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CHRIS FABRY'S *ALMOST HEAVEN* NAMED BEST CHRISTIAN FICTION BOOK OF THE YEAR

(Carol Stream, Ill.) Chris Fabry's mountain tale *Almost Heaven* has received Evangelical Christian Publishers Association's (ECPA) top honor for fiction by being named 2011 Christian Fiction Book of the Year. The announcement was made at the ECPA Awards banquet held Monday, May 2, during ECPA's annual Executive Leadership Summit in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

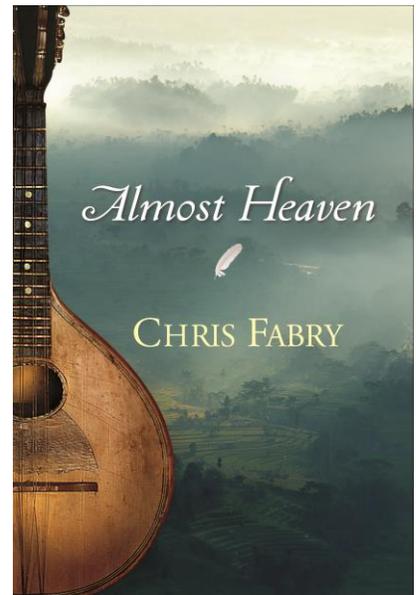
In *Almost Heaven* Fabry draws readers into Billy Allman's West Virginia world of heartbreak, determination, and unrelenting faith of an ordinary man.

Billy barely survived the flash flood that swept through his holler, taking many a life. Truth be told, it took his daddy's life, too. Daddy's body kept living after the flood, but his mind never left the waters that snatched two little girls from his arms and held them until they were in the loving arms of Jesus.

The only thing Billy saved was his daddy's mandolin and it is his ability to make that instrument sing that God allows to bring about Billy's destruction...and his ultimate redemption.

Since 1978, the Christian Book Awards have been presented annually to the highest quality in Christian publishing in six categories – **Bibles, Bible Reference & Study, Christian Life, Fiction, Children & Youth, and Inspiration & Gift**. The awards are selected by the Evangelical Christian Publishers Association (ECPA) based on excellence in content, literary quality, design, and significance of contribution.

Chris Fabry is the Christy Award-winning author of *Dogwood*, *June Bug*, and more than 65 books for children and adults. He is a native of West Virginia who hosts the daily program *Chris Fabry Live!* on Moody Radio. He and his wife, Andrea, are the parents of nine children and live near Tucson, Arizona. Visit his Web site at www.chrisfabry.com



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