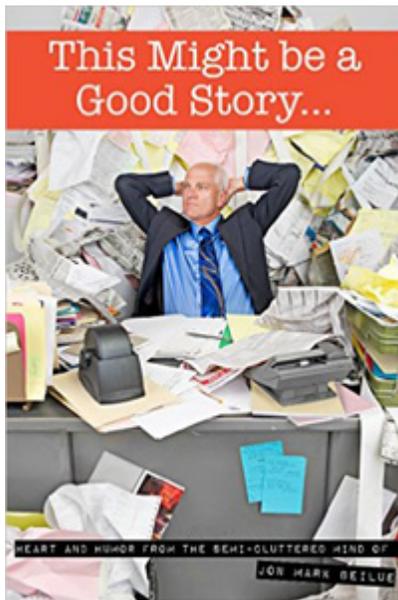


# Book Review: This Might be a Good Story ...

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[\*This Might be a Good Story ...\*](#) by Jon Mark Beilue (Pediment Publishing)



Across more than three decades of journalism, *Amarillo Globe-News* columnist Jon Mark Beilue has built a sterling reputation as a truth-teller. But he fibs a little in the title of his book, *This Might be a Good Story ...*. No “might” to it; the book is chock-full of great stories. And it also might be a surefire medical diagnostic test. If you can read this book and not laugh out loud and cry—often at the same time—then you must not have a heart.

Beilue’s book is an anthology of some of his best columns. It offers *Globe-News* readers a chance to re-live their favorite breakfast-and-newspaper memories. But you don’t need to hail from Amarillo or even the Texas Panhandle to love these stories. If you think people are fascinating—or at least some people are mildly interesting—then you’ll keep turning the pages, absorbing story after story.

Beilue describes love that never fades—couples, parents and children, friends. He describes loss—of life, of dreams, of time. He tells stories about courage, frivolity, kindness, fame and sacrifice, lots of sacrifice, as well as hope, humility and humor.

This book chronicles ordinary people living ordinary lives that, as close observers of humanity know, produce extraordinary moments. Beilue, a longtime deacon at First Baptist Church in Amarillo and a *Baptist Standard* board member, tells their tales well. That's because, on top of honed writing skills, he's a keen reader of human nature.

*This Might be a Good Story ...* isn't a religious book. It comes from the pages of a daily newspaper. But because it accurately reflects the lives of normal people from the Texas Panhandle, it's a book of faith. Deep faith.

Marv Knox, editor

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