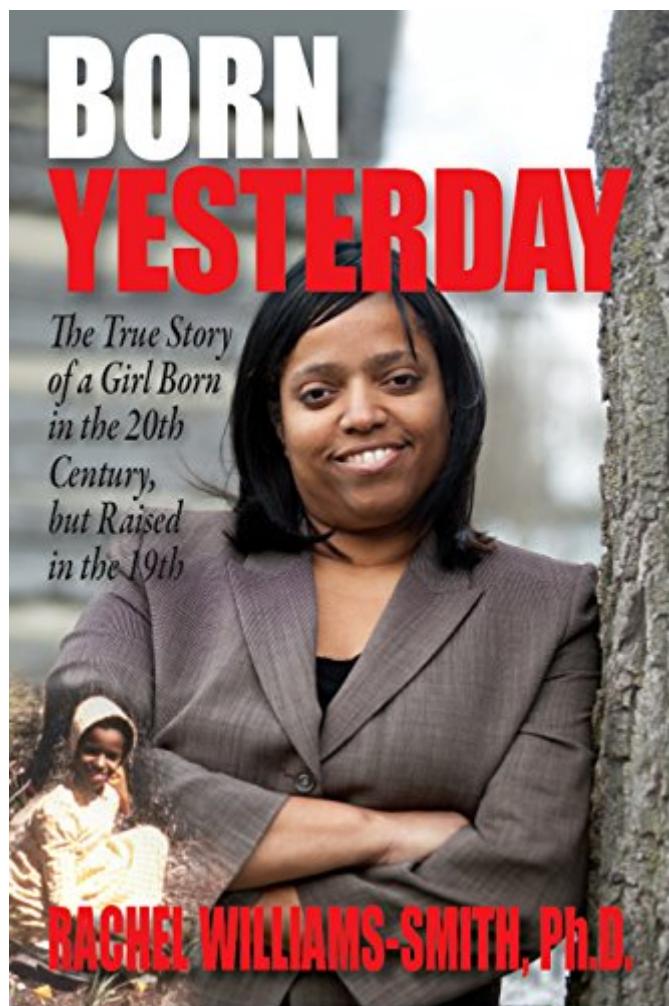


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Born Yesterday: The True Story Of A Girl Born In The 20th Century But Raised In The 19th



Synopsis

The book is a memoir of growing up in physical and social isolation stemming from a one-family, cult-like version of extreme religion, yet shaking free from family dysfunction and spiritual abuse to develop a wholesome life grounded in faith. Though born in 1965, Rachel's story could easily have been set in the 1800s. Wearing long dresses and broad-brimmed bonnets and living without modern conveniences including electricity, telephone, radio, television, or indoor plumbing, she and her two older brothers were shaped by the extreme religious views of her iron-willed, Vietnam-veteran father and malleable, practical-minded mother. The family separated from society and lived under often harsh conditions in an old, abandoned house atop a remote range of hills in Tennessee, awaiting the end of the world. Then at 16, Rachel was forced to face the world in which she was not raised to live. She struggled to adjust to an unsheltered life without casting aside the good along with the bad. Eventually she found her way to a full, balanced, and vibrant life. Rachel shares an amazing story that ultimately testifies of God's faithful and restorative loving care.

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Customer Reviews

I can so relate to Rachel. I grew up in a Seventh-day Adventist home. There was no dancing, I couldn't wear pants and my only social life revolved around the church. She touched a chord in me describing her feelings when dealing with the "real" world. This is a fascinating look into breaking free of unreasonable and arbitrary rules forced upon an impressionable young girl in the name of worshipping God. Her story is exhilarating, sad, hurtful and uplifting. Her achievement at not only succeeding in life while coming to an understanding of God's guiding hand throughout is a humbling journey. Excellent read!

I was touched deeply as I read this story of the pain of a little girl and it's affect on her entire life and by God always there drawing her, loving her, bringing her to healing. I especially was touched (though with my past misgivings as were hers) of God's love given to her in the midst of her adultery. It reminded me of my struggle and search for grace in the midst of failing and God's impression that came strongly to me, it is okay to sin, because I still love you. It was relaxing in that kind of love and through my husbands love that allowed me to finally accept God's love personally. I so appreciate the vulnerability in sharing.

This is an amazing story with incredible insights into the omnipotent, omniscient, and omnipresent God we serve. It is riveting from the standpoint of how God sustained this family in their primitive lifestyle. Yet, it is disappointing to see what happens when we frail humans go to extremes and how it affects those we care for and love. I look forward to and expect a sequel to this book as the author makes more and more discoveries about the God Who has brought her this far.

This is an amazing book that shows how God works for His people no matter what denomination they in or how radical their beliefs are or aren't. It is about the personal relationship between yourself and God.

I love biographies....this is a unique insightful look at what spiritual abuse is. It was very encouraging to know that God has made away of escape from such a life for Rachel. Rachel recovered like a Phoenix from the ashes. It is a reminder of the amazing grace of God that is mighty to save and deliver us from anything. I didn't particularly like the journal entries in the end but overall it was a

good story. It be good to see this become documentary or movie.

Inspiring story. Rachel Williams-Smith isn't afraid to reach deep as she tells her story. Vulnerable, yet analytical, you sense you're seeing both the child and the adult simultaneously. Did she accomplish that, "I can't put it down experience." No. I could wait until the next weekend came around. However, I looked forward to continuing the journey with Rachel each weekend until I was able to finish the book. It's a good read.

Great book. Very interesting read.

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