it is also a movie. Both are equally inspiring. This book is about a teenage boy, Jake Taylor, who is the talk of the school. He lives the life that everyone else wants to live. After a childhood friend commits suicide right in front of him, Jake starts to ask questions, the biggest one being "Why?". Jake steps back and takes a look at his life. As he watches his parents' marriage crumble, he starts to decide what he REALLY wants in his life. Throughout this book, Jake also tries to find God. While finding God, Jake finds that some of his relationships are meaningless, while others are extremely valuable. This book, all about experiencing Christianity, bullying, high school problems, and finding yourself, is one unlike any other. It is touching, beautiful, and eye-opening. I recommend this book for all people over the age of 14.

I recently read "To Save a Life" by Jim and Rachel Britts. It was the first time I have read Christian young adolescent fiction, and I found it to be very believable as well as relevant to what young adults face in everyday life. Some of the topics covered include: alcohol abuse, drug use, premarital sex, suicide, bullying, peer pressure, parental control, lack of parental interest, living up to standards set by society/parents/peers, teenage pregnancy, contemplation of abortion/adoption, and finding one's own identity. The most important reoccurring theme is "making your life count." Summary: I fell in love with Jake. He is an All-American jock, every day good guy, who struggles with living up to the expectations of his parents as well as his peers. He is well liked by everyone who meets him, and he has worked hard to earn a scholarship to play basketball for Louisville--his life long dream! After an unexpected turn of events, Jake is haunted by the guilt of Roger's suicide, his former best friend. Over time, Roger and Jake have drifted apart. Their friendship takes a nose dive when

Jake chooses to attend a high school party rather than hang out with his friend. They haven't spoken in years...As Jake attends the burial services for Roger, he begins to question his life and its purpose. Jake is befriended by Chris, youth pastor at a local church. Chris encourages Jake to develop a relationship with Christ. Chris says, "If you are willing--I mean really, truly willing--to search hard, and to ignore everything that friends might say or whatever might happen, I'm telling you, Jake, you're going to find that He's more worth it." Jake determines to live an authentic life that reflects Christ, but he becomes the victim of ridicule from his friends, his girlfriend breaks up with him, his parents arguments are becoming more frequent...life seems to be getting harder. As Jake shares his frustrations with Chris, he reminds Jake that "God's not some genie, or a vending machine, or someone who magically solves every issue for you. And He's not 'worth it' because he makes your life all better and all your problems disappear. That's not how He works." Then he reminds Jake, "But God is on your side." Overall, this was an enjoyable and quick read. It will remind you that faith is a journey. It reminds you that life is too short to wait for God to use you. Instead, it encourages you to allow God to use you NOW. You just may Save a Life. There is a sequel, called "Jake's Choice" that picks up where this story leaves off. (I do plan to add this to my reading list.)

The story is well written and will touch you. I think if you are struggling with issues, like suicide, cutting, where to fit in, pregnancy, abortion and other teenage struggles, you may just be able to fit in to a character in this book and find answers. I hope Jim and Rachel continue the saga with these characters. Can't wait for the movie! Jan 2010 Yo!

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