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Review

***Entertainment Weekly's* Thirteen Books to Read in August**

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"*The Resurrection of Joan Ashby* is a stunning debut because there is nothing debut about it. It arrives so fully realized that it stuns as it entertains, as it twirls the reader on the sharp point of a #2 pencil. Wolas is a writer in full command of some impressive powers—one might even call them special powers. There is a joyous embrace to her work—to her exploration of the life and mind of her main character, the author Joan Ashby. Ashby is so well rendered that I found myself jealous of her (and Wolas) and also wishing she were my best friend and that we had a standing drinks date. Wolas is singular in her voice—and yet the delicacy, the specificity reminds me of my most favorite authors: J.D. Salinger, Carson McCullers, Truman Capote, Joan Didion."

?A.M. Homes, *New York Times* bestselling author of *May We Be Forgiven*, Winner of the Women's Prize for Fiction

"This breathtaking...novel will do for motherhood what *Gone Girl* (2012) did for marriage. 'A story requires two things: a great story to tell and the bravery to tell it,' Joan observes. Wolas' debut expertly checks off both boxes."

?*Booklist*, starred review

"This is the kind of book that pulls you under and you go willingly. And when it's over, you come up for air and see anew. In giving us the story of one woman's struggle to write her own life, Wolas captures worlds in worlds here, and lives in lives. As many currents run in a single river, *The Resurrection of Joan Ashby* is rich and wide, and deep."

?Sarah Blake, *New York Times* bestselling author of *The Postmistress*

"Cherise Wolas has delivered an audacious and dynamic first novel. *The Resurrection of Joan Ashby* is a remarkable tapestry of literary skill, emotional insight, and sensational storytelling."

?Ivy Pochoda, author of *Visitation Street*

"Like John Irving's *The World According to Garp*, this is a look at the life of a writer that will entertain many nonwriters. Like Lauren Groff's *Fates and Furies*, it's a sharp-eyed portrait of the artist as spouse and householder. From the start, one wonders how Wolas is possibly going to pay off the idea that her heroine is such a genius. Verdict: few could do better."

?*Kirkus*, starred review

"It's almost impossible to believe that *The Resurrection of Joan Ashby*...is the first novel by Cherise Wolas, a lawyer and film producer. Gorgeously written and completely captivating, the book spans decades and continents, deftly capturing the tug so many women feel between motherhood and self-identity."

?*BookPage*

"Love and betrayal and expectation, all encapsulated in the story of one woman, Joan Ashby, and the surprises and disappointments of her life. Wolas' debut turns a critical and perceptive eye onto the complications and expectations of marriage. It's also gorgeously written. Get into it."

?*Southern Living*

“You will not come away unchanged, and you will continue to think about Joan Ashby’s path long after you put this brick down...a masterful (mistress-ful? We need a better modifier...) debut novel that dares to consider whether becoming a mother is worth it, or not.”

?LitHub

“Astonishing...innovative...brilliant.”

?Shelf Awareness Pro

“The scope of *The Resurrection of Joan Ashby*, the breadth of its engagement with the reader, the impressive realization of its ambitious literary character, all resonated so deeply that the pages of these other books offered naught but hollow echoes. Not only had Wolas succeeded in creating a character presented as a literary icon, complete with accompanying primary text, but she powerfully engaged the reader through an exploration of personal identity.”

?Publishers Weekly’s Shelf Talker

About the Author

Cherise Wolas is a writer, lawyer, and film producer. A native of Los Angeles, she lives in New York City with her husband. *The Resurrection of Joan Ashby* is her debut.

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