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Dewayne A. Jackson is the author of the **Beyond the Fire** trilogy, an exciting story collection that has been compared by industry reviewers to the iconic spiritual classics of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien. Three books under one cover, **Beyond the Fire** is the 2018 e-lit Gold Medal winner for Young Adult Fiction and the 2018 e-lit Bronze Medal winner for Religious Fiction.

Jackson resides in northwestern Kansas on the farm his great-grandparents homesteaded. He married his lifelong love after graduating from McPherson College. As a couple of faith, Dewayne and Aurelia Jackson share positive and encouraging stories of inspiration with members of rural communities and beyond. In addition to writing, Dewayne serves as a lay speaker for community churches that focus on finding ways to help individuals and families understand and grow in their love for God.



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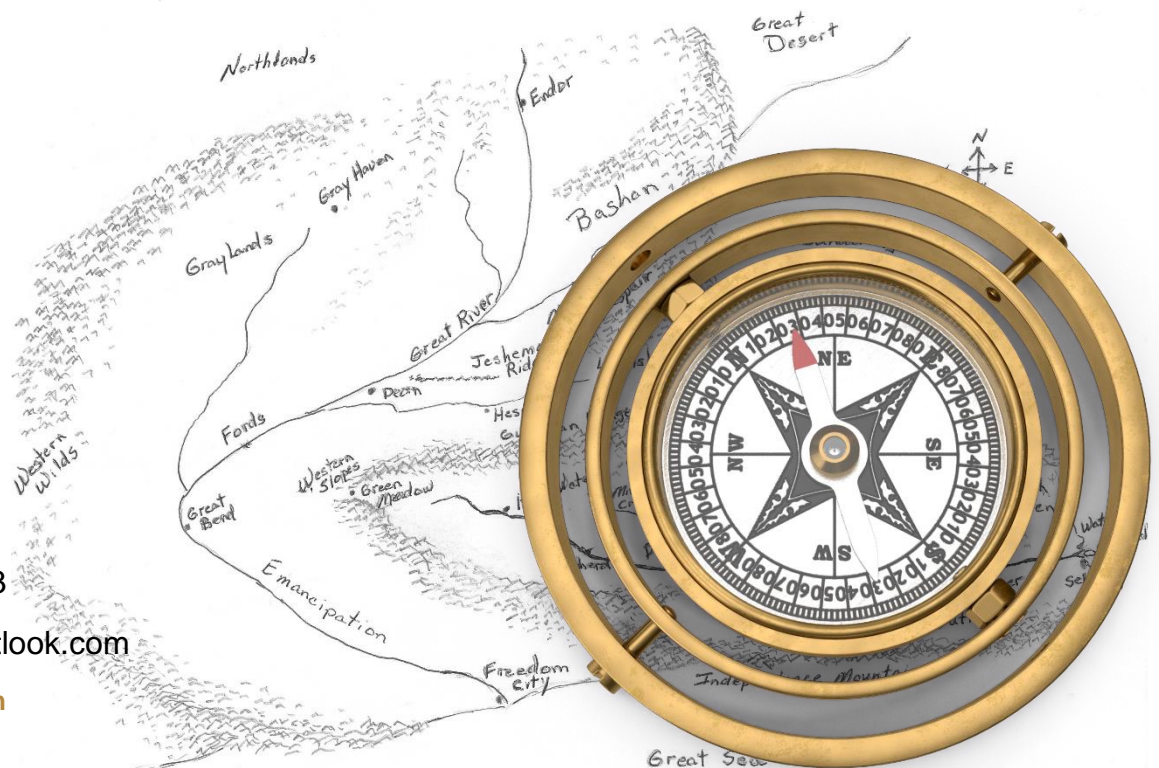
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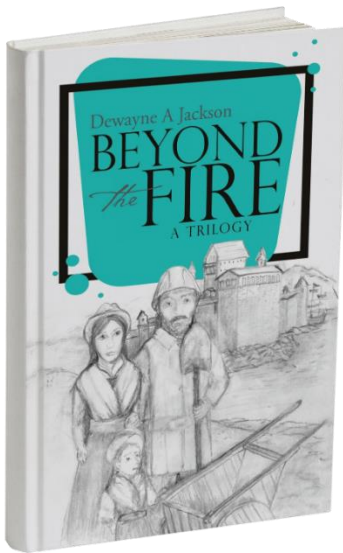
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Beyond the Fire by Dewayne A. Jackson is the award-winning fictional tale of Christians struggling through difficult times in medieval Amity. The tale is three books in one, a trilogy totaling 500+ pages.

Book One, "A World in Conflict: Sparks in the Tinderbox." Settled by those who fled persecution, Amity now faces growing threats to the peace that has surrounded it for generations. Jackson introduces the Stafford and Cotton families (the main protagonists), as well as characters who have sparked this new unrest.

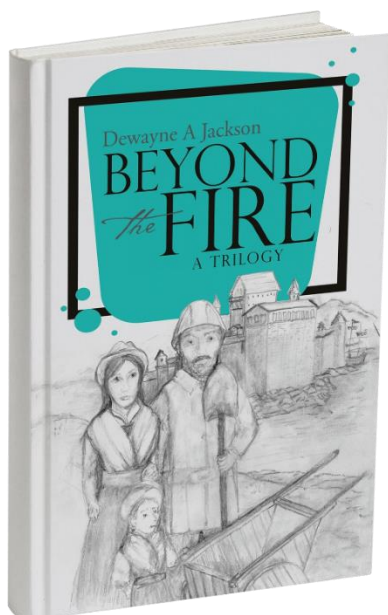
Book Two, "Facing the Defiler: Enduring the Flames." Struggling to defend their homes from the terror of Endor, many are drawn into lands beyond Amity's border. Through the havoc of war, we meet many new people, friend and foe alike. Both sides experience devastating losses; physically, mentally, spiritually, and emotionally. The main protagonists face trials in both their personal lives and in securing the fate of their country. The spiritual warfare is extremely intense as lives hang in the balance; will they succumb to evil or continue down the difficult path of obedience to the Holy Writings?

Book Three, "Restoration: Beyond the Fire," as warriors return, they find Amity has been devastated by civil war. After sacrificing so much to protect their homes, they are faced with the overwhelming task of bringing order from the chaos of a deeply divided nation.

Beyond the Fire goes beyond having a merely religious tone to being outright Christian fiction. While Amity seems to be a nonexistent place, the Holy Writings and the work of Jesus Christ on the cross are identical to the Bible and its gospel. The characters who are Christians live out every part of their lives within this belief, and readers can discover the power of an obedient spiritual walk.

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Long ago in the land of Shingmar lived Josiah Stafford. Shingmar was overrun by idolatry, but Josiah was a believer in the one true God, the Word who was there at the beginning. Josiah’s true belief, however, ran him afoul of the king of Shingmar, who threw Josiah and his followers into prison and labor camps, where they languished until they were led over the mountains to freedom in the new nation of Amity. No sooner did they arrive than Shingmar was engulfed in a deluge, God’s judgment arriving in a wall of water. Jackson’s new fantasy is the story of Amity, a kind of semi-Christian nation beset by perils from without and within. Stafford’s religion is decidedly biblical, but the world of Amity is not our own, and its history is driven by an intriguing thought experiment: what would the Christian Word look like if it were preached in another world? Jackson says that his influence for Amity—and for the Beyond trilogy—is J.R.R. Tolkien’s Lord of the Rings. Like Tolkien’s books, this new work began as a series of short vignettes sent by Jackson to his nephew, who was serving with the military in the first Gulf War in the early 1990s. Jackson’s other obvious literary forefather is C.S. Lewis, whose own fantasy realm of Narnia is built on the foundation of Christian tales and teachings. Like both Narnia and Middle-earth, Amity is a deeply fascinating new land that begs for our exploration. And like the works of Tolkien and Lewis, Beyond seems like the tip of an iceberg. It feels as if for every tale of Amity, there are 10 that remain untold. Jackson writes with remarkable clarity and insight. His characters are convincing and compassionate, and his narrative decisions are decisive. Further, he manages a tangle of storylines deftly, never letting complexity give way to confusion.

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READERS WANT TO KNOW:

- What inspired you to write this epic adventure tale with such a deep connection to the Christian walk?
- What can I do if I am married to a non-believer?
- Does God hear me when I pray?
- How do I know if the call to adventure is coming from God and if the invitation is really for me?
- In times of war and civil unrest, how do I find the encouragement and peace I need?
- What can I do to help my children understand the importance of prayer?

Author Dewayne Jackson serves as a lay speaker for community churches that focus on finding ways to help individuals and families understand and grow in their love for God. **Beyond the Fire** is a fictional book that encourages people of all ages to overcome fear and walk faithfully with God. Dewayne counts it a privilege and a pleasure to share his story and his passion for God's Word with your group, church, or organization.

TALK TOPICS:

- Finding Hope when Darkness Prevails
- Overcoming the Perils of Succumbing to Fear
- Changing History: The Power of Prayer

YES! Dewayne A. Jackson is available for BOOK CLUBS and Church Group Appearances.

AUTHOR TALK

TOPICS



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