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A Season of Miracles

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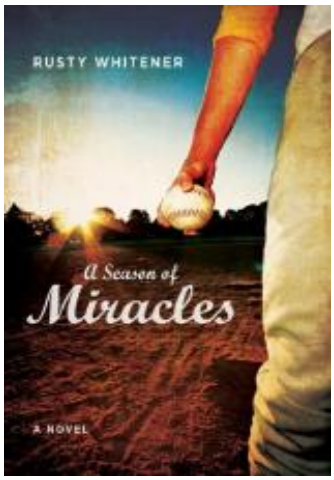

About the Book

Looking back on the 1971 Little League season, Zack Ross relives the summer that changed his life? Gunning for the championship is all that matters until 12-year-old Zack meets Rafer, a boy whose differences make him an outcast but whose abilities on the baseball field make him the key to victory. Admired for his contribution to the team, Rafer turns everyone?s expectations upside down, bestowing a gift to Zack and his teammates that forces them to think --- is there more to life than winning or losing? And what is this thing called grace?

Discussion Guide

1. In chapter 3, Donnie tells Zack ?We both do bad stuff. It?s just I get forgiven, and you don?t.? What does Donnie mean?

2. Near the end of chapter 9, Pastor White says ?But people can be decent, really decent, in ways that a lot of people respect? and that can be their biggest obstacle to faith.? Do you agree?

3. In chapter 15, Zack considers: ?I was surprised how much I really wanted to be there for Richard.? Why does Zack want to be there? Might Zack be thinking about more than Richard?s needs? What larger need might Zack be pondering?

4. Think about the last sentences in chapter 22: ?When you?re a kid, tragic and comic moments overlap. Your heart is light enough then to know the difference. Joy is our true, original destiny. Tragedy is the stranger.? Do you think this is accurate? If it is, should these truths change how we live?

5. The dream in chapter 25 is about heaven existing in the here and now. What parts of the dream did you like? Did any parts trouble you?

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Rusty Whitener is a novelist, screenwriter, and actor. His first screenplay, *Touched*, won second place at the 2009 Kairos Prize at the Los Angeles Movieguide Awards and first place at the Gideon film festival. That screenplay soon became *A Season of Miracles*. The movie version of this book is now in production with Elevating Entertainment. Find out more at www.rustywhitener.com and www.aseasonofmiraclesmovie.com.

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