



Baby Jesus is Missing news release

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HOLIDAY DETECTIVE BOOK RELEASES JUST IN TIME FOR CHRISTMAS PERFECT FOR WHOLE FAMILY



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TRADE Hardcover
PAGES: 44
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For immediate release: *Baby Jesus Is Missing* (Ambassador International, December 1, 2020, \$18.99) and author Michael LaPenna are inviting the whole family to take part in the mystery to find Him this Christmas in LaPenna's new detective book fit for all ages.

Small town Reedy River has a problem—baby Jesus figurines keep going missing, and the town needs to find them. Sisters Catherine and Susanna Mae set out to earn their Christmastime reward, find baby Jesus, and save Christmas. But along the way, they discover deep truths about themselves and their community.

Baby Jesus Is Missing marries the adventure and challenge of wits in the detective genre with the hope, joy, and richness of the Christmas season. Young readers will find themselves connecting to the relatable lead characters' motivations, struggles, and relationships. LaPenna encourages his readers to dig deeper into themselves and the Christmas season, pondering what truly is important in life and when it is time to sacrifice our own wishes.

When the big day arrives, everyone gives their beautifully wrapped presents to one another," writes LaPenna. "But not one gift is given to the one whose birthday it is."

Wrapped up in modern Christmas packaging comes a timeless tale of love, sacrifice, and mystery. LaPenna gives his audience what parents are searching for—an enjoyable book that will captivate their children, while teaching them how to live a joyous and virtuous life.

About the Author: Michael LaPenna grew up on the North Shore of Massachusetts. He graduated from Colby College in Waterville, Maine, and later earned a Master's degree in American literature from Salem State University. He taught secondary school English for thirty-four years and coached both basketball and baseball at a public school north of Boston. Since his retirement, he has kept busy writing for children of all ages, splitting wood, visiting his two granddaughters, trying to stay physically fit, following the Boston sports teams, and reading, not necessarily in that order.

To connect with the author or request a review copy of *Baby Jesus is Missing*, please contact publicity director Susanna Maurer at media@emeraldhouse.com.

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Suggested Interview Questions for the Author:

1. When did you begin writing and why?
2. What is your favorite childhood book?
3. Where did the idea for *Baby Jesus is Missing* come from?
4. Did you name any characters after people you know?
5. Who is the intended audience?
6. Were there any difficulties in writing the story?
7. Do you have any personal favorite parts of your book?
8. What else have you written?
9. Where can people find you online?
10. Where can *Baby Jesus is Missing* be found?



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