

Seeking Rapture



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Product Description

From the author of "The Binding Chair", this follow-up to memoir "The Kiss" explores the bonds of motherhood between four generations. When Kathryn Harrison was a little girl, her young mother left her in the care of her British grandmother who was raised in Shanghai. To Kathryn, her mother's mother seemed an almost unimaginably powerful figure: an imperious arbiter of good taste and a master storyteller, who, when coaxed, might reveal stories of a magic and vanished world. She jilted an array of suitable men before concluding that she was not quite modern enough to have a baby without a husband. At the age of 43 she finally married, and the fruit of this union, Harrison's mother, was no more interested than she in being bound by convention. An occasional witness to her daughter's growth to adulthood, she would appear sporadically in film-star clothes and urge unwanted glamour on her shy child. Harrison grew up a spectator of the remarkable, striving to comprehend these women and yet find her own way to live. In this touching memoir, Harrison writes of the ties that bind mothers to their children - and the forces that can drive them apart. She ponders the legacy of storytelling she inherited from her grandmother, and peers into the deep well of family history from which she draws inspiration for her novels. Reconsidering her

past as she watches her own children grow, she recalls the thrilling risk of shoplifting; the longing for perfection that resulted in a fierce eating disorder; and the thunderous fights that showed how impossible and how necessary it was to leave home. "Seeking Rapture" conveys the aching tenderness Harrison feels toward her children, and her awe of their imaginary worlds that no adult can enter. The evocative book will awaken readers to sift through their own sense of motherhood, loss and regeneration as it chronicles the unforgettable episodes that form the drama of domestic life.

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About the Author

Kathryn Harrison is the author of the novels THE BINDING CHAIR, EXPOSURE, A THOUSAND ORANGE TREES, and the memoir THE KISS, all available from Fourth Estate. She lives in New York with her husband, the novelist Colin Harrison, and their children.

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