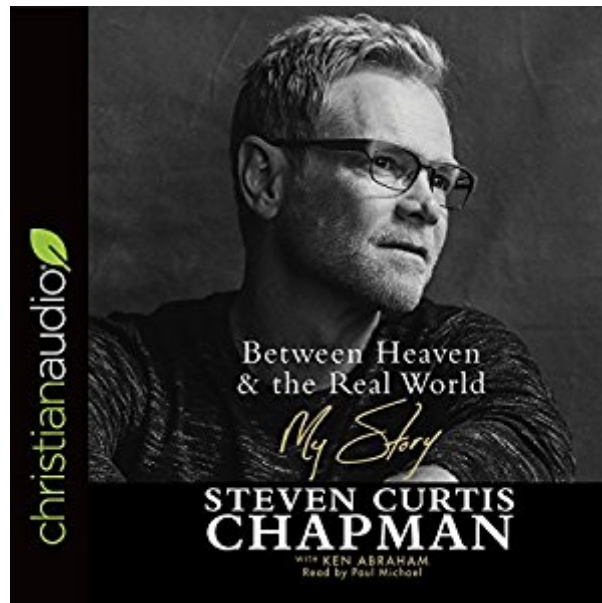


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# Between Heaven & The Real World: My Story



## 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. Listeners 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 backgrounds to some of his best-loved songs, listeners 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.

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## Customer Reviews

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 ways 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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