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“Memorable. . . . Profound in its vision of humanity, of religion, and of art.”--*The Wall Street Journal*

“Such a feeling of freshness, of something brand-new. . . . Attention-holding and ultimately moving.” --*The New York Times*

“Engrossing and illuminating.” --*Miami Herald*

From the Publisher

My Name is Asher Lev-Chaim Potok became a favorite author of mine after reading My Name is Asher Lev. I've since had the pleasure of hearing Chaim Potok speak on two occasions. To hear him answer questions regarding Asher Lev and his paintings is evidence of the true craftsmanship of this author. A most amazing part of the story is the integration of Christian ideals in the Jewish character of Asher Lev and his artwork. Its a truly remarkable story.

-Jocelyn Schmidt, Ballantine National Sales Coordinator

From the Inside Flap

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