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# Some Things Never Change (Elmo Jenkins - Book Two)



## Synopsis

A Christian Fiction bestseller. If you enjoyed McMillian Moody's *Ordained Irreverence*, you're sure to love *Some Things Never Change*. Elmo Jenkins is now a full-fledged staff member at First Church. As Assistant to the Senior Pastor, he's responsible for designing a strategy to transition the church into the future. But trouble's brewing and not everyone's on board. The whole gang is back for the bumpy ride along with some colorful new characters. Be there when Elmo surprises Bonnie on their wedding day. Tag along when Dunston finally takes Elmo fishing. Feel the thrill of riding in a red Viper with a friar at the wheel. And help Elmo figure out that creepy little statue named Ferty . . . who's stalking him? It's another unforgettable visit to First Church you won't want to miss. -- OBT Bookz The readers say it best: "Not since Mitford has the day-to-day life of a minister been so much fun."

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## Customer Reviews

This is my 2nd Elmo Jenkins book. Gentle, clean humor and nice characters. I liked the first one enough to read the sequel. Enjoyed the church politics. But I didn't really get invested in any of the

characters and the humor is more the type that makes you smile, but not laugh. If you're looking for a pleasant book you can put down and come back to later, this one is nice. But if you're looking to be completely sucked in and swept away, or for something fall-off-your-chair funny, keep looking. Bill Bryson is funnier talking about buying equipment for walking the Appalachian trail (in his book *Walk in the Woods*) than the stories here about quirky church characters doing outrageous things that you would think would be funnier, but somehow are not.

Once again, I have thoroughly enjoyed another chapter in the life of Elmo Jenkins! This book is so cleverly constructed, and though it basically weaves together various situations encountered by church staff folks, the use of humorous situations, along with things that happen that are not funny but truly serious and thought provoking, the book stays relevant, fun to read, and never dull! My personal experience on a large "First Church" staff (34 years) makes me know that McMillian Moody is writing a great deal that is drawn from personal experiences. The quirky humor of the main character, the inevitable look at the 'church politics' that seem to always play havoc with a church staff of any size, accompanied by tales of the strongly supportive and optimistic mindset of some church members pitted against the extremely opinionated and generally negative mindset of some of the entrenched 'oldtimers' who avoid change at all costs - make for a combination that keeps the reader turning the pages to see what's going to happen. It is a great read! I look forward to number three in the Elmo Jenkins books!

This is the second book that follows a new minister named Elmo Jenkins. He serves a very large downtown church. While I can't really relate to the size of the church and how it is governed, I can relate to the many things that happened there. I think no matter what the size of the church, the same things happen, just in varying degrees. Towards the end of the book we are reminded of the evil that can reside in churches in the name of protecting "we've always done it that way". The Senior Minister's comments at a special called business meeting of the congregation is a gentle reminder to us all of what a church should really be about. Too many times people get caught up in the politics of the church. (Yes, there are politics in the church. After all, people are in the church.) It's always heartwarming to know God really is in control. This book proves that even ministers can have a good time at their job.

Elmo Jenkins now a co-pastor at First Church. Also he married Bonnie. I had to read book two again refresh my memory. This book was so good. Reminding me the importance of God in my life. There

is so much that happens, many characters are the same but also new ones. You won't be disappointed by reading this book!

Elmo Jenkins is a great guy! All of the books are fun and charming. A very clean, easy read that seems to be very well edited. The characters are interesting and their interactions are always entertaining. Nothing mind-blowing here, just good clean fun!

After thoroughly enjoying the first Elmo book, the second did not disappoint...at least as far as the storyline and tale-weaving. A few more editing issues were noted, including "variances" in the spelling of a couple of the recurring characters' names, and a brief appearance by Martin Scorsese in which he also fell victim to the misspelling monster. Other items of a careless nature appeared, namely missing letters, prepositional misdemeanors, and some homonym confusion. BUT the charming, true-to-life characters and interesting writing style do prevail again in Book Two in spite of these transgressions. I'll keep reading. Still, I'm holding that last star hostage in exchange for some better editing.

I loved the in-depth knowledge of his beliefs and the connection he made with today's church. how true. most of his funny stories were fun to read, a couple I wondered why he put them in the book as they had no real connection to the story line. all I all, a fun book

Being active in a church myself, I did find a lot of this story interesting. I felt sorely disappointed to find the wife behind the practical joke. Somehow it didn't seem right that a loving spouse would cause her mate such needless stress. Good thing he gave her grace. The other thing that disappointed me was the politics involved in the church. God has much more tolerance with us sinners than I have. I would preferred to have a more conclusive finish to the "uprising" from the no longer active, but we still want to be in charge group. We all have them but who wants them. Did enjoy the many references to prayer asking God to lead him in the daily battle of life. Would highly recommend this book.

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