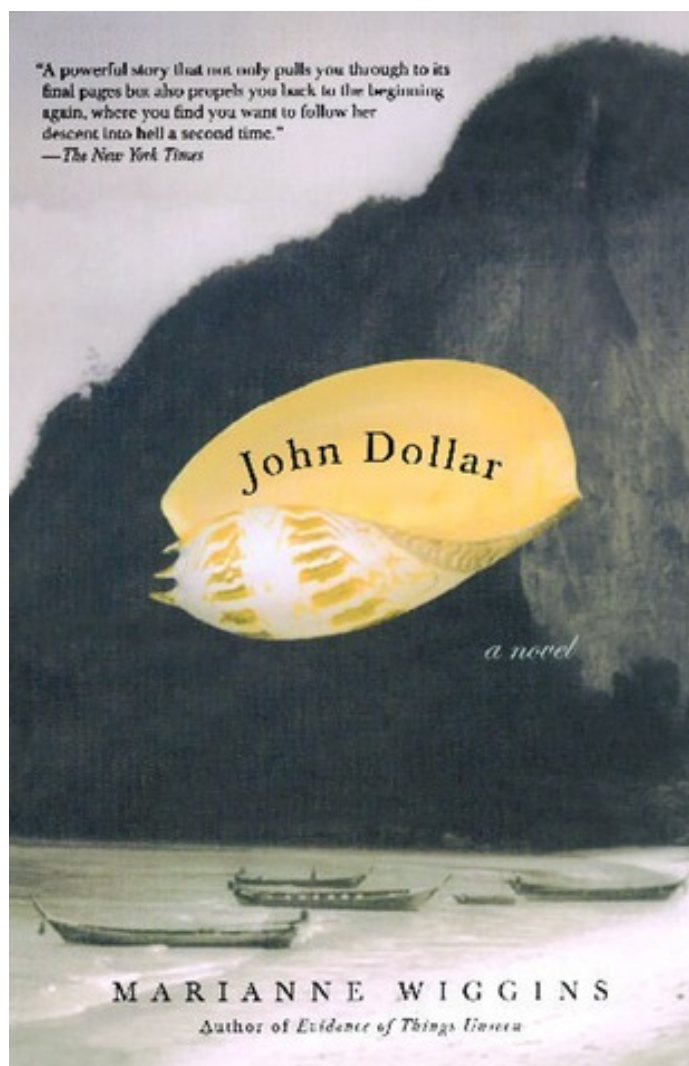

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Description

Charlotte Lewes, a young Briton newly widowed by the Great War, departs for colonial Burma in 1917 to escape the ruins of her life. As a schoolteacher in Rangoon she is rejuvenated by the sensuous Oriental climate, and she meets John Dollar, a sailor who becomes her passionate love and whose ill-fated destiny inextricably binds her to him.

On a festive seafaring expedition, the tightly knit British community confronts disaster in the shape of an earthquake and ensuing tidal wave. Swept overboard, Charlotte, John Dollar, and eight young girls who are Charlotte's pupils awake on a remote island beach. As they struggle to stay alive, their dependence on John overwhelms him, and an atmosphere of menace and doom builds, culminating in shocking and riveting scenes of both death and survival.

Insightful reviews

Jennifer Womack: I am definitely conflicted about how to rate this book. I'm not really sure I enjoyed it, but it certainly was thought provoking. The last 20 pages were pretty disturbing. Regardless, I'm glad I discovered this author, and I would consider reading her other books.

Sara: I'm not sure how I feel about this book. It is certainly well-written and it sucked me in. But it was also not clear exactly what it was or where it was going. Started out as an exploration of British colonialism and a possible love story, and turned into a kind of Lord of the Flies with girls. I wound up feeling like it was just messed up.

Gerald Camp: Wiggins reportedly asked herself, upon reading "Lord of the Flies," what would a group of girls had done? This book is her answer. Girls aren't any more sweet than boys when left without adults, it seems.

Lori: i feel Wiggins is a skillful writer. Her prose is expressive, clever and possesses an airy magic realism caliber and all that's good, however it does not jive with the separation of the tale and the inability of unification of its a number of parts. The narrative is inconsistent and reads extra like an scan in unconventional literature than a poetic, dreamy novel that explores the deepest, darkest middle of humanity's savage primality. the start leads you to think you're embarking on a singular a few woman's trip into self-discovery and freedom and picking out herself by way of her sexuality and independence and never her nationality. that is simply half one. Then with no transition she meets a guy, they set out in a fleet of boats to discover this island to call after their king after which a handy plot gadget of a tsumani rolls during the pages after which you are studying a feminine Lord of the Flies meets middle of Darkness? this can be essentially the most tense books i have ever learn and what i discovered most annoying was once my very own greed in devouring it in a single sitting and never the content. i did not rather like all of the characters. It learn extra like an scan in literature than an exact piece of caliber literature. there is extra to strong writing than attractive sentences and that i think this novel was once overly severely acclaimed due to the solid prose. The constitution was once unsatisfying, disjointed, and that i skimmed over the whole set-up of the girls' characters since it used to be mind-numbingly uninteresting and their households even worse. John greenback himself was once definitely no magnet of allure for the reader. in my view reliable writing wishes greater than

reliable prose.

Wes: "Lord of the Flies," yet anti- rather than pro-colonialist, and with ladies rather than boys. yet that could be a gross simplification. the 1st few pages are tiresome - i used to be relatively pissed off at one overwrought passage that defined a useless woman's eyes as "vitelline as yolks..." evidently I needed to lookup "vitelline," and it seems it ability "like egg yolks." WTF? thankfully it tightens after that and becomes a riveting event story. as soon as the cannibalism starts off - and boy, is there cannibalism - the publication offers a few quite strong moments. there is a choice made, or i suppose i will say a tool used, that saps an differently robust ending, yet overall, it is a high-quality e-book with well-drawn, compelling characters, and some absolutely unforgettable moments.

ToniS: loopy book. impressive language. frightening story. I learn it years and years in the past and that i nonetheless give it some thought sometimes. Like all people says, it is type of a feminine model of "Lord of the Flies," yet you could quite wander away in considering what it skill in a post-feminist circulation world.

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