

# PLOWED FIELDS BOOK REVIEWS

If Pat Conroy had been raised on a tobacco farm in South Georgia, this is the novel he would have written ... **With his rich detail of farm life, complex characters and sure sense of storytelling, Jim Barber has captured a time and place in Americana with lyrical precision and stunning beauty.**

Becky Blalock, *Dare*

*Plowed Fields* explores the hard choices we make, the love we give and the joy, sorrow and hope that shape our lives. It is a deeply moving story of “ordinary people” navigating through extraordinary times. **Ultimately, *Plowed Fields* paints a portrait of faith lost and found.** Joe Baker and his family will resonate with you long after the last page is read. I hope there’s a sequel.

Sam Heys, *The Winecuff Fire and Big Bets*

Imagine a family like TV’s *The Waltons* living and loving on a tobacco farm in South Georgia during the 1960s, and you will have a strong sense of *Plowed Fields*. The story ... will break your heart, but it’s the warmth and tenderness of the people and their stories that will stay with you.

Emelyne Williams, *Atlanta Women Speak*

Not since Larry McMurry's *Lonesome Dove* have I read such a solid, unembellished, detail-rich portrayal of rural life lived out in fiction ... The characters come alive under Jim Barber's control. **Jim Barber is a master storyteller; so by definition, that makes *Plowed Fields* a masterpiece.** Readers are in for a glad experience.

Janice Daugharty, *Earl in the Yellow Shirt and The Paw-Paw Patch*

**Set in the recent past, this is the perfect novel for our time of national uncertainty, cynicism, and corruption of values emanating from the very top.** ... Their haunting saga of desire and responsibility—of revolution and resolution—has a great deal to say to us today.

Alan Axelrod, author of *The Gilded Age, 1876-1912: Overture to the American Century* and *How America Won World War I*

Barber is an **exciting new voice who defines family and coming of age with an engaging style.**

Joey Ledford, author of *Speed Trap* and *Elkmont: The Smoky Mountain Massacre*