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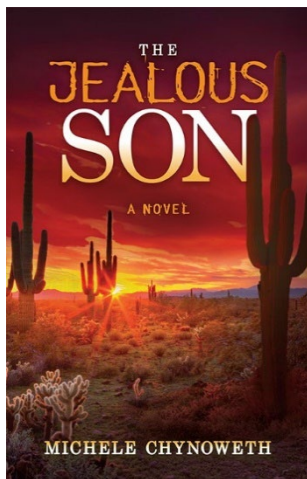
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## **New Movie Based on Modern-Day Cain and Abel Novel Delves into How Addiction & Mental Illness Can Lead to Murder**

**Bestselling Author Michele Chynoweth's Novel, *The Jealous Son*, which Re-imagines the Bible Story of Cain and Abel to be Adapted to the Screen by JC Films.**



*THE JEALOUS SON*—A murder mystery based on the story of Cain and Abel which portrays what happens when jealousy—fueled by addiction and mental illness—goes too far.

JC Films Studios is partnering with bestselling author Michele Chynoweth in adapting *The Jealous Son*, one of her award-winning contemporary suspense novels that re-imagine Old Testament stories, to produce it as a feature film to be released in 2025.

Casting is underway and filming is slated for Fall, 2024 in Phoenix, Arizona, says Jason Campbell, President of JC Films Studios, with a tentative release date set for March 2025. Producers on the film also include Actor Dean Cain, with Campbell and Jessica Adams directing.

Like the novel, the movie will show the story through the eyes of the “Eve” character, Eliza, who gets banned by her father from her native Navajo land. She marries Alex Trellis, and they have two sons, Cameron and Austin. The boys grow up to become musicians in a rock band, and eventually Austin’s star outshines Cameron’s when he becomes the lead singer and star. Austin also captures the heart of his brother’s first love and the accolades of his parents. Cameron, who begins to suffer from mental illness, becomes jealous and vengeful...and seeks to find justice once and for all.

“How can a mother and father survive all of this and go on?” Chynoweth says this is the main question viewers will ask as they see the message of the film begin to unfold.

Campbell says JC Films is eventually planning to produce all five of Chynoweth’s novels. “All of Chynoweth’s books are edgy, contemporary suspense novels that bring Bible stories to life for today’s readers,” he said. “We are excited about producing this new movie series.”

Chynoweth calls her books “edgy inspirational fiction” because they bridge the gap between Christian and mainstream fiction, appealing not only to faith-based fiction readers but to the universal market as well. “The Jealous Son combines intrigue, suspense, family drama and romance together with current issues like mental illness and addiction—and an underlying spiritual message so they appeal to everyone,” she says.

“Let’s face it, some of the Old Testament stories in the Bible are difficult to read and comprehend,” Chynoweth said. “I believe I’ve been called to ‘re-imagine’ them in entertaining novels so today’s readers can relate to and better understand the message that God is trying to get across and hopefully bring people back to the Bible itself.”

#### **REVIEWS for THE JEALOUS SON:**

*“This is edgy inspirational fiction at its best! Just like my favorite movies, The Jealous Son is entertaining, heart-wrenching, and packed with a powerful message.”*

- **Cindy Bond of Mission Films, producer of the movie *I Can Only Imagine***

*“A bold, tragic, and emotionally exploratory drama.”*

- **KIRKUS Reviews**



#### **About the Author:**

Michele Chynoweth is a bestselling Christian fiction author, inspirational public speaker, and book coach. She has been featured on various NBC, FOX, and CBS affiliate programs and several national radio shows including EWTN and “Seize the Day with Gus Lloyd” on the Catholic Channel. Her novels have won numerous awards including New Apple Book Award for Best Cross Genre Fiction, Book Excellence Award for Best Religious Fiction, Top Shelf Magazine Indie Award for Best Inspirational Fiction, Selah Award for Best Suspense and Readers Favorite International Book Awards for Inspirational Fiction. A graduate of the University of Notre Dame, Michele lives with her husband in North East, Maryland.

#### **More About This Title:**

*The Jealous Son*, by Michele Chynoweth, was released by Morgan James Publishing on March 31, 2020. *The Jealous Son*—ISBN 9781631950483—has 304 pages and is sold as a trade paperback for \$16.99. Also available as an e-book and soon-to-be-released audio book.