

The Purple Pumpkin Eater New York Review Classics: A Haunting Tale of Motherhood and Madness

Penelope Mortimer's *The Purple Pumpkin Eater* is a novel about a woman's struggle with depression and motherhood. It is a haunting and powerful story that explores the dark side of family life.



The Pumpkin Eater (New York Review Books Classics)

by Penelope Mortimer

★★★★☆ 4 out of 5

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Enhanced typesetting : Enabled
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The novel's protagonist, Molly Johnson, is a young woman who is married to a successful doctor. They have four children, but Molly is struggling to cope with the demands of motherhood. She is constantly exhausted, overwhelmed, and depressed.

Molly's husband, John, is sympathetic at first, but he eventually becomes frustrated with her inability to cope. He begins to withdraw from her, and she feels increasingly isolated and alone.

Molly's depression deepens, and she begins to experience hallucinations and delusions. She sees and hears things that no one else can, and she becomes convinced that her children are in danger.

As Molly's mental state deteriorates, she becomes a danger to herself and others. She attempts suicide, and she is eventually committed to a mental hospital.

The Purple Pumpkin Eater is a harrowing and unflinching look at the dark side of motherhood. It is a story about the loneliness, isolation, and despair that can accompany this challenging role.

Mortimer's writing is both beautiful and brutal. She paints a vivid picture of Molly's inner world, and she does not shy away from the complexities of her character. Molly is a deeply flawed woman, but she is also a victim of her circumstances.

The Purple Pumpkin Eater is a challenging read, but it is also a rewarding one. It is a powerful and moving story that will stay with you long after you finish it.

The Importance of Mental Health

The Purple Pumpkin Eater is a reminder of the importance of mental health. Molly's story is a tragic one, but it is also a common one. Many women struggle with depression and other mental health issues during and after pregnancy.

It is important to remember that mental health is just as important as physical health. If you are struggling with your mental health, please seek

help. There are many resources available to you.

The New York Review Classics

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The New York Review Classics are a valuable resource for readers who want to explore classic literature. The books in this series are carefully selected and edited, and they include insightful s and essays.

If you are looking for a classic work of literature to read, I highly recommend *The Purple Pumpkin Eater*. It is a powerful and moving story that will stay with you long after you finish it.

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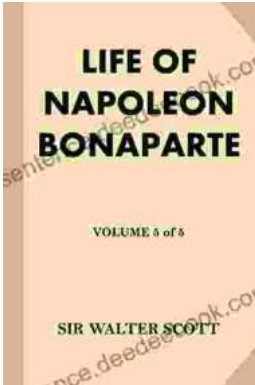
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