

Jesus Land: A Memoir - Julia Scheeres

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The memoir the New York Times Book Review called "heart-stopping and enraging" and about which Entertainment Weekly raved "Jesus Land will break your heart and mend it again" "Sinners go to: HELL. Rightchuss go to: HEAVEN. The end is neer: REPENT. This here is: JESUS LAND." Julia Scheeres stumbles across these signs along the side of a cornfield while out biking with her adopted brother David. It's the mid-1980s, they're sixteen years old, and have just moved to rural Indiana, a landscape of cottonwood trees and trailer parks--and a racism neither of them is prepared for. While Julia is white, her close relationship with David, who's black, makes them both outcasts. At home, a distant mother--more involved with her church's missionaries than with her own children--and a violent father only compound their problems. When the day comes that high-school hormones, racist brutality, and a deep-seated restlessness prove too much to bear, their parents' solution is reform school--in the Dominican Republic. In this riveting memoir, first-time author Scheeres takes us with her from the Midwest to a place beyond imagining. Surrounded by natural beauty, the Escuela Caribe is nonetheless characterized by a disciplinary regime that demands its teens repent for their sins under boot-camp conditions. Julia and

David's striving to make it through is told here with startling immediacy, extreme candor, and not an ounce of malice. Author: Scheeres, Julia Publisher: Counterpoint Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Jesus Land: A Memoir Pages: 00000 (Encrypted EPUB) / 00000 (Encrypted PDF) On Sale: 2009-03-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781582433547 Category: Fiction : Literary Category: Biography & Autobiography : Personal Memoirs

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