

Dear Tastemaker,

We're pleased as punch to launch **Todd Dills's** new, panoptic novel,
SONS OF THE RAPTURE
(featherproof books, September 1 2006, ISBN 0-9771992-1-5)

*"As technically inventive as it is truly intimate and heartfelt, this fiery novel draws upon the grand mythology of the Old Testament and the spirit of Faulkner's best work. It's powerful storytelling and a reconciliation of our shared conflicts and histories?"—Joe Meno, author of *Hairstyles of the Damned*, *The Boy Detective Fails**

Billy Jones and his dad have a score to settle. Up in Chicago, Billy drowns his past in booze. In South Carolina, his father saddles up for a drive to reclaim him. Caught in this perfect storm is a ragged assortment of savants: shape-shifting doctor, despairingly bisexual bombshell, tiara-crowned trumpeter, zombie senator.

Told from various points of view—each unique, beautiful and strange—with his debut novel **Todd Dills** has tapped into a zeitgeist unique to America. He explores the surly restlessness of youth, the repressed anger of a still-divided country, and the confused joy of perpetual drunkenness. Fans of Barry Hannah and Walter Kirn will recognize a similar investigation of America's jagged psychology.

featherproof books, a young and restless press itself, is honored to release *Sons of the Rapture* as its second novel. Dills has become an important figure in Chicago literature over the past decade, editing the revered *THE2NDHAND* journal and putting on raucous readings on the city's north and south sides, bringing literature to the unsuspecting. In the fall Dills will tour both coasts and appear in numerous readings around the Chicago area.

Sons of the Rapture merges Kerouac, Faulkner, and O'Connor into a unique blend that speaks for young Southern folk coming of age nearly 150 years after the end of *The Sin*. You'll find yourself reading for the sound of the sentences as Dills creates characters with voices that scream from the void. This is an assured debut, and I hope Dills never goes quiet.
—Daniel Buckman, author of *Morning Dark*, *The Names of Rivers*, *Water in Darkness*

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