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Author's new book receives a warm literary welcome.

Readers' Favorite announces the review of the Fiction - Historical - Event/Era book "Hear the Dirt Sing" by E. B. Shelton, currently available at <http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B0D2SDCXKF>.

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"Reviewed By Inga Buccella for Readers' Favorite

Hear the Dirt Sing by E.B. Shelton is a historical novel rooted in the Robinson family, long-time cotton farmers residing in Madison Parish, Louisiana. With ancestry

spanning nearly a hundred years, the story is inspired by news clippings and the oral history of four sisters and a sister-in-law. Their Southern tale of grit, teamwork, heartbreak, and redemption is unearthed by Penny, the niece of four of the women. The saga opens in 1970 when Penny sets out to interview her surviving aunts. She recounts the story against the backdrop of the complicated history of slavery, Antebellum, reconstruction, and segregation to her newspaper editor. Chapters chronicle the passage of time with titles referring to The Great Flood and Depression, segregation, and economic challenges. The focus on the effect of the personal struggles of the strong group of women is enlightening. Especially true is the grace and tenacity shown by Aunt Etta May who is an optimal protagonist.

E.B. Shelton's *Hear the Dirt Sing* had me at its title. But I was also drawn in by the beautiful cover art of a wistful character, I later believed to be Etta May Robinson. Shelton's story is multileveled. Based on historical happenings, the lives of Etta May, Olivia, Julianne, Tommie, Rosalee, and even brother Buddy are told with such rich imagery and character development that I found myself daydreaming. of rocking on that big old porch, surrounded by hydrangeas. But such heavenly imagery is grounded in heavy circumstances and even tragedy. There is a murder, cross burning, and lynching described in this book. But there is also redemption and forgiveness to witness. The soil beneath our own feet has much to tell, but not nearly as much as the dirt in Madison Parish, Louisiana. Listen, hear it sing."

You can learn more about E. B. Shelton and "*Hear the Dirt Sing*" at <https://readersfavorite.com/book-review/hear-the-dirt-sing> where you can read reviews and the author's biography, as well as connect with the author directly or through their website and social media pages.

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