

## Event Speaking Endorsements for John M. Simmons

“What an amazing story John Simmons had to tell. As I looked around at the audience, they were still as statues, clearly mesmerized by his message of tragedy and hope. The journey of John and Amy Simmons began when they decided they wanted to adopt a little girl to complete their family of boys. What happened in the years to follow is a story of inspiration to all of us. I'm so grateful they were willing to take time out to speak with us about their amazing family-I can't stop thinking about their message.”

*Gini Hansen*  
*Adult Singles Activities Coordinator*

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“...an amazing evening.” “...cozy and personal, allowing us to ask more questions and have more one on one time with John and his wonderful wife. I would love to see him come back...” “...I am so grateful for his time and amazing book he has written.”

*Kelly Price*  
*Enrichment night coordinator*

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“Everyone, especially the wives, were extremely impressed with John's presentation and the determination of John and his wife. It evidently was an excellent program and graciously received.”

*Bert Gividen*  
*Orem Golden “K” Kiwanis Club*

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“The best book club meeting EVER!!!! I will be joining a group in Mesquite and will likely do it again. Thank you thank you.”

*Marianne and group*  
*Book Club Meeting*

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“The evening was PERFECT. John was so fantastic and everyone was so appreciative of what he shared with everyone. What a wonderful feeling he left with everyone. I was so impressed with how humble and sincere he was.”

*Jolene Jackson*  
*Relief Society Coordinator*

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“How can I ever thank you enough for the amazing evening that we had with you on Thursday--it was perfect! I love the web-site, I have now spent the whole morning sitting here smiling and crying!”

*Elizabeth Weiler*  
*Woods Cross Book Club President*

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“He did a great job and we are thankful that he spent the time to come and talk to us.”

*Tyler Anderson*  
*Brigham City Kiwanis Club*

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“Mr. Simmons was such an enthusiastic speaker, and joined our group with such ease. He enlightened us about the Russian Culture as he knew it, and told us of his vast experiences with travel and the adoption system. We were impressed with his willingness to share family experiences, his generosity to come to our gathering, and his ability to write such an interesting book. We cannot thank him enough for encouraging us as citizens to do more for mankind and to become a part of the informed. Our book club has enjoyed learning more about the world and its people, and John really made Russia and its people come to life. Our thanks to him for his generosity, enthusiasm, courage, and ability to present such interesting, and worthwhile material to our city group.”

*Ruth S. Payne*  
*Woods Cross Book Club Member*

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