

EPISODE **123**

# A Family Story for Easter

Guest: Arnold Ytreeide

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## Meet **The Wrights**



Arnold Ytreeide is a former youth pastor, police officer, and television producer, and now he spends his time teaching film at a Christian University in Idaho and writing books.

## In This **Episode**

Sarah and Arnie talk about his books for children, especially his book *Amon's Adventure*, which is perfect to read with your family during the Easter season.

## The Listening Guide

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"This is a powerful adventure story that is going to help your family make Lent and your preparations for Easter very meaningful and transformational." - Sarah Mackenzie

## Quotes and Questions

### \* **Written out of love ...**

"I started writing Jotham, and he started doing things, and I just had to follow him around, and pretty soon, I had a chapter and then another chapter and another, and it just kept building ... I just wrote this out of love for my kids."

### \* **The research process ...**

"I got to be in the Holy Land and walk the places that Jesus had walked and smell the smells that he smelled and taste the tastes that he tasted, and it was just an amazing experience. And so that's really where the root of all the research came from—was me just being in that environment and taking it in and seeing how things work and what things are like there."

### \* **Seeing things in a new way ...**

"One of the things I appreciate about your books is they help me see stories I've heard a million times before totally afresh, like put myself in the story, I'm right there while it's happening, and I see new things about the stories of Christ's birth and of his death and resurrection in a way I've never seen them before."

## Show Notes

### Books from today's episode:

- [Little House on the Prairie](#)
- [The Wonderful Wizard of Oz](#)
- [The Chronicles of Narnia](#)
- [Jotham's Journey](#)
- [Bartholomew's Passage](#)
- [Tabitha's Travels](#)
- [Ishtar's Odyssey](#)
- [Amon's Adventure](#)
- [The Green Ember](#)

### Other links from today's show:

- [Seabiscuit](#)
- [Arnold Ytreeide's site](#)
- [Special features](#) for Amon's Adventure
- [Join the email list](#) and get the free booklist!

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