



The Highland Bookies will neview

The Raptune of Canaan by Sheni Reynolds

Wednesday, March 3 10:30 a.m.

at the home of Judy Bush 5045 Bur Oak Lane

805-7043 regrets only

The Rapture of Canaan by Sheri Reynolds

Name	Grade	e Comments
Mora Ruppert	A	I loved this book - the insight into "Frought "Frought " thought work. I thought Reynolds did a great job of explaining the mentality that keeps people entrapped to how the human spirit triumphs
Sheng Davidsen	A	I really entrued this book. It was hard to put of Jown. I give old for the community under the roll of this horrible grandfather but reported in love of hinals love for the world outside & her child caraan.
Lewallen	A.	Ploted this book, but not sure why. I towed her writing style! I was able read as a 3 rd party + not get involved. I could stay interestal lived to ignore now grandpa was like my own dod.
Janne Pinhator	A	Couldn't put it down. Fascinated and repulsed at the same time. Could not stard the mind-mumbing, blind devotion to the typen Grandfather, wanted to SIAP these people!
Marsha Boon	B-	seat book & discuss. Very intriguing to read, but I didn't like the ornelty im- forgivery, love less saiety that they hard in, in the name of religion.
Bush	A	I enjoyed the story-thought the plot was deverteded. It made me think about my own beliefs and why to do things.

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Sheri Reynolds

BOOKSHELF

A Gracious Plenty (1997)
The Rapture of Canaan (1996)
Bitterroot Landing (1994)

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Literary Specialty: Literary fiction

The Score: Three books, including the number one bestseller The Rapture

of Canaan

Date of Birth: August 19, 1967

Place of Birth: Conway, South Carolina

Education: Davidson College, A.B., 1989; Virginia Commonwealth

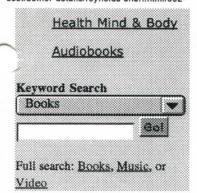
University, M.F.A., 1992

A Tireless Self-Promoter She's Not: Reynolds told USA Today , "I have never wanted to be someone in the limelight. If I could picture (being) on Oprah , it would be under the couch, not on it."

MEET THE AUTHOR

Acclaimed novelist Sheri Reynolds once gave her avocational interests as saints' lives, medieval visionaries, and *Star Trek*. Certainly, Reynolds's study of religious figures has informed her stories of spiritual seekers who are often shunned by their communities (and, while hardly an outcast, Captain Kirk was also a seeker of sorts). Grounding her work in the contemporary American South, Reynolds has created a gallery of soulful, brave heroines who discover sacred territory in the natural world (*Bitterroot Landing*), in everyday miracles (*The Rapture of Canaan*), and in the world of the dead (*A Gracious Plenty*).

Sheri Reynolds grew up on a farm in rural South Carolina. She was a teenager when she began writing *Bitterroot Landing*, winning virtually every award in her high school. After receiving a degree in English from Davidson College, Reynolds earned her master's degree in creative writing from Virginia Commonwealth University in 1992. Two years later, she published *Bitterroot Landing*, a *San Francisco Chronicle* bestseller.



Reynolds's sophomore novel, *The Rapture of Canaan*, won admiring reviews but its sales were lackluster--that is, until Oprah Winfrey selected it for her book club and sent it shooting to the top of the bestseller lists. Reynolds, who has been a college instructor since 1992, currently teaches literature and writing at Mary Old Dominion University. She lives in Norfolk, Virginia.

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