

Bryan Fischer, author of "The Boy To Man Book," former chaplain of the Idaho State Senate, and host of Focal Point on the American Family Radio talk network



My bride Debbie and I have known Hank and Shelia Erwin for 40 years, ever since Hank and I were classmates at Dallas Theological Seminary and Debbie taught at the school Shelia led. We even babysat their oldest, Andy, when he was a tiny guy and just a little bundle of potential! This is an outstanding book about parenting, about how to help our children discover the dreams God has for them, and about what we can do as parents to help them realize those dreams. But more than that, it's a book about life. We can recommend it to you without reservation. Read and be blessed!

Kevin Downes, Co-CEO of Kingdom Story Company - Producer, Actor, Director, and Writer



In *Raising Up Dreamers*, Shelia gives us an incredible guide and set of tools to help develop our children into all God has designed them to be. Through her own experience raising her sons, my friends and business partners Andy and Jon Erwin, Shelia shares the wisdom she has gained in various seasons of parenting to show us that our goal as parents should be to help our children know Jesus and make Him known. As a father of three sons, I recognize the responsibility my wife and I have in doing this and through *Raising Up Dreamers*, we now have more tools to help raise our children to fulfill God's destiny for each of their lives. If you are a parent or hope to be one someday, this book is a treasure-trove of wisdom and will be sure to benefit anyone who reads it!

Patsy Riley-Former First Lady of 52nd Governor of Alabama (Bob Riley) 2003-2011



What a timeless book of nuggets of gold, of Godly advice for all parents, as well as grandparents who truly focus on raising Godly children for their generation. And to always dream THEIR God given dreams. He plants those desires in our hearts from conception. Shelia, you have given such a wonderful map to follow in today's world. God had your life and purpose all planned out, also.

Directing and mentoring and guiding with love our children growing up in the world we are living in today, a Christian guide is needed so badly. So thankful to Shelia for giving moms a guide for *Raising Up Dreamers* as she pours out her heart and her love, as well as giving tried and true ways of raising God focused dreamers in this next generation.

Her words come with God's wisdom, it is evident in every word of this book.

Joshua Walsh - President - Kingdom Story Company/Erwin Brothers Entertainment



I have worked closely with Andrew and Jon Erwin over the past ten years, so much so that I'm often referred to as the "third Erwin brother". As we've made films and built a business together, I have constantly been impressed at the example of Andy and Jon, their brother-bond, the way they work as a team, their respect for each other and how they seek to resolve conflicts. This is, no doubt, a direct result of the intentional parenting style of the Hank and Shelia Erwin. In *Raising Dreamers*, Shelia writes about the ways she cultivated these skills in her sons while teaching

them to love the Lord and encouraging them to always dream bigger.

Ann Barrows- Widow of Cliff Barrows, Billy Graham's Longtime Musical Director



We live in a hurried and how to world where parents face tremendous pressure to find the right labels, put their child in the right schools, and to know the right people. Children are often being raised to chase what looks like success but without the right power source. Daniel 11:32b says, “The people who know their God shall be strong and carry out great exploits.” (New King James Version)

Hank and Sheila taught their boys to know their God, and He has made them strong and given them the strength and courage to carry out great exploits. Their success lies not in fame or notoriety, but in being who God has created them to be. I wish this book had been available to me when I was raising my children! It is written so that you can read it straight through, or as a situational reference guide to help your children navigate challenging situations. “Raising Dreamers” is a true gift for all parents!

“Raising Up Dreamers” will become a favorite to refer to frequently as you raise up Mighty Men and Women of Valor for the Kingdom’s Sake. Andrew and Jon Erwin were blessed to have been born to Shelia and Hank Erwin.

Tom Phillips,- Pastor, New Heights Baptist Church, Ringgold, GA. 37373 - Former Camp Director, Campus Pastor, Word of Life Fellowship, Inc.



I am so thankful that I was privileged to read this book. This book is a biography, a Gospel story, a Bible Study and a parenting manual all in one. As I read this book, I was impressed with the emphasis on turning your future, your marriage, your children, and your whole life over to God. I was also intrigued by the journey of the Erwin brothers toward the Lord and his plan for their lives. When I think of the Erwin Brothers, I think of accomplished professionals making a difference for God in the marketplace of Cinema but the book explains every step in getting to the place where God took their talent and training and made it a force for His message of the Gospel. Finally, the emphasis on totally committed Godly parents teaching life lessons and Bible truths to their family was influential and instructive.

Keith & Kay Loy,-Senior Pastor, Celebrate Community Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota



Raising Up Dreamers is an incredible resource, filled with Biblical wisdom, to raising your kids to be all that God had purposed and planned for them to be. We know Shelia well, and have witnessed firsthand the fruit of her faithful journey. I’m praying that it’s pages will be costumed by every parent. I’ve heard it said that parenting doesn’t come with a manual...well, it does now. So wherever you are in the journey of raising your kids, you’ll be encouraged to finish well.

Eddie Hand-International speaker, author, voice of “Women of True Grit” on our American stories with Lee Habeeb, a film maker, and Mom who raised a dreamer



“Raising up Dreamers”, shares a Mother’s Love of Faith and courage. Shelia and Hank Erwin always encouraged their sons’ faith and Christian values. As a mother, Shelia knew that a connection with God was a gift that wouldn’t limit the size of Andy and Jon’s dreams. I trust that reading this book will inspire all of us to use her journey to make a difference in our lives by listening to God’s whispers; and put us on a path to “Raise up Dreamers,” too.

David and Natalie Schmidt

David - Aviation Director and Pilot for Samaritan's Purse.

Natalie - Homeschool Mom, Women's Bible Study Teacher, and Certified Crisis Intervention Chaplain



Like fresh Manna from Heaven, "Raising Up Dreamers", is an amazing and insightful guide that every parent and grandparent will want in their family's tool box! We were riveted by Shelia's transparent experiences she reveals, in raising her own children, both the good and the challenging. We could surely relate to those highs and lows as well as good news for "parent fails" she shares! Her sound wisdom and advice is laid out in such a way, that it is simple and easy to follow. These tips and tools are the "proverbs of parenting", whether you're in the valley and feeling overwhelmed, or on the mountain top enjoying a smooth season. It is truly refreshing to finally have a book that

offers practical teachings and detailed advice with a rock solid foundation! We believe "Raising Up Dreamers" will empower and motivate parents to inspire their children to be all they can be, as surely as God has created them. Well done, Shelia Erwin! Well done!

John & Lorie Kirkland- Former President of NCHE (North Carolinians for Home Education)- -Parents of 4 grown homeschooled dreamers



Raising Up Dreamers teaches parents how to pour God's word into the hearts of their children and then inspire them to pursue the dreams He gives them. Lorie and I have been friends with Hank and Shelia Erwin for over 20 years. They have graciously poured into us the tips and tools discussed in this book as we have been raising our 4 guys. The principles are sound and engage the heart of the child, not just the behavior. I recommend ALL dads and moms read this book.

I (Lorie) think Raising Up Dreamers is a very easy read that gives practical application to the deep truths of scripture. I found myself jotting down scripture and notes to meditate on and apply to my moment by moment living. I wish for every mom to have this book in their hand. Great tool to help parents teach and train in righteousness and encourage their children to pursue their God given dreams.

Mike Calhoun - Pastor of Ministry Training /The Summit Church, Raleigh, NC- Former Word of Life Fellowship, Inc (Schroon Lake ,NY) in several roles including Director of Word of Life Island and Vice President of Local Church Ministries and Executive Assistant to the President



I believe some people are born with a creative spark but I also believe it has to be fanned into a flame. I have watched Andy and Jon Erwin as their spark became a roaring fire touching the lives of millions. *Raising Up Dreamers* provides much needed parental insights and practical tips for raising up your dreamers.

Shari Rigby, Actress ~ *October Baby*, *Overcomer*, Speaker, Author of *Beautifully Flawed*, Director and founder of "The Women In My World,



I LOVE this book! Truly, a book that every mother and father needs to read. This book will help the reader to raise Godly men and women into their calling. We as parents have the ability to help shape our children to walk in their God given purpose, helping them to keep their eyes focused on Christ while living passionate, creative lives for Jesus!

Doris Collier /CEO Magic Feet,LLC



Can I say, I LOVE IT!!!! It is filled with God's nuggets of golden truths. I especially love the scripture in it to back up your points. It's so practical and easy to read I ABSOLUTELY LOVE IT! I love "Join the Fun and Be Their Fan!"

WOW, WOW, WOW! It was so interesting and practical. You clearly demonstrated how the Lord worked throughout your life and your family. I guess I will always remember "But God!" We all have those "But God" moments.

Thank you for sharing your heart and soul in this book with women and men across the world. I know and believe "Life is a great adventure!" Hank said it well!
What a legacy to leave your family!