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The Highland Bookies
and their families will review

A City in Winter
by Mark Helprin

Tuesday, July 3, 2001
6:30 p.m.
at
La Pigeoniere
(Ruppert Home)

Dinner and visiting to be followed by
book discussion
regrets only 303-488-0127

Highland Bookies Report — *July 3, 2001*

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Name	Grade	Comments
Diane Davis ★	D	This book has potential, it could be better if the political overtones, religious overtones, character ~~cleter~~ development could bean more rounded out. Too many loose ends and incomplete ideas & details.
Judy Bush ★	C	Plot didn't exist — only a promise of a plot which never materialized. Haughty, lofty language — no character development. Couldn't like any characters. Good pictures!
Nora Ruppert ★	C	I found the "message" of this book obtuse and confusing. There is a confusion of symbols & messages.
Sheryl Davidson ★	C	As a fairytale, it was mediocre and as an adult book — it was unfinished and confusing. ~~Good~~ attentions to many loose ends to make it more interesting. Liked illustrations!
Anne Pinkerton ★	C-	Poop. I didn't care for it. Didn't find it at ALL believable — and yes, I know it's FANTASY — but I couldn't buy it for a second. Dull. Undeveloped. Loved illustrations!
Jan Llewellen ★	BT	I loved the fantasy story — good triumphs over evil; children are wiser than adults &c. I guess there is more to this than that, but I loved the simple story — the 1st fantasy I've enjoyed!

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Martha Boon	C	Confusing & difficult to follow at times - which took the fun out of it. Interesting kingdom he created, but the story line is a little weak. I wouldn't rec. this book to others - not that my opinion or thought matter.

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Bill Keppert ★	B	I like the author and what my interpretation of his intended philosophical message was in this little story.
Ed Bush ★	C+	Illustrations were nice - the saving grace. Lots of words, but not much plot. Took itself much too seriously.
Rich Davidson		I've been intrigued by the breadth of the discussion about the book, not unlike the blind men trying to ascertain the nature of the elephant. I'm motivated to read the book anyway - there may be an existential theme here.
Richard Boom ★	C	confusing start strange details I'm not interested in reading the next in the series
Mike Lewallen		The discussion was motivated me to include the book on my "to read" list.
Bob Pinkerton		Probably won't read the book, Sorry!

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Bruce Davis	F	I had to force myself to read this book. Author didn't know what to say or how to say it.

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JEPH RUPPERT

PETER RUPPERT DAVID BOON

GIRLS: CRYSTAL BUSH, AMANDA BUSH,
MARY PINKERTON, BRITTANY BUSH, LAURA BOON,
MARYN LEWALLEN, BRYN LEWALLEN

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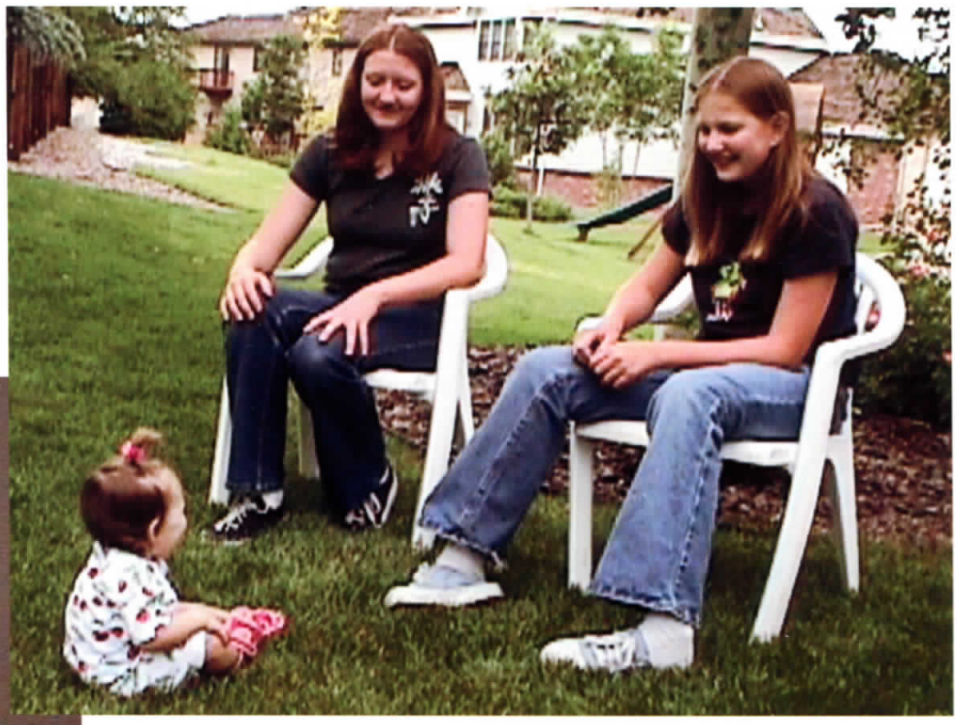

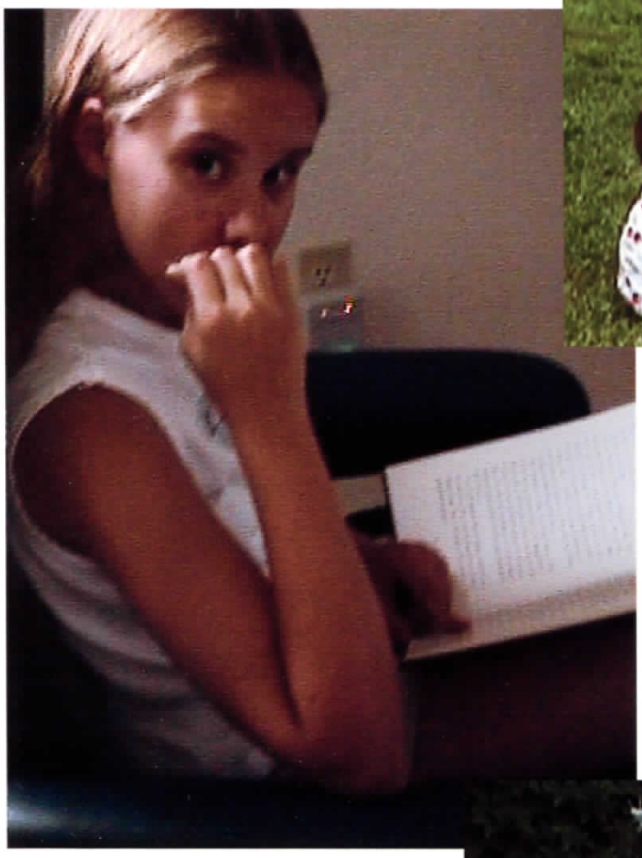

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