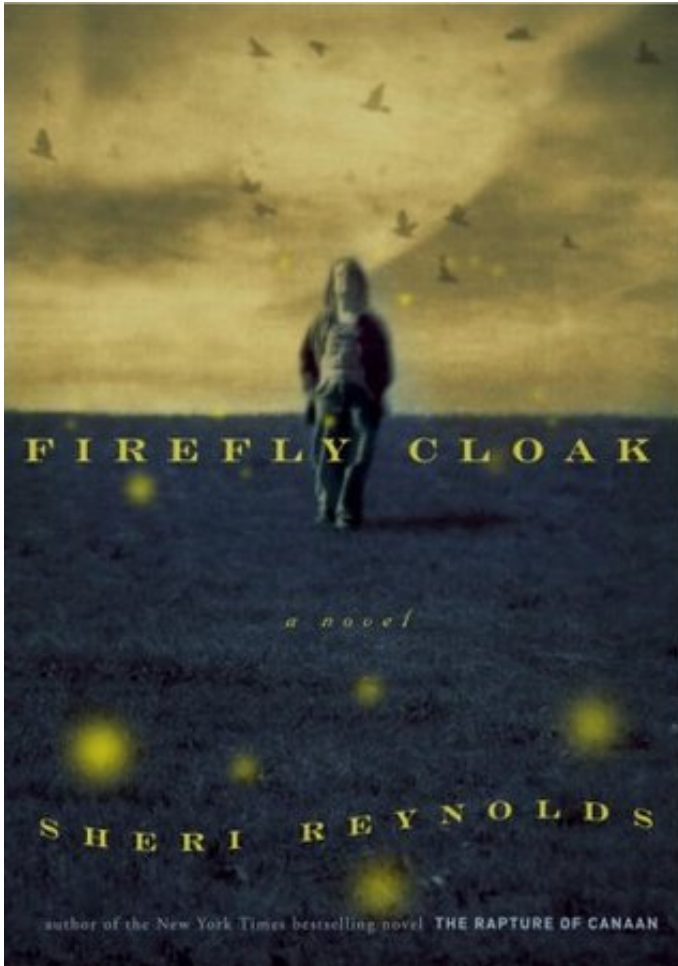

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Description

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.

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Insightful reviews

Sharon Sutherland: Much like crows and shiny objects, I have to admit I was drawn to this book by the gorgeous cover (but then I remembered reading one of Sheri Reynolds' other books, *A Gracious Plenty*, many years ago and absolutely loving it ... so not totally shallow). Even though I finished *Firefly Cloak* over a week ago, I still can't quite make up my mind how I feel about it - "enjoyed" isn't the right word, but I am glad I read it.

Reynolds is a powerful storyteller and her writing style is simple but beautiful and atmospheric (I'm also a sucker for books set in the South). Her characters are strikingly complex and very human; this doesn't always make them easy to like, but the motivations behind their actions are very believable and for me, that was what made the story so compelling and, at times, heartbreaking. By switching back and forth between her three main characters (15 year old Tessa Lee, her mother Sheila, and grandmother Lil), Reynolds creates a very rich and multi-faceted book, but that's probably one of the reasons it took me a while to get hooked in to the story as I found I wasn't really invested in any of the characters for several chapters. There are some touching, and even humorous parts, but a lot of the story is quite dark and raw, particularly Sheila's sections, so it irritated me that a couple of the side stories that I was finding interesting never went anywhere. I'd agree with other reviewers who have said that ultimately, it's a story about damaged mother-daughter relationships, and I think it's also a testament to the strength of those bonds which can survive so much pain and neglect. While each of the characters is on her own journey to find redemption - and to be able to offer it as well, I think - I wasn't left with a warm fuzzy feeling that they'd found it by the end, just a bit of hope that they might.

Deloris Baker: *The Rapture of Canaan* is one of the best and most heartbreaking books I've ever read. My expectations were high when I started to read *Firefly Cloak* but it just didn't draw me in. Disappointed, I skimmed through to the end due to my love of the author's previous

books.

Jennifer: 3.5 stars. Started off well, but didn't really go anywhere. Not bad exactly but a bit contrived.

treehugger: cannot say something approximately this ebook that hasn't already been said. simply stored wishing it can end. occasionally her language stuck me off defend and appeared misplaced - now I cuss like a drunken sailor, yet the various descriptions in Sheila's head have been downright yucky. It made me think slightly loopy whereas i used to be hearing it, like not anyone on the earth (certainly not anyone within the book) was once even in the slightest degree sane, and so they have been taking me with them. it may well even have been the narrator's voice - it was once overly-southern and gave the impression of a tender girl, might be 14 (which is maybe why the swearing appeared so strange..And TessaLee didn't act like a teenager. She simply didn't. She was once too Pollyanna-meets-the-Brady-Bunch-innocent! that is why i feel a few readers may possibly think like this should have taken position many years ago, instead of being a modern novel, which i feel used to be the author's intention.

daysgoby: this is often the second one or 3rd Sheri Reynolds publication i have written and that i nonetheless love her spare and gorgeous methods of describing things. she will be able to take even the main unredeemable minor personality and make you wildly drawn to them for a web page or two. That said, this was once darker than her different books - jam-packed with sexual references and drug-use. the mummy was once so screwed up I (frankly) saved awaiting her to die (which doesn't bode good for her likability or her position within the plot) and the daughter was once so pressured i could not relatively see how she be as useful as she was. Still, worthy reading. Crafted well.

Marvin: This book, via the writer of 1 of my all-time favorites, The Rapture of Canaan, once more has a teenager (16-year-old) lady on the middle of the story. firstly of the publication she, as a nine-year-old, and her more youthful brother are deserted by means of her mother, who is hooked on drugs, alcohol & sex. the lady & her brother are raised in a trailer court docket through their retired grandparents, who're loving & religious yet overly protective. There are superb passages of the kind that permeated The Rapture of Canaan, yet for the main half it does not upward push a lot above the traditional youngster overcoming a dysfunctional kin so liked via Oprah Winfrey.

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