

STEPHEN BLY Book Reviews

"In this fresh contribution to the CBA market (*Paperback Writer*), Bly, the prolific, Christy Award-winning author of series westerns, pens an amusing parody of the proverbial dime-store paperback novel. . . this book is a funny, enjoyable romp for CBA fiction readers." *Publisher's Weekly*

"Once in awhile, you come across a novel that is truly different. Christy Award-winning author Bly (*The Long Trail Home*, 2002 Western category) has written a psychological thriller that is like nothing else in the Christian fiction genre . . . Part of the fun in reading *Paperback Writer* is trying to figure out what is factual and what only exists in the mind of the paperback writer. . . This engrossing roller-coaster read will appeal to male readers as well as anyone who has ever dared to dream larger than life." *Library Journal*

"I just finished reading *One Step Over The Border*. Once I started I simply could not put it down. I have always been a fan of Louis L'Amour but I must say your book is as good if not better than anything of his. I shall remain a fan of Stephen Bly." Jimmy Dickens, The Grand Ole Opry

"(Stephen) Bly's spiral-bound book of poetry (*When The Cowboys Come To Town*) is already punched to hang on the barn wall like a calendar. Topics range from the sacred and local heroes to dancing in Deadwood and 'Suckersville, New Mexico.' Obviously Bly doesn't take himself too seriously—a fine trait for any cowboy poet. And who says cowboy poetry has to be bound in hardcover anyway? His is a clever idea." Bunkhouse Reviews, *Western Horseman Magazine*

"Stephen Bly's *Paperback Writer* pushes the envelope of the bizzare. Better yet it rips it open, spilling the contents of controlled chaos into the readers lap. This book is The Odyssey meets Neil Simon's *Jakes Women* . . . The humor in *Paperback Writer* is dangerously funny. Set in such a contextually strange manner, that some passages have to be re-read, but this only adds to the fun. A truly unique reading experience." Arnn, Amazon Reviewer

"(Stephen) Bly's hallmark rollicking charm is very much in evidence in this (*Sweet Carolina*) adventurous tale of the Old West. Of special interest is the unusual portrayal of a highly independent yet deeply religious woman who knows her own mind and isn't afraid to express her thoughts and feelings." *Library Journal*

"*The Long Trail Home* is a superbly crafted, deeply inspiring, thoroughly entertaining, highly recommended novel played out against the backdrop of the American frontier." *The Bookwatch*

"... (*The Horse Dreams Series*) fast-paced, engaging dialogue that often transforms the reader into another world...breathtakingly refreshing... One thing I can say is that you'll walk away with a few personal revelations of your own. Alyce Edrich, *The Dabbling Mum*

"The rich characterizations of (Stephen) Bly puts the reader firmly in the head of schoolmarm Dev Worrell as she tries to find out if you really can go home again ...

(The Horse Dreams Series) another good read from a talented writer." Terry W. Burns, author and agent

"I truly love *The Horse Dreams Series* novels. I can't get enough of them ... *Wish I'd Known You Tears Ago* just left me wanting more." Robin Lovin, WJZY TV

"Stephen Bly provides a warm inspirational character study of a woman who learns solace is found in the heart and soul ... " Harriet Klausner, Book Review

"(Stephen) Bly does a lot of things right for lovers of the traditional western ... (Bly) clearly knows the country he writes about...the difference between pinion pines and chaparral, what the weather will do, how horses tire. He knows about guns and seems to have thoroughly researched the behavior of Indian war parties ... Luke Short and Frank Gruber come to mind. There ought to be some takers among both Christian and western readers." *Booklist*

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"(Stephen) Bly offers a kinder, gentler Western that should appeal to fans of Louis L'Amour." *Library Journal*

JANET CHESTER BLY Book Reviews

"Janet, you are a gift! I love *Hope Lives Here*. Just love it. With my daughter's illness, hope has been a treasure I seek daily. God knew I needed to 'bathe' in hope." Mary Beth Carlson, concert pianist & recording artist, MBC Productions

"I'm telling you, folks, Janet's thoughts and insights are just what I've needed during this difficult time. If you're wondering at all about the future, or things seem to be getting you down, buy a copy of *Hope Lives Here*. This lady knows how to speak to the heart." Lisa Samson, author

"What a gift God has given to me through your book. (*Hope Lives Here*) came at just the right time to be here during a 'hopeless' time in my life. Thank you for writing it. It has been a balm for my wounded, broken heart." Robin Lee Hatcher, author

"A friend of mine received a copy of your book, *Words To Live By For Women*, at a small Christmas luncheon this week. Everyone passed it around and oohed and ahed over the nice format and the wisdom it contained. Meanwhile, I was busy checking out the copyright page to see who WROTE it! :->) And Janet was I thrilled to see YOUR name along with Lila Empson, an old friend from my Thomas Nelson days. It's a terrific book, beautifully put together. I hope it sells a zillion copies! . . . congrats on a job well done!" Liz Curtis Higgs, author and speaker

In *Hope Lives Here*, Janet Chester Bly reinforces the truth that hope is just a Person away. Bly knows how to weave a story, and keep the reader's interest. She has a way of phrasing things that is really a delight to read ... and she delivers what she promises." Lisa Crayton, author

"This (*The Carson City Chronicles*) is a very sweet read, sure to please grown fans of the Little House series of books. Judith is a spunky, powerful heroine who manages to both rule and submit at the same time. (Stephen and Janet Bly) deliver a heartwarming story that avoids being preachy, enabling it to be appealing to both Christian and non-Christian readers." Amanda, The Romance Readers Connection

"I am amazed at the wisdom recorded in *Awakening Your Sense of Wonder*. This book should be in every library and school in the USA." Ralph S. Moore, hybridizer, Moore Miniature Roses

"I needed your book *Awakening Your Sense of Wonder*. In many ways it was very painful to read. I left my daughter when she was 3 years old ... You began Chapter 5 with Hilary's recipe for Canteloupe Pie. She was 4. I never knew my daughter at 4 and it grieves me. If only I had known God before this. But I have Him now and I will bring my daughter to Him, when I am released (from prison). Your book has given me hope." Darcy