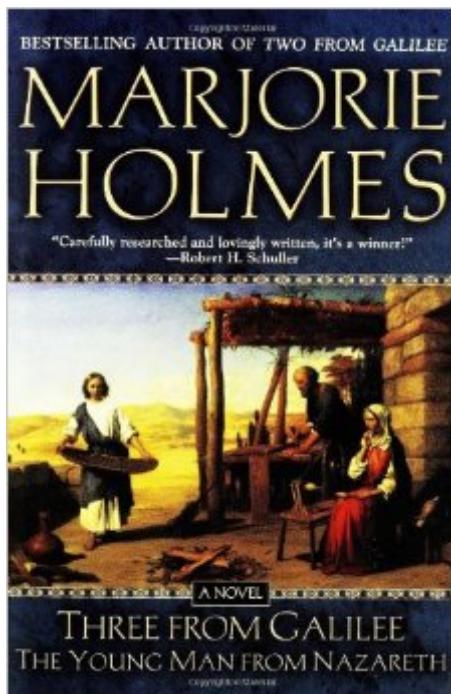


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# Three From Galilee: The Young Man From Nazareth



## **Synopsis**

Marjorie Holmes, the award-winning author of such classic bestsellers as *I've Got to Talk to Somebody*, *God*, was renowned for making the Bible come to life in books that brought hope and inspiration to millions. The first novel in this trilogy-her acclaimed, hugely successful *Two from Galilee*-told the great love story of Mary and Joseph as never before. Now, in *Three from Galilee*, Holmes's fictionalized retelling of the life of Jesus covers a period overlooked by the Gospels-the "lost years" between age 12, when Jesus debated the elders in the temple, to the age of 30, when he actually began his ministry. With great reverence, she dares to wonder what Jesus did during those years, if he was like other young men of his time, and whether he experienced God's greatest gift to humanity-love. Using her remarkable talents, Holmes brings Jesus, his parents, brothers, sisters, and friends to life in a story that is dramatic, deeply moving, and unforgettable.

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## **Customer Reviews**

It was a real and personal way for me to see Jesus. Because he was fully man. Sometimes when we think of Jesus we forget that he was fully Man.

While this was a very well-written and inspiring book, I didn't like it as much as I enjoyed *Two from Galilee*. I felt that the author took too many liberties, deviating from the Bible and religious teachings about Jesus's life. (One example that bothered me that before He began his ministry, the author has Him fall in love and intend to marry a local woman. I felt disrespectful thinking about Jesus as a

sexual/romantic being). As I read along, I had to constantly remind myself that this is a work of fiction and is not meant to be Biblically accurate, yet I didn't have these issues with the prequel to this book. Still, it was a worthwhile and reflective book to read, because it helps us to focus on the humanity of Jesus, and adds to the development of our personal relationship with Him.

This is a wonderful book by Marjorie Holmes. It is the second book in a trilogy with the other books being "Two From Galilee" and "Messiah." The author does NOT state that this IS what happened, only that given the history of the time it is how it COULD have happened. She is respectful of the Bible and the ties this fictionalized story has to the Christian faith and this is honored and communicated throughout all three works. It is an excellent work and I have not only reread it myself, but purchased it for friends. It will have a permanent place on my bookshelf. My only disappointment was being informed that this book (and the rest of the series) has gone out of print.

Three from Galilee was just great. I read it knowing that it was fiction and not doctrine and so enjoyed it. I really liked getting flavor of the times, the customs, character flavors. The family interactions were my favorite. I would recommend it.

This was my least favorite of the trilogy. I think Marjorie Holmes got a little carried away with the idea of temptation. She has done a great job with character development and has managed to incorporate some of the parables of Jesus in a very accessible way. I would rate this PG-13.

It makes the story of Mary and Joseph so heart touching! I can understand how scary but somehow blessed by Gods' touch in their lives. I cried with Marys' mother, as her beloved daughter left with her new husband to go pay taxes, a place so far away! God truely blessed the writting of this story. So many lives have been touched by this book, not the least of them mine.

Great follow-up to Two from Galilee! Ms. Holmes keeps your interest throughout. I could picture Jesus, Mary, Joseph, Hannah, Joachim, etc. I know it is fiction but it allowed me to consider what Jesus' childhood may have been like. I highly recommend.

I find this book well written and useful. Of course most of it is speculation based on what is known from ancient documents about Jesus' life from age 2 to 30 (of which there is little). But I think it is very helpful to speculate and have done so myself. It helps us to realize that Jesus was not some

lofty deity who can't know what we go through, but himself experienced all the problems we have in this life, went through the same process of maturation and can sympathize and help us as we face the perplexities of life.

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