

## MICHELLE CAMERON – SHORT BIOGRAPHY

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Michelle Cameron's *The Fruit of Her Hands: the story of Shira of Ashkenaz*, relating the life of the author's 13th Century ancestor, Rabbi Meir of Rothenberg, was published by Pocket Books (a division of Simon & Schuster) in September 2009. *Publisher's Weekly* praised the novel's "powerful immediacy" and *Library Journal* its "rich details." *Jewish Woman Magazine* said that it is "a meticulously researched and immensely readable saga," while *The San Diego Jewish World* called it "rich with wonderful characters, vivid settings, and an absolutely lush and wonderful depiction of the strengths of the medieval Jewish home and community." *Historical Novel Review* said: "Finely written, *The Fruit of Her Hands* imparts an impressive amount of historical information." And *Jewish Book World* called it "a compelling first novel" that "gives readers a unique and personal view of Jewish life in the Middle Ages."

Michelle's first full-length novel in verse, *In the Shadow of the Globe*, was published by Lit Pot Press, Inc., in late 2003. It received excellent critical reviews, was named the Shakespeare Theatre of New Jersey's 2003-4 Winter Book Selection, and was performed as a dramatic reading in several venues, including the Stella Adler School of the Arts.

Michelle lives in Chatham, NJ, with her husband and two college-aged sons. She grew up in Cedar Grove, NJ, moved to Israel when she was 15, and studied English Literature at Tel Aviv University before serving in the Israeli Army. Michelle has a day job as creative director for a digital agency in Parsippany, NJ. She is a member of the Historical Novelist Society, the Author's Guild, Hadassah, and the National Council of Jewish Women.