

A Hand from John Wayne

Bodie Thoene, co-author of best-selling Christian fiction, such as the *Zion Chronicles*, once worked for movie star John Wayne as a script writer.



*Brock and Bodie
Thoene*

In *Today's Christian Woman*, Thoene told how that opportunity came about.

“By the time I was 19, I was commuting to Los Angeles and doing feature articles on different stunt men and other film personalities for magazines. Four years later, an article I co-wrote with John Wayne’s stuntman won the attention of the Duke himself. One day, he called and invited Brock (Thoene’s husband) and me to come to his house. He talked to us as if we were friends, showing keen interest in us as individuals. From that day on, I began writing for his film company, Batjac Productions. Brock helped me with the historical research.

“We were awestruck. Here was this man who had been in film for 50 years, and he takes a young couple with small children under his wing! Once I asked him, ‘Why are you doing this? You’re so good to us.’

“He replied, ‘Because somebody did it for me.’”

Goodness doesn’t originate with us. We receive, and then we give.

God is good to all, enabling all to be good to others.

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John Wayne

– Beecher Hunter