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## A Gracious Plenty Sheri Reynolds

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The Samurai's Garden

Crown

#1 New York Times

bestselling author Sheri Reynolds continues to captivate in this masterful tale of redemption and finding a place to truly belong. Kenny Lugo has grown up in a family that's not really hers. Her mother died of cancer when Kenny was very young, and Aunt Glo—who is, in fact, her daddy's girlfriend—took her in when her father was sent to jail for drug trafficking. Now, as Kenny approaches her eighteenth birthday and the end of the government

checks Glo has been receiving looms, she is desperate to prove that this house and these people really do belong to her. But when a senseless murder occurs next door in their small coastal town, Kenny can't get it out of her mind. She has always been consumed by the ways in which she is different—and inherently unworthy—so the unjust death of a young woman with everything to live for becomes an obsession. In the end, hers is a story of an unforgettable young woman whose redemption comes from a source she never would have imagined.

**The Homespun Wisdom of Myrtle T. Cribb**

Harmony

Contends that, though early modern English canonical sources and sermons

often urge the subordination of women, this was not indicative of public life, and that husbands, wives and servants often struggled over authority in the household.

Lost in the Beehive

Fantagraphics Books

Badly burned in a household accident when she was a child, Finch Nobles discovers that she can hear the voices of the people buried in her father's cemetery. Now in paperback, this is a beautifully written tale of the redemptive nature of the human soul by the talented author of the bestselling "The Rapture of Canaan". Fast Food Nation Yale University Press Firefly Cloak is the powerfully vivid coming-of-age story of

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Tessa Lee, who, after being abandoned by her mother, sets off on a risky journey to discover what she has lost. When eight-year-old Tessa Lee and her brother, Travis, are abandoned in a campground by their desperate mother and her boyfriend of the moment, they are left with only two things: a phone number written in Magic Marker on Travis' s back and their mother' s favorite housecoat, which she leaves wrapped around her sleeping children. This housecoat, painted with tiny fireflies, becomes totemic for Tessa Lee, providing a connection to her past and to the beautiful mother she lost. Seven years later, when word arrives that her mother has been spotted working at a tourist trap on a seaside boardwalk not far from where Tessa Lee lives, she sets off on a dangerous journey to try to recover what has been taken from her. Steeped in the rich Southern atmosphere for which Sheri Reynolds has long been hailed, *Firefly Cloak* is a vivid coming-of-age novel of family, loss, and redemption. [Alphabet of Dreams](#) Turner Publishing Company

Ruby Lavender has fun with her grandmother Miss Eula as they rescue chickens, paint a house pink and run their own secret post office. But what

can Ruby do when Eula goes away?

*Rapture of Canaan* St. Martin's Griffin

Surviving two lightning strikes in childhood, a traumatized Becca Burke becomes isolated from her disbelieving family members and bonds with Buckley Pitank, who grieves the loss of the mother who died from a lightning strike.

**The King of Lies** Putnam Adult

They were almost The Pendletones--after the Pendleton wool shirts favored on chilly nights at the beach--then The Surfers, before being named The Beach Boys. But what separated them from every other teenage garage band with no musical training? They had raw talent, persistence and a wellspring of creativity that launched them on a legendary career now in its sixth decade. Following the musical vision of Brian Wilson, the Beach Boys blended ethereal vocal harmonies, searing electric guitars and lush arrangements into one of the most distinctive sounds in the history of popular music. Drawing on original interviews and newly uncovered documents, this book untangles the band's convoluted early history and tells the story of how five boys from California formed America's greatest rock 'n' roll band.

[The Cornell Widow](#) Harper Collins

In this graphic novel, science fiction meets psychosexual drama when four women try to bring "civilization" to the natives of a remote planet on the fringes of the known universe. Something dark is growing in Mopu. The only question is whether the danger that will undo the women's delicate camaraderie is outside the gates? or within. *House of Women* is Goldstein's second solo graphic novel, following 2015's *The Oven* (AdHouse Books), which appeared on many year-end "Best of" lists, including *Publisher's Weekly* and *Slate*.

**Firefly Cloak** Minotaur Books #1 New York Times bestselling author Sheri Reynolds delivers an emotionally moving novel of *Finch Nobles*, a girl severely burned as a child, who later discovers she can hear the voices of the dead. After sustaining terrible burns from a household accident as a young girl, *Finch Nobles* refuses the pity of her hometown. The brave and feisty loner finds comfort in visiting her father's cemetery, where she soon discovers that she can hear the voices of those buried underground.

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When she begins to speak to them, their answers echo around her in a remarkable chorus of regrets, explanations, and insights. A wonderfully wrought amalgam of Steinbeck, Faulkner, Spoon River Anthology, and *Our Town*, *A Gracious Plenty* is a masterful tale not soon forgotten.

*Above Us Only Sky* Simon and Schuster

Meet Dolores Price. She's thirteen, wise-mouthed but wounded. Beached like a whale in front of her bedroom TV, she spends the next few years nourishing herself with the chocolate, crisps and Pepsi her anxious mother supplies. When she finally rolls into young womanhood at 257 pounds, Dolores is no stronger and life is no kinder. But this time she's determined to rise to the occasion and give herself one more chance before really going belly up. In his extraordinary coming-of-age odyssey, Wally Lamb invites us to hitch an incredible ride on a journey of love, pain, and renewal with the most heartbreakingly comical heroine to come along in years. At once a fragile girl and a hard-edged cynic, so tough to love yet so inimitably loveable,

Dolores is as poignantly real as our own imperfections.

*Grand Illusions* National Geographic Books

Myrtle T. Cribb, a special-needs teacher from Virginia's Eastern Shore, is captive in a dysfunctional marriage. Tired of living up to her husband's and everyone else's standards, Myrtle impulsively heads to wherever the road will take her. But soon she gets a surprise of her own: an unlikely stowaway on her journey, Hellcat, the local drunk. The journey forces Myrtle to evaluate her marriage, her priorities, and her own prejudices, and compels her to share her hard-earned insights with other women who feel some dissatisfaction in their lives.

*Love, Ruby Lavender* Simon and Schuster

In the lush and isolated cemetery of a small Southern town, Finch Nobles, the narrator of this brilliantly inventive novel, tends to the flowers and shrubs that surround the monuments of people who were not known to her while they lived but who in death have

become her lifeline. Badly burned in a household accident when she was just four, Finch grows into a courageous and feisty loner. She eschews the pity and awkward stares of the people of her hometown and discovers that if she listens closely enough, she can hear the voices of those who have gone before. Finally, when she speaks, they answer back, telling their stories in a remarkable chorus of regrets, explanations, and insights. But the infant Marcus, son of the town's mayor, died before he learned to speak and can only wail away the hours. The roots of his anguish are revealed in a crescendo of lasting resonance that ties together the outcast Finch, her dead friends, and the living community outside the cemetery's gates. With prose that is spare, yet richly poetic, Sheri Reynolds creates a vision of a world that is at once fantastic and palpably real. She teaches us that neither our capacity to suffer nor our ability to be healed ends with the grave--and that love is all we have. *A Gracious Plenty* is a reading

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experience you will not soon forget. "A triumph of story, voice, and character. The afflicted and unforgettable Finch, whose longings inspire in equal measure love and awe and pity, who seeks to understand the difference between the kind of suffering brought upon us and the kind we bring upon ourselves, defies mortality. Stunning and authentic . . . this is a beautiful book." --Janet Peery, author of *The River Beyond the World*  
*The Tender Grave*  
Penguin

At the Church of Fire and Brimstone and Gods Almighty Baptizing Wind, Grandpa Herman makes the rules for everyone, and everyone obeys, or else. Try as she might, Ninah hasn't succeeded in resisting temptation her prayer partner, James and finds herself pregnant. She fears the wrath of Grandpa Herman, the congregation and of God Himself. But the events that follow show Ninah that Gods ways are more mysterious than even Grandpa Herman understands.

*Bitterroot Landing* Turtleback Books

Do you dream of possessing a magical rose garden or a thriving flower farm? Whether you long to fill your own acreage with roses or consider yourself more of a weekend gardener, Menagerie Farm & Flower's Felicia Alvarez can help make your love affair with roses a joyous and rewarding experience. With her engaging and encouraging advice, Alvarez assures readers that they can grow beautiful roses successfully. Whatever your level of passion, with her twenty years of farming experience Felicia will guide you with sound advice and detailed horticultural knowledge.

*Becoming the Beach Boys, 1961-1963* HarperCollins

An exploration of the fast food industry in the United States, from its roots to its long-term consequences.

*A History of the Works of Sir Joshua Reynolds, P.R.A.*

Crown Pub

The daughter of a Chinese mother and a Japanese father, Gail Tsukiyama's *The Samurai's Garden* uses the Japanese invasion of China during the late 1930s as a somber backdrop for this extraordinary story. A 20-year-old Chinese painter named Stephen is sent to his family's summer home in a Japanese coastal village to recover from a bout with tuberculosis. Here he is cared for by Matsu, a reticent housekeeper and a master gardener. Over the

course of a remarkable year, Stephen learns Matsu's secret and gains not only physical strength, but also profound spiritual insight. Matsu is a samurai of the soul, a man devoted to doing good and finding beauty in a cruel and arbitrary world, and Stephen is a noble student, learning to appreciate Matsu's generous and nurturing way of life and to love Matsu's soulmate, gentle Sachi, a woman afflicted with leprosy.

*She's Come Undone* Good Press

A girl kills her mother for forcing her into prostitution and makes it look an accident. She becomes a vagabond and the novel follows her life of abuse at the hands of men, until she is rescued by social workers.

**Lives of Poor Boys Who Became Famous** Turner

The story of the Baby Boom generation, the driving force of modern American culture--how it grew up, shaped the history of the 20th century, and set the course toward the 21st.

*Gracious Plenty*

McFarland

These characters have been chosen from various countries and from varied professions, so that the youth who read this book may see that poverty is no

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barrier to success. It usually develops ambition, and nerves people to action. Life at best has much of struggle, and we need to be cheered and stimulated by the careers of those who have overcome obstacles. If Lincoln and Garfield, both farmer-boys, could come to the Presidency, then there is a chance for other farmer-boys. If Ezra Cornell, a mechanic, could become the president of great telegraph companies, and leave millions to a university, then other mechanics can come to fame. If Sir Titus Salt, working and sorting wool in a factory at nineteen, could build one of the model towns of the world for his thousands of workingmen, then there is encouragement and inspiration for other toilers in factories. These lives show that without work and will no great things are achieved.

**Recollections of the Table-talk of Samuel Rogers**

Bywater Books

Mitra and her brother Babak are exiled royals living on the streets as orphaned beggars. Babak possesses a strange gift of being able to know someone's dreams, and soon they find themselves on the road to Bethlehem in this

biblical epic.