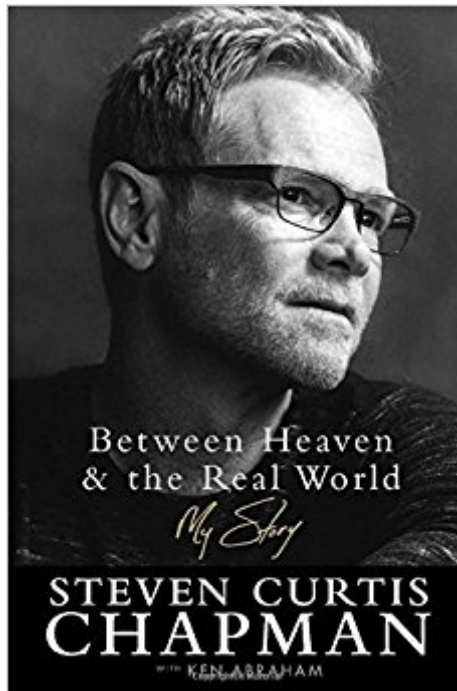




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Between Heaven And The Real World: My Story



Synopsis

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.

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"We loved Steven Curtis Chapman's deeply personal book. . . . Each story he tells and each life circumstance he shares is an illustration of the 'glorious unfolding' of God's plan for him."--Pastor Rick and Kay Warren
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"The way Steven lives, the honest, real stories he has shared, and the encouragement he has given me has had a profound impact on my life. I know that will be how everyone who reads this book will feel too."--Hillary Scott, lead singer of Lady Antebellum "My heart resonates whenever I connect with someone who understands suffering--not in theory but in the gut and heart. Through decades of quadriplegia, I've learned that when you are hemorrhaging human strength, sometimes answers--even though good, right, and true--can sting like salt in a wound. It's what I love about Steven Curtis Chapman. He doesn't give pat, one-size-fits-all answers to the big questions about life."--Joni Eareckson Tada "No doubt Steven is a phenomenal songwriter, musician, and artist. However, as I have gotten to know him more, I have come to realize that the power and impact of his music comes from a place of deep humility. I am honored to call Steven a friend, and so happy to recommend his story to you in *Between Heaven and the Real World*."--Chris Tomlin "Millions have been inspired by the music of my friend Steven Curtis Chapman--his words and melodies have

found their way into countless hearts, ushering in the life-giving truth of Jesus. I believe this book will do the very same thing--for the 'up close' Steven is just as inspiring as the one we find on stage. As he tells his personal story of faith through this book, many will find hope, strength, and inspiration for their own journey."--Matt Redman

"While no one can anticipate the highest highs and the lowest lows of their journey, Steven has invited us to experience all of it with him through his honest music and storytelling. We are all changed for the better as a result of it."--Amy Grant

"We all have a story. But few of us have a story as dramatic and redemptive as the one of Steven Curtis Chapman. His music has touched millions of hearts. May his story touch even more."--Max Lucado

"I have had the great honor of knowing, sharing the stage with, and making music with my good friend Steven Curtis Chapman. This book is an amazing insight into the heart and spirit of a living legend in Christian music."--Mac Powell

"By any measure, Steven Curtis Chapman has left his mark on the music industry. How amazing that with all his success, his legacy will be bigger and longer-lasting than any of the trophies. What Steven and Mary Beth have accomplished in the world of adoption is unparalleled. Caring for the widows and the orphans is a great command, and I don't know anyone who has answered that call with greater passion than my friend Steven Curtis Chapman."--Michael W. Smith

"You know how when you hear a song and it immediately takes you back to a specific moment in your life? Well . . . Steven was there when I came to know Christ. He was there when my father passed away. He was there when I surrendered to ministry. He was there when I got married. He was there when my first child was born."--Bart Millard

"Steven Curtis Chapman is one of those men who raise the bar for all of us. He has always been a role model of humility and gentleness to me. At the same time a man in the trenches, putting action to his heart for the orphan--building Show Hope--forever expanding the hearts of thousands of families who have welcomed a child into their lives. Steven truly inspires me as a husband, father, songwriter, and artist."--Toby McKeehan

"It's been my privilege over the last eighteen years to call Steven Curtis Chapman a friend. But you don't have to know him personally to know his heart or know his story. His music and lyrics have spoken to millions. When you read *Between Heaven and the Real World* you will come to know a man who has walked the walk with an incredible grace and a rock-solid faith. If you like his songs, wait till you read this book!"--Ernie Johnson Jr., studio host, *Inside the NBA* on TNT

okay, so I just received this yesterday and I have already read through it. I have been a fan of SCC since *Real Life Conversations* came out when I was 14 and a new Christian. I can honestly say that his music has been the soundtrack to my life. I have seen him in concert many times over the years

and I am pretty sure I own all of his music. I thoroughly enjoyed reading this book. He is honest about his struggles and joys all through the book. One of the things that I have always liked about him is that he always seemed so humble and transparent with his audience. I felt like he was a friend, even a member of the family at times! I sobbed for weeks for him and his family when Maria died and prayed that God would let me take some of their suffering and bear it for them. I had a newborn at the time and I spent many nights awake feeding my baby and crying for their baby. This book is like sitting down with an old friend and listening to him tell his life story. A story of hurt, healing, redemption and most of all hope. I highly recommend it.

I remember hearing on national news about Christian singer Steven Curtis Chapman's daughter dying in an accident and his son was driving, This really hit home for me because I had been listening to Steven's songs since I was a little girl. I prayed for their family often at first. Then I had my first baby and got busy. A couple years later my sister in law was tragically shot by her husband on accident and died. The pain was so real and I knew we had more in common after such significant losses. Steven clung to his faith in God during that time and so did I. So when his book came out, I knew I wanted to read his story of choosing to believe even in the midst of the valley of the shadow of death. I really enjoyed his story and his raw honesty. His songs seem so much richer now when I listen. I highly recommend you read his book.

I truly enjoyed this book and the details of Steven's life. It was very candid and he shared the struggles he has had very honestly. I think his talent as a songwriter transferred easily as an author with the way he shared the many details of his life and career.

I have been a huge Steven Curtis Chapman fan for 20 years. I thought that I knew everything about him that there was, that He has shared publicly for his whole career until I read this book. I discovered some things about him, that I didn't know already which was very interesting to read. This book will make you laugh and cry at the same time. I loved this book. I am not a reader very much. Reading his story made me have a lot of empathy for him for all that He has been throughout his life.

I loved this book and had a hard time putting it down until it was finished! I have been a fan of SCC since the beginning and have seen him in concert many times (United Tour at Cincinnati Aronoff Center is my all time favorite concert ever). His music has made a huge impact on my life as it has

for so many of his fans. He shares so much of himself and his faith during his concerts, but this book was so much more. I loved how he shared his struggles and sorrows as well as his successes so candidly. I also loved how he gave a back story on so many of his songs. I am amazed at the humble and sincere faith that was so evident throughout this book. I will be reading this one again!!

Honest. Real. Passionate. Sensitive. Open. Fun. All reasons I already know of SCC before I even picked up this book (the book has just informed me of more of the details of SCC). A great book for any who want to see the inner life and character of (in my opinion) the godliest man in Contemporary Christian Music.

Steven's book is a must read! I really appreciate his honesty and true devotion to Jesus. The road isn't always easy, but Jesus never leaves us or forsakes us. I'm so thankful that he and Mary Beth share their real life true struggles with us. God is faithful.

Beautifully written, SCC is a master story teller and his story is raw and filled with hope. I have followed SCC since my college days and have loved every one of his albums. I have always felt a deep connection to his music. I cried for weeks after Maria's home going as I could not image the pain Will Franklin and all of the Chapman experienced that day. SCC and Mary Beth thank you for choosing to SEE the hand of God and for fighting daily for your marriage. Thank you for sharing your story and allowing your fans another glimpse into the lives of the Chapman family. You are loved!

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