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Description:

Review

"Beautiful novel! Such gorgeous prose, such singing speech. So Southern in its music and perfect word choice. You write like no other living Southerner. She-Rain is so exquisitely sounded out on the page that I find myself muttering certain passages out loud to myself -- common enough when I read poetry, but rarely prose. Bravo!" -- Actor/Writer/Director, Peter MacNicol

The beauty of Michael Cogdill's "She-Rain", isn't that it's just another captivating story. Most significantly, the entire book reads like a poem. Many of the lines I've read again and again because of the imagery they suggest. Cogdill describes the misty haze that lingers above the valleys and

forests of the Carolina Mountains as "She-Rain ...A little tear off a heaven gown." The allegories in this tale are stunning. Intense summer heat inside an automobile becomes---"hotter than hell's burnt biscuits;" a town doctor becomes---"an Infernal bald-headed sawbone ...whole town could catch the hydrophobee before we find him;" an outburst of anger---"I rose, swearing fire ...flame-cured wrath ...the words would have crackled off that rock in a hail of sparks thick enough to set the woods to roaring fire."

While the prose of this book will captivate your imagination, its story will haunt you unto the final epilogue. So many novels, movies, plays, and TV programs paint a love triangle as something cheap--a bored unfaithful spouse steals away for a cheap sexual thrill. Not so with this book. "She-Rain" is never a shameful story. The raw emotions of the love triangle will lie heavy on your heart because they are so naked. You will experience Frank's fractured emotions as he tries to sort out and face his feelings. You will feel the pain of Sophia and Mary Lizbeth who both seek the same prize: Frank. Yet each is willing to let Frank choose the other to fulfill his own happiness.

This book is a gem. It is no wonder it took Cogdill many years to bring it to perfection. So, what happens to the lives of the simple folk who live and die deep in the forested Carolina Mountains beneath the She-Rain, I will leave it to your imagination, but don't miss it!

"She-Rain" was written with the most beautiful prose and has that rich Southern feel that makes this book amazing and one of the best, if not THE best story I've ever read.

Beautifully written, "She-Rain" captured my soul from the beginning. The story is about an abused boy, Frank Jr., who grew up in a mill town in the 1920's with an alcoholic and drug addicted father and a strong and hard working mother. The emotions are raw and real and cover all from anger, hatred, and rage, to love, hope and forgiveness. The characters are so very real, so real that I swear I've known some of them from my own childhood.

Although I finished this book a few days ago, I still am breathless by this most unforgettable novel. This is a book that I will be keeping in my permanent collection and will be read again and again. I honestly won't be surprised, if in years to come, it becomes a classic. It is truly a treasure that should not be missed. This is a must to add to this year's reading list.

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In the early 20th Century, a pair of North Carolina mountain children sow the seed of a love that becomes their only solace in the hard yet beautiful world they know. They grow it from steep ground of poverty, ignorance, and violence. A landscape so brutal it can kill hope long before claiming life.

Bloodshed years later finally sends Frank Locke on the run, deep into wilderness, abandoning his extraordinary love, Mary Lizbeth. When a whitewater river washes this desperate soul into the hands of Sophia, he discovers a luminous woman steeped in mystery, trapped in a tragically brilliant life. Far ahead of her time. Secreted from the world. As she awakens Frank's mind, they rise to meet a love that binds three people for a lifetime.

This love triangle forms a beauty no one sees coming. From the wilds of Appalachia, crossing nearly a century, it runs deep into a lush American fortune, and lives in letters of adoration and hope of the least expected.

In a rhapsody of Southern voices, mingling hilarity and sorrow, She-Rain speaks of lives soaring beyond heartbreak, fundamentalism, and self-destruction. Through the most graceful longing, two

women in love with one man ultimately prove the power of human hearts to answer high callings. They show us all how to heal -- and thrive -- to the very end.

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