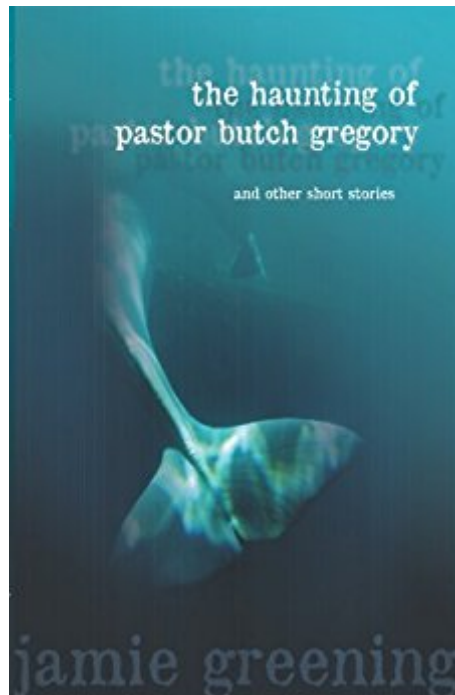




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The Haunting Of Pastor Butch Gregory And Other Short Stories



Synopsis

Pastor Butch Gregory is having a bad day. But then, every Monday is a bad day for Butch. To top it all off, today he's being chased around by a big beluga whale. That can't be possible? Right? Right? In this collection of short stories by pastor Jamie Greening, anything is possible. Utilizing satire, wit, humor, and the occasional poem, Pastor Greening reflects fifteen years in Christian ministry. With stories ranging from the poignant to the preposterous, these short stories are bound to touch the hearts of pastors and congregants alike. Dr. Greening began his ministry in Texas and now serves on the Kitsap Peninsula in western Washington, where he has been the Senior Pastor for over ten years. He holds a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas, Austin, a Master of Divinity, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, as well as a Doctor of Ministry from Beeson Divinity. His philosophy of ministry could be summarized as bringing people closer to the Lord with biblical truth through intentional creativity. Jamie shares life with his wife, Kimberly who is an artist and singer. His two daughters, Chelsea and Phoebe provide limitless joy and smiles for his days. Together the Greenings seek to be used by Jesus to accomplish his will in the world. Jamie Greening won the Athanatos Christian Ministries 2009 Fyodor Dostoyevsky Award for his story, included in this anthology, "Convocation." "It's not often that you find the combination of first rate intellect, passion for ministry, depth of theological reflection, and wit that are present in Jamie Greening's stories! His analysis of modern church life stems from a deep love of the church, and an unparalleled ability to diagnose and repair its shortcomings. This collection of stories is a very meaningful read!" — David P. Caddell, Mount Vernon Nazarene University "Greening's prose and poetry springs from the heart of a seasoned pastor. His vibrant storytelling and candid observations about people grip your attention and stimulate your imagination as they shine new light upon the common experiences of life." — Scott Callahan, Chaplain, United States Navy.

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Customer Reviews

Jamie Greening gives us a glimpse into the behind-the-scenes life of a pastor. This powerful collection of stories and poetry captures the weekly stress, fatigue, drain, and sorrow pastors encounter while ministering to the local congregation, but also illustrates God's rejuvenating power in refreshing the pastor's love towards God's people and re-igniting the passion for the calling of being a pastor. The stories are varied in their style and message which will bring you back to this book again and again.

What do you think a Pastor does? This little, but powerful book offers a rare glimpse into the life of ministry from a perspective not often seen in Christian writing. It was a refreshing read from my perspective and a very well crafted first effort. The stories are easily relatable and well portrayed. I truly appreciated the stories that intertwined the lives of the two homeless folks. The exploration of the causes, consequences, horror and redemption was particularly moving. This is a worthwhile book that you will enjoy reading and sharing.

Each story is drawn from careful theological reflection on some area of life. As a whole they bring out wonder and love of God, the complexity of the attempt to follow God faithfully, and the sorrows, joys, and frustrations of life. A worthy read!

I got this book via Kindle for iPhone so that I would have something to read for a rather long road trip. Just to let you know, this book didn't even last half the trip on the first day. Once I started I

couldn't put it down. The stories are real. Some are funny, some make you think, and yet others might just bring a tear to your eye. I can't wait for this author to bring more of his story telling to print...but until then, I guess I will just have to read this one over and over again.

This is a wonderful collection of short stories! I love that some were funny, some made me cry, and they all made me think. I also enjoyed reading about a pastor's life and the ministry. Now I need to read Jamie's other stories!

“The Haunting of Pastor Butch Gregory” by Dr. Jamie Greening is not a ghost story. It's not even (very much) about a character named Butch Gregory. It is instead a short and entertaining collection of stories that will take you to and from unlikely places. These include a trip through the brain of a whale and a transit on a giant space ship travelling across the cosmos bound to colonize a yet-unknown planet. For me this brief and entertaining collection was like looking at a coffee table book full of interesting pictures. I believe that Dr. Greening published his book just because he likes to write. And he's good at it. But you will read it because you like to read. Based on other material of Greening I have read I can't see the author of “The Haunting of Pastor Butch Gregory” writing an encyclopedia, a study or a tome. Instead, like his other works in print, this book will read fast. But unlike most books you read and set aside, this little book will linger with you. Keep it on your book shelf for a while before you give it to another reader. You'll want to read it again. Patrick Shaub Author of “Flying the Lifeline” Available on .com

The stories were good alone and in tandem. There were page turning moments and moments where I wanted to stop and think. There were lovely little stories that stood alone and stories that tied into great ideas. A great read.

When reading a book, it usually takes just a couple of pages for me to make up my mind. Then I either keep reading or toss the book in the round file. "The Haunting of Pastor Butch Gregory and Other Short Stories" kept me reading. Great job, Jaime! (Now I have to get my copy autographed by the author!)

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