

Jim Morris, The Rookie

Motivational Speaker | Former MLB Pitcher | Inspiration for Disney's movie "The Rookie" | Best-Selling Author | Consultant | Educator | Coach

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About Jim Morris, The Rookie

Jim Morris was a high school science teacher and coach in west Texas who miraculously made it the Major Leagues at the age of 35. His life story made cinematic history with the heartwarming and unforgettable Disney movie, *The Rookie*, starring Dennis Quaid. Jim pitched two seasons for the Tampa Bay Devil Rays reaching speeds up to 102mph and chose to retire to raise his children. Since 2000, Jim has been a highly sought-after motivational speaker traveling the world inspiring audiences to follow their dreams and never give up.

In his latest book, *Dream Makers: Surround Yourself with the Best to Be Your Best*, Jim shares more of his incredible life story including the people who helped make him the success he is today: his Dream Makers.

Jim has been honored to receive a Lifetime Achievement award from the Bobby Bragan Youth Foundation, a CAMIE award for Character and Morality in Entertainment for *The Rookie*, has been involved with BCFS, Arms of Hope, Texas Youth Commission and other philanthropic efforts. He launched his own Foundation in 2015 giving back to underserved communities and children. Jim and his wife, Shawna, have raised five children and live near San Antonio.

Select Keynotes

• **Dream Makers: Surround Yourself with the Best to Be Your Best**

We all have dream makers and dream killers in our lives. Learn how to differentiate between the two and how to surround yourself with the best people possible to make you the best you can be! Jim takes you through his life story sharing how dream makers and dream killers shaped him into the man he is today.

A popular presentation that will keep your audience captivated as they move from laughter to tears and back again. Inspiration and motivation at its best!

• **Remember Who You Are**

"Remember who you are" teaches audiences about the importance of integrity in all areas of life. Jim tells personal stories about keeping promises, walking the talk, and what you do when no one is watching you at all...makes you who you are.

A powerful reminder Jim heard daily from his mentor and grandfather, "remember who you are," helped shape who Jim Morris is today.

• **Finding a Mentor and Becoming a Leader**

In "finding a mentor and becoming a leader," Jim focuses on being the mentor for others that you would want for yourself. While being that dream maker for another and by surrounding yourself with the best people to bring out the best in you, you give yourself and others the best chance for success. Jim tells his own story of defeat while believing the wrong kind of people and shares about his successes while surrounded by key people who helped him believe in himself and pushed him to be the man he is today.

Finding a Mentor and Becoming a Leader's speaking point, will bring your audience along for an entertaining ride of self-reflection and inspiration

to be your best and help others along the way.

Select Book Titles

- **2020:** Dream Makers: Surround Yourself with the Best to Be Your Best
- **2002:** The Rookie: The Incredible True Story of a Man Who Never Gave Up on His Dream (Co-Author)

Select Testimonials

"Jim was phenomenal. He really connected with the attendees and made their day. So many of them walked up to him to share their personal stories and offer him encouragement. It was an awesome experience!"

— *Cendant Mortgage*

Jim - thank you again for such an incredible job last night. Can't tell you how many people approached us afterwards with praise for you & your message. Please keep doing what you're doing. "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

— *Greg Katulka, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hall County*

"Jim, let me say first, thank you so much for "pinch hitting" for our speaker who had to cancel. I hit a homerun with my CEO. He was so thrilled to have the signed baseball that you brought. I am so appreciative of your kind gesture. And as you can see by the comments from our attendees, you were just what the doctor ordered. One attendee stated "What a blessing you had him in the dugout!"

— *Texas Credit Union League*

"Wow, simply awesome. Not a typical motivation speaker, real-world / real-guy success story and his story can be related to any business, perfect person to talk to the small business owner."

— *TIA*