

## Growing Up In Heaven The Eternal Connection Between Parent And Child James Van Praagh

In Newbery Medalist Cynthia Rylant's classic bestseller, the author comforts readers young and old who have lost a dog. Recommended highly by pet lovers around the world, Dog Heaven not only comforts but also brings a tear to anyone who is devoted to a pet. From expansive fields where dogs can run and run to delicious biscuits no dog can resist, Rylant paints a warm and affectionate picture of the ideal place God would, of course, create for man's best friend. The first picture book illustrated by the author, Dog Heaven is enhanced by Rylant's bright, bold paintings that perfectly capture an afterlife sure to bring solace to anyone who is grieving.

#1 New York Times best-seller with more than 11 million copies sold and Amazon's #17 best-selling book of all time. Heaven Is for Real was the best-selling non-fiction book of 2011 as reported by Nielsen's Bookscan, and was developed as a major motion picture by Sony in 2014. "Do you remember the hospital, Colton?" Sonja said. "Yes, mommy, I remember," he said. "That's where the angels sang to me." When Colton Burpo made it through an emergency appendectomy, his family was overjoyed at his miraculous survival. What they weren't expecting, though, was the story that emerged in the months that followed—a story as beautiful as it was extraordinary, detailing their little boy's trip to heaven and back. Colton, not yet four years old, told his parents he left his body during the surgery—and authenticated that claim by describing exactly what his parents were doing in another part of the hospital while he was being operated on. He talked of visiting heaven and relayed stories told to him by people he met there whom he had never met in life, sharing events that happened even before he was born. He also astonished his parents with descriptions and obscure details about heaven that matched the Bible exactly, though he had not yet learned to read. With disarming innocence and the plainspoken boldness of a child, Colton tells of meeting long-departed family members. He describes Jesus, the angels, how "really, really big" God is, and how much God loves us. Retold by his father, but using Colton's uniquely simple words, Heaven Is for Real offers a glimpse of the world that awaits us, where as Colton says, "Nobody is old and nobody wears glasses." Heaven Is for Real will forever change the way you think of eternity, offering the chance to see, and believe, like a child. Continue the Burpos story in Heaven Changes Everything: The Rest of Our Story. Heaven Is for Real also is available in Spanish, El cielo es real.

Someday Heaven provides biblically based answers on a topic that's not always easy to explain to a young child. The warm, illuminating art of Wayne McLoughlin helps to convey each touching story of the future God promises to his children. Help your child discover the answers to the wonders of God's mysterious and glorious home with Someday Heaven.

"The language [takes] on a musicality that is in sharp contrast to the bleak setting . . . refreshing . . . a strong debut." —New York Times Book Review "Subramanian writes with empathy and exuberance, offering a much-needed glimpse into a world that too many of us don't even know exists. This is a book to give your little sister, your mother, your best friend, yourself, so together you can celebrate the strength of women and girls, the tenacity it takes to survive in a world that would rather have you disappear."—Nylon In the tight-knit community known as Heaven, a ramshackle slum hidden between luxury high-rises in Bangalore, India, five girls on the cusp of womanhood forge an unbreakable bond. Muslim, Christian, and Hindu; queer and straight; cis and trans; they are full of life, and they love and accept one another unconditionally, determined to transcend their surroundings. When the local government threatens to demolish their tin shacks in order to build a shopping mall, the girls and their mothers refuse to be erased. Together they wage war on the bulldozers sent to bury their homes, and, ultimately, on the city that wishes families like theirs would remain hidden forever. Elegant, poetic, and vibrant, A People's History of Heaven dazzles in its depiction of these fierce women—and their determination not just to survive, but to triumph.

A memoir of formative years spent on a series of communes: A "wonderful account of a frankly ghastly childhood . . . Hilarious and heartbreaking" (Daily Mail). At the age of six, Tim Guest was taken by his mother to a commune modeled on the teachings of the notorious Indian guru Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. The Bhagwan preached an eclectic doctrine of Eastern mysticism, chaotic therapy, and sexual freedom, and enjoyed inhaling laughing gas, preaching from a dentist's chair, and collecting Rolls Royces. Tim and his mother were given Sanskrit names, dressed entirely in orange, and encouraged to surrender themselves into their new family. While his mother worked tirelessly for the cause, Tim—or Yogesh, as he was now called—lived a life of well-meaning but woefully misguided neglect in various communes in England, Oregon, India, and Germany. In 1985 the movement collapsed amid allegations of mass poisonings, attempted murder, and tax evasion, and Yogesh was once again Tim. In this extraordinary memoir, Tim Guest chronicles the heartbreaking experience of being left alone on earth while his mother hunted heaven. "An intelligent, wry, openhearted memoir of surviving a childhood and a cultural phenomenon that were both extraordinary." —Booklist (starred review)

A poignant novel of deception and self-discovery from three-time Coretta Scott King Award winner Angela Johnson. You never know what's gonna come down—in Heaven. At fourteen, Marley knows she has Momma's hands and Pops's love for ice cream, that her brother doesn't get on her nerves too much, and that Uncle Jack is a big mystery. But Marley doesn't know all she thinks she does, because she doesn't know the truth. And when the truth comes down with the rain one stormy summer afternoon, it changes everything. It turns Momma and Pops into liars. It makes her brother a stranger and Uncle Jack an even bigger mystery. All of a sudden, Marley doesn't know who she is anymore and can only turn to the family she no longer trusts to find out. Truth often brings change. Sometimes that change is for the good. Sometimes it isn't. Coretta Scott King award-winning author Angela Johnson writes a poignant novel of deception and self-discovery -- about finding the truth and knowing what to do when truth is at hand.

Grandma Bear believes that heaven is always around, especially when Little Bear is there. On board pages.

When a family loses a baby due to miscarriage or shortly after birth, it can be hard to know what to say to grieving siblings. While the author wishes no one would ever need to use this book, the sad reality is that sometimes babies go to heaven much sooner than we would like. Our Baby is a Saint in Heaven is told from the perspective of an older sister whose mother has miscarried a child. The older sister shares her grief and explains how her younger sibling is now a saint in heaven. She can ask her younger sibling to pray for her and help her. This tender book can be a huge help in a difficult time when grieving parents may lack the words to help their children understand baby loss. It can provide hope and comfort that children will one day be reunited with the younger sibling that they have lost.

James Van Praagh has touched the lives of millions through his extraordinary ability to communicate with the next world. Widely known through his regular appearances on NBC, his first book Talking to Heaven became an international bestseller. In REACHING TO HEAVEN, Van Praagh takes us on a journey to show what happens at death, what the spirit world is like, how a soul chooses to be reborn, and how the process of reincarnation works. Through simple exercises and meditations REACHING TO HEAVEN will help you to rediscover your true spiritual nature and achieve greater self-awareness and inner peace.

The Lose of a child is one of the most tragic events humans face. This is my account of Seeing my son Samuel growing up in Heaven. I share visions and Scripture to demonstrate what is going on with our kids growing up there, yet I also deal with the real struggles Parents face on this earth. Refusing to be comforted is a chapter that comes

right from my being. Another chapter deals with the Blame game parents play and the destructive results that follow. I walked through 10 years of discouragement and depression until I started to See Samuel Alive, Well and growing Up in Heaven.

AOD and the fellas were hanging at the minipark, gambling and watching the girls. One of the crew members got enough money to feed the group. They decided to head to Gabe's for sloppy bags. But things didn't go as planned. The BWGs were already there, and things got out of hand quickly. AOD saw the gun and picked it up, aimed it into the crowd, and fired off one shot. The bullet hit Mike-G in the face. He stood still and then dropped to the pavement. Hearing sirens, the CC Live boys ran toward the MLK school field, where they split up and ran their own ways. AOD hid under a car for a while. When he decided to come out, he threw the gun on the roof of the elementary school and started walking as if nothing happened. Once on the streets, he heard, "Get down before I shoot your little ass." While riding to the police station, the officer kept saying, "So you like to shoot people, huh?" AOD knew enough to keep his mouth closed. Because that was the CC Live's way of doing things.

A comforting story in tribute to the loss of a pet depicts an idyllic heaven for animals with angels who play every dog's favorite game, rays of sunshine ideally suited to cats and unobscured sky fields where horses can run freely. By the creator of *On the Night You Were Born*.

From master storyteller An Na comes the Printz Award-winning novel about a Korean girl who tells her firsthand account of trying to find her place and identity in America from the day she leaves Korea as a child to her rocky journey through the teenage years. At age four, Young Ju moves with her parents from Korea to Southern California. She has always imagined America would be like heaven: easy, blissful, and full of riches. But when her family arrives, she finds it to be the opposite. With a stubborn language barrier and cultural dissimilarities, not only is it impossible to make friends, but even her family's internal bonds are wavering. Her parents' finances are strained, yet her father's stomach is full of booze. As Young Ju's once solid and reliable family starts tearing apart, her younger brother begins to gain more freedom and respect simply because of his gender. Young Ju begins to lose all hope in the dream she once held—the heaven she longs for. Even as she begins to finally fit in, a cataclysmic family event will change her idea of heaven forever. But it also helps her to recognize the strength she holds, and envision the future she desires, and deserves.

*Growing Up in Heaven: The Eternal Connection Between Parent and Child* Harper Collins

Gifted quilter Mary Dell Templeton is enjoying life with her new husband, and when their son is born, a child as different as he is wonderful, she must reconsider what truly matters as she begins to piece together the life she's always wanted.

This is one helluva narrative about one helluva woman who believed that Hells Canyon was her heaven. You'll be captivated by Violet Wilson Shirley's stories about ranch life in the deepest part of Hells Canyon. The Pete and Ethel Wilson family lived exemplary lives. Could we survive and scratch out a productive life in this rugged terrain with rattlesnakes, fickle weather, steep slopes, and animal predators constantly challenging our bodies and minds? Could we successfully raise eight children? After she retired, Violet returned to the canyon as a U.S. Forest Service volunteer at the Kirkwood visitor center. She contributed time almost every year between 1986 and 2004. Violet's spirit is chiseled into the cliffs and slopes of Hells Canyon and floats above the rapids of Snake River as it plunges through that spectacular gorge. - Tracy Vallier

"[James Van Praagh] has changed people's lives, banished the fear of death, and brought grieving parents the solace of their dead children's presence . . . It is impossible not to be moved." —Newsweek "Hereally is a healer. . . . He is the real thing." —Shirley MacLaine World-renowned psychic James Van Praagh reveals the truth about children in the afterlife, verifying that their spirits remain enduringly connected to the world of the living even from the great hereafter. In *Growing Up in Heaven*, the New York Times bestselling author of *Ghosts Among Us* and *Unfinished Business* offers a heartwarming, visionary confirmation of our deepest hopes and wishes for the children who have gone ahead of us to their great reward.

In a story that offers reassurance to children about what happens to people when they die, little Kate's mother helps the girl learn about heaven when her great-grandma passes away. Tour.

Recounts the story of a young mother who underwent an intense near-death experience after she became unresponsive during a medical emergency, as she discusses the hardships of her past and the impact of the experience on her life.

Sometimes salvation is found in the strangest places: a true story. Aaron Hartzler grew up in a home where he was taught that at any moment the Rapture could happen. That Jesus might come down in the twinkling of an eye and scoop Aaron and his family up to heaven. As a kid, Aaron was thrilled by the idea that every moment of every day might be his last one on planet Earth. But as Aaron turns sixteen, he finds himself more attached to his earthly life and curious about all the things his family forsakes for the Lord. He begins to realize he doesn't want the Rapture to happen just yet--not before he sees his first movie, stars in the school play, or has his first kiss. Eventually Aaron makes the plunge from conflicted do-gooder to full-fledged teen rebel. Whether he's sneaking out, making out, or playing hymns with a hangover, Aaron learns a few lessons that can't be found in the Bible. He discovers that the best friends aren't always the ones your mom and dad approve of, and the tricky part about believing is that no one can do it for you. In this funny and heartfelt coming-of-age memoir, debut author Aaron Hartzler recalls his teenage journey to find the person he is without losing the family that loves him. It's a story about losing your faith and finding your place and your own truth--which is always stranger than fiction.

"What is heaven like?" A young boy and his sister, missing their recently departed grandfather, ponder heaven. In a quest for understanding, the boy sets off to ask everyone he



encounters all about it--his teachers, the ice cream truck driver, the dentist, his family--and each person offers a different yet insightful response. For any child who is coming to terms with the loss of a loved one, or even those young ones who are simply curious, *What Is Heaven Like?* poignantly addresses the questions kids ask most often. The final page offers suggestions for parents and Christian educators. "There are many rooms in my Father's house. If this were not true, I would have told you." John 14:2

This work is an invitation and guide for young people to bring the realm of Heaven to earth. As children discover their identity through the revelation of the Father's love, they are released to fulfill their Royal Mission: to demonstrate the Kingdom of God by living a life of miracles. Each chapter explains and identifies the inheritance that God's sons and daughters possess, such as the Father's love, the anointing and indwelling of the Holy Spirit, faith, prayer, and the keys of power and authority. This book is not only a companion for the "journey", but also provides a meeting place for children to encounter God's presence that will transform their hearts and lives.

The true story of an ordinary boy's most extraordinary journey following a car accident that left him paralyzed offers new insights on miracles, life beyond this world and the power of a father's love.

*I Grew Up In Polish Heaven* is an eyewitness account, through the vivid eye of a little boy's memory, of the courage, ingenuity, and industry of the displaced/often-despised Polish Refugees of Wallington. The book spotlights the struggles, survival strategies, and superhuman perseverance of the little boy's seventy-year old father, slowly dying of a lung disease. Central to the story are the sacrificial disciplines of this old Refugee Pole who sired two sons in his old age...and later, the misdeeds and misfortunes of his two fatherless boys. In a broader context, the book is a freeze-frame in time (1950), capturing the spirit and identity of the Refugee community: their attitudes, habits, ingenuities, vices, and contributions into the American Melting Pot. "Polish Heaven" chronicles the paranormal strength and perseverance forged into the human spirit as it passes through the Fiery Furnace of Affliction. The book is an instructive, inspiring history of Polish war-victims who triumphed over their "Everest of Impossibilities," reconstructing their shattered lives inside that One Square Mile known as Wallington. *I Grew Up In Polish Heaven* ignites and incinerates the straw Goliath of Hopelessness in the face of impossible odds. It places the single smooth stone of Visionary Courage into the inerrant sling of Hope, in the fullest confidence that every Goliath has a chink in his armor. This book offers genuine hope and encouragement to persevere with what you have, in facing your desperate circumstances – how to "Never Say Die!" It gives case histories of deeply distraught human beings who survived in and triumphed over their darkest hour. The book showcases the Pioneer/Reconstructionist spirit, "starting from scratch"; doing what you can with what you have, despite your staggering losses. [The old Polish father made honest money, three times, on one piece of wood!] This book promotes the Pursuit of Life, even when most of it has been sucked out of you by the Leech of Evil Circumstance. The Author spotlights the universal Law of Sowing And Reaping: if the soil has yielded nothing but thorns and thistles, plow up your ground again and plant new seed! "Polish Heaven" also promotes the eternal ideal of genuine brotherhood, providing some practical cures for racial bigotry. It zooms in on warm interpersonal relationships and camaraderie, highlighting their restorative and healing effects upon people in crisis: both recipient and giver! The author, one of the two sons born in their father's old age, draws upon his vast experience in sales and human relationships; he is also a Christian minister and Bible Teacher. (You won't want to miss his stunning conversion Experience). Conversely, his younger brother, at the time of his death, was the dreaded Vice-President of the " @#!\*% 's Angels," New York City. The book also paints rich cameos of his volcanic journey from Polish Heaven into the power structure of the notorious Angels. This Little Brother was given the burial of a Big Man, in the private cemetery grounds of the @#!\*% 's Angels. "Little Brot" was feared and respected by some of the deadliest men ever spawned by Satan since the Fall of Adam. *I Grew Up In Polish Heaven* will impart to all readers a different, broader perspective of their own roots – a deeper appreciation of their ancestors' sufferings on their behalf. It will awaken a keener sense of identity and wholesome ethnic pride. The book should enrich all readers with a reverent, joyful gratitude that they themselves, like the author, can now celebrate Life in a New And Better Day, as the beneficiaries of those who have gone before....One Humorous Highlight... "As soon as the old Polish priest heard my last name, he began to lose his composure, struggling not to laugh. Unhappily, my name, in Polish is one of the most un-flattering words in the language!"

For decades, Steven Curtis Chapman's music and message have brought hope and inspiration to millions around the world. Now, for the first time, Steven openly shares the experiences that have shaped him, his faith, and his music in a life that has included incredible highs and faith-shaking lows. Readers will be captivated by this exclusive look into Steven's childhood and challenging family dynamic growing up, how that led to music and early days on the road, his wild ride to the top of the charts, his relationship with wife Mary Beth, and the growth of their family through births and adoptions. In addition to inside stories from his days of youth to his notable career, including the background to some of his best-loved songs, readers will walk with Steven down the devastating road of loss after the tragic death of five-year-old daughter Maria. And they'll experience his return to the stage after doubting he could ever sing again. Poignant, gut-wrenchingly honest, yet always hopeful, Steven offers no sugary solutions to life's toughest questions. Yet out of the brokenness, he continues to trust God to one day fix what is unfixable in this life. This backstage look at the down-to-earth superstar they've come to love will touch fans' lives and fill their hearts with hope. Includes black-and-white photos throughout.

**NATIONAL BESTSELLER** • From the author of *Into the Wild* and *Into Thin Air*, This extraordinary work of investigative journalism takes readers inside America's isolated Mormon Fundamentalist communities, where some 40,000 people still practice polygamy. Defying both civil authorities and the Mormon establishment in Salt Lake City, the renegade leaders of these Taliban-like theocracies are zealots who answer only to God. At the core of Krakauer's book are brothers Ron and Dan Lafferty, who insist they

received a commandment from God to kill a blameless woman and her baby girl. Beginning with a meticulously researched account of this appalling double murder, Krakauer constructs a multi-layered, bone-chilling narrative of messianic delusion, polygamy, savage violence, and unyielding faith. Along the way he uncovers a shadowy offshoot of America's fastest growing religion, and raises provocative questions about the nature of religious belief.

This gentle and uplifting story is designed to help young children come to terms with losing someone special. The book follows the story of Bradley Bunny and his grandfather, Grandpa Rabbit. At one stage, Bradley asks Grandpa Rabbit what heaven is like. Grandpa says that he has always believed it to be a 'super special' place. He then asks Bradley to imagine 'a place in the sky that feels special'. Bradley Bunny imagines a carrot themed carnival in the sky! Grandpa Rabbit says that he imagines a beautiful garden, full of old friends and delicious food. Either way, when Grandpa Rabbit eventually goes to Heaven, Bradley is secure in the knowledge that that Grandpa will be very happy there. At the beginning of the story, Grandpa Rabbit had given Bradley a gift. At the end of the story, this gift reappears, and serves as a moving reminder to Bradley that, whilst the grandpa he loves has left, in some way, he will always be with him.

"The way to Cat Heaven is a field of sweet grass, where crickets and butterflies play!" With a gentle, playful rhyme, Newbery Medalist Cynthia Rylant explores all the ways our beloved cats enjoy Cat Heaven, as she did for dogs in the bestselling companion book, DOG HEAVEN. Her shining artwork illustrates a world of peace for cats in Heaven, where no tree is too tall for exploring, where there is no lack of angels' laps for sleeping. If your child wonders where his or her kitty goes after a happy life on Earth, they can rest assured that all cats "know where the angel cats fly. They'll run past the stars and the moon and the sun . . . to curl up with God in the sky."

Eddie is a wounded war veteran, an old man who has lived, in his mind, an uninspired life. His job is fixing rides at a seaside amusement park. On his 83rd birthday, a tragic accident kills him, as he tries to save a little girl from a falling cart. He awakes in the afterlife, where he learns that heaven is not a destination. It's a place where your life is explained to you by five people, some of whom you knew, others who may have been strangers. One by one, from childhood to soldier to old age, Eddie's five people revisit their connections to him on earth, illuminating the mysteries of his "meaningless" life, and revealing the haunting secret behind the eternal question: "Why was I here?"

Based on a true story, this heartwarming and insightful children's book tells the story of little Emma and her beloved grandma. As Emma moves into a new home, Granny begins her final journey into eternity. The book sensitively picks up on the many emotions involved in saying goodbye and with sweet and cheeky illustrated pictures depicts the beauty of life, the inseparable connection between loved ones, death and the hope for a life afterwards. What Emma discovers is deeply touching, not only for her, but for all age groups. When a loved one dies and one is in mourning, parents and educators often find it difficult to answer children's questions about death, dying, and bereavement. This unique book with its imaginative twists and turns offers a hopeful explanation that not only helps families cope with grief, but is also recommended for groups providing support in bereavement, the work at hospice centers, church groups, and religious education. Easy to understand and embrace, "Home in Heaven" provides a particularly comforting and compelling message in uncertain times and opens the space for deeper conversations. You can easily purchase this invaluable resource for the most difficult moments in life by scrolling up and clicking on "BUY NOW WITH 1-CLICK". It's certainly worth it.

When Arthur's dog Daisy dies, she watches over him from heaven and eventually helps him find a new puppy.

Newbery Honor-winning, New York Times-bestselling, and as full of fun and adventure as it is of deeper family issues. School's out for summer, and Penny and her cousin Frankie have big plans to eat lots of butter pecan ice cream, swim at the local pool, and cheer on their favorite baseball team—the Brooklyn Dodgers! But sometimes things don't go according to plan. Penny's mom doesn't want her to swim because she's afraid Penny will get polio. Frankie is constantly getting into trouble, and Penny feels caught between the two sides of her family. But even if the summer doesn't exactly start as planned . . . things can work out in the most unexpected ways! Set just after World War II, this thought-provoking novel also highlights the prejudice Penny's Italian American family must confront because people of Italian descent were "the enemy" not long ago. Inspired by three-time Newbery Honor winner Jennifer Holm's own Italian American family, Penny from Heaven is a story about families—about the things that tear them apart and the things that bring them back together. Includes an author's note with photographs and background on World War II, internment camps, and 1950s America, as well as additional resources and websites. Booklist: "Holm impressively wraps pathos with comedy in this coming-of-age story, populated by a cast of vivid characters."

Although it is a beautiful day outside, within the sun shining and birds singing, Sammy and Jakie are feeling sad. Their daddy has died, and they miss him very much. Mommy looks for a way to help her two boys feel better. Using balloons and markers, Sammy and Jakie write letters to send to their daddy in heaven. When they are done writing, they go outside to the backyard and let the balloons fly, going higher and higher toward heaven. Now whenever Sammy and Jakie feel sad, they know they can send their daddy letters and stay connected to him. Sometimes in life, unspeakable tragedies occur. It is especially difficult when these tragedies affect children's lives and their ability to be happy. This children's story tells the tale of how one seemingly simple activity changed the way a family coped with the loss of their loved one.

**#1 NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER • ONE OF TIME MAGAZINE'S 100 BEST YA BOOKS OF ALL TIME** The extraordinary, beloved novel about the ability of books to feed the soul even in the darkest of times. When Death has a story to tell, you listen. It is 1939. Nazi Germany. The country is holding its breath. Death has never been busier, and will become busier still. Liesel Meminger is a foster girl living outside of Munich, who scratches out a meager existence for herself by stealing when she encounters something she can't resist—books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbors during bombing raids as well as with

the Jewish man hidden in her basement. In superbly crafted writing that burns with intensity, award-winning author Markus Zusak, author of *I Am the Messenger*, has given us one of the most enduring stories of our time. “The kind of book that can be life-changing.” —The New York Times “Deserves a place on the same shelf with *The Diary of a Young Girl* by Anne Frank.” —USA Today DON’T MISS BRIDGE OF CLAY, MARKUS ZUSAK’S FIRST NOVEL SINCE THE BOOK THIEF.

When 16-year-old Tessa suffers a shocking accident in gym class, she finds herself in heaven (or what she thinks is heaven), which happens to bear a striking resemblance to her hometown mall. In the tradition of *It's a Wonderful Life* and *The Christmas Carol*, Tessa starts reliving her life up until that moment. She sees some things she'd rather forget, learns some things about herself she'd rather not know, and ultimately must find the answer to one burning question--if only she knew what the question was. Written in sharp, witty verse, Wendy Mass crafts an extraordinary tale of a spunky heroine who hasn't always made the right choices, but needs to discover what makes life worth living.

Why should we care about heaven? -- What is heaven like? -- When does a person go to heaven? -- Where is heaven? -- Who goes to heaven?

“Ilyasah Shabazz has written a compelling and lyrical coming-of-age story as well as a candid and heart-warming tribute to her parents. *Growing Up X* is destined to become a classic.” —SPIKE LEE February 21, 1965: Malcolm X is assassinated in Harlem’s Audubon Ballroom. June 23, 1997: After surviving for a remarkable twenty-two days, his widow, Betty Shabazz, dies of burns suffered in a fire. In the years between, their six daughters reach adulthood, forged by the memory of their parents’ love, the meaning of their cause, and the power of their faith. Now, at long last, one of them has recorded that tumultuous journey in an unforgettable memoir: *Growing Up X*. Born in 1962, Ilyasah was the middle child, a rambunctious livewire who fought for—and won—attention in an all-female household. She carried on the legacy of a renowned father and indomitable mother while navigating childhood and, along the way, learning to do the hustle. She was a different color from other kids at camp and yet, years later as a young woman, was not radical enough for her college classmates. Her story is, above all else, a tribute to a mother of almost unimaginable forbearance, a woman who, “from that day at the Audubon when she heard the shots and threw her body on [ours, never] stopped shielding her children.”

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