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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Jacob is a pious, modest, self-effacing baker who writes pithy aphorisms on scraps of paper. By chance, one of his maxims becomes baked inside a loaf of bread and is read by a woman who finds wisdom and solace in his words. He is asked to write more. Despite "a few too many sententious precepts," this remains a "delicate and finely tuned book," commented PW.

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From the Inside Flap

This wise little fable tells the story of a baker named Jacob, who scribbled his thoughts on bits of paper as he waited for his bread to rise. One day, a small paper was baked into a loaf and gradually people came by for bread and wisdom, and Jacob's sayings became known. Now they have been gathered into this gentle book for all to share.

From the Trade Paperback edition.

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