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## 12 or 20 (second series) questions with J.L. Jacobs

10-13 minutes



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**1 - How did your first book change your life? How does your most recent work compare to your previous? How does it feel different?**

a. Finishing the first book meant I completed graduate school. The first book kind of calls you on to the next and the next. Getting it published gives you the courage to keep at it.

