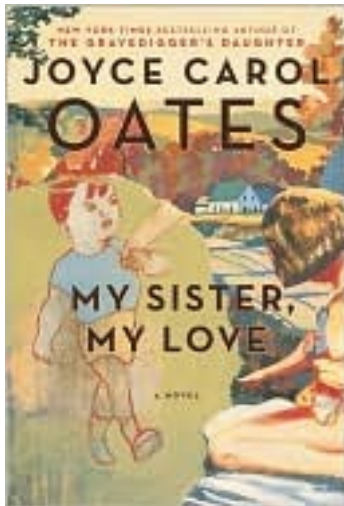


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**Joyce Carol Oates**

**My Sister, My Love**



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## Description

Herein is the unexpurgated first-person narrative of nineteen-year-old Skyler Rampike, the only surviving child of an "infamous" American family destroyed a decade ago by the murder of Skyler's six-year-old ice-skating champion sister, Bliss, and the media scrutiny that followed. Part investigation into the unsolved murder, part elegy for the lost Bliss and for his own lost childhood, Skyler's narrative is an alternately harrowing and corrosively funny expos  of upper-middle-class American pretensions—and an unexpectedly subtle and sympathetic exploration of those who dwell in "Tabloid Hell."

## Insightful reviews

Randi Reisfeld: I'm one of those people who hear the words Joyce Carol Oates and JonBenet Ramsey and feel like I've hit the lottery. Okay, I'm one of the FEW people who feel that way. And the book, in most ways, doesn't disappoint, tho I can't see how she got away with naming the main characters Rampike (how close to Ramsey can you get!) and the mother, Betsey. Patsy was taken? The conceit of having the story told by the brother at age 19 (he was 9 when it happened) was a great idea BUT... here come the buts.

The style-over-substance thing/conceit over content/astericks over action ... let's put it this way: I wouldn't recommend it if you're not a voyeuristic sensationalist-Oates-addict. Like me.

Marie: Repetitive, overloaded, too long by half, and crammed with pointless footnotes, this book was infuriating because it had big swaths of brilliance and could have been great with some judicious pruning. Unfortunately, any brilliance was almost immediately ruined by ridiculous, self-conscious chatter. If I had been reading a paper copy of this book, I think I would have been compelled to break out a red pen and start editing the damn thing.

A note to Kindle readers: this book will give your clickwheel a workout with the copious footnotes, but none of them are worth reading, unless you just need help staying awake to slog through the mess of this novel.

Fernanda: Drama. Un libro que me lleg . Una familia disfuncional como muchas cuya historia es relatada por el hijo mayor de la pareja, cuya vida, fue destruida por un acontecimiento que nadie ve a venir: la muerte de su hermana de 6 a os.

La historia me envolvi  hasta la p gina 100, la verdad es que no me llegaba mucho el joven de 19 a os con problemas psicol gicos provocados por su traum tica infancia, hasta que hace acto de parencia la peque a Edna Louise siendo la peque a hija relegada cuya vida no sabemos si mejora o empeora cuando su ego sta madre decide hacerle su carrera como patinadora.

La prosa estuvo confusa, uno ten a que prestar atenci n, a veces el narrador se perd a y parec a otra persona (quiz s Joyce Carol que se escabull a por ah ), sin mencionar las notas de

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pie que aparecían en casi cada página me tenían harta, así que decidí dejar de leerlas por mi propio bien.

En general tuvo un buen desarrollo pero me exasperaba un poco la sobre explicación del narrador y los pedazos que a veces me parecían innecesarios. En fin, fue un libro que como se puede notar en mi reseña se puede ver una relación amor-odio con el libro.

Está bien, no es nada excepcional, un poco conmovedora, pero no vale mucho la pena. No lo recomiendo.

Sarah: the explanation why i like to recommend J.C.O to each unmarried one that reads books is that she has the exceptional and uncanny skill to jot down in regards to the God lousy and profane (usually where in our souls the place violent destruction and lust intersect) whereas whilst treating her topics with compassion. This ebook disappoints, in that whereas its topic is actually a God-awful and profane mess (the global of kid superstar as skilled by way of a bit boy whose 6 yr outdated sister is an ice skating star and who's tragically and violently murdered), there is not any try out at developing any type of humane or compassionate characters, past the (unreliable?) narrator (the younger boy as a 19 yr previous adult, ten years after the murder).Heavily modelend at the Jon Benet Ramsey murder, this publication trades in loads of stereotypes approximately upper-middle type social climbers, bourgeoisie pride, prejudice and ambition, and the underlying greed and conceit which act as a corrosive rot underneath such rigorously shined surfaces. As a reader, there's a morbid pleasure, perhaps, within the well-written, snide observations in regards to the self-importance and ethical vacuity and sheer ridiculousness of those people- however the booklet by no means strikes past that place, or even a reader as category unsleeping and sour as this one can't think in characters so completely missing any redemptive traits. it's as if, within the lives of adults who push their youngsters into stardom for the sake in their personal inner most vanities and ambitions, J.C.O has met her waterloo- the only crew of people that are so wicked that even she will no longer locate any capture carry for her sympathies. you cannot fault her for this- it truly is a simple adequate workforce to loath. yet on the comparable time, her writing is so dense and lovely and not easy and good, it is a critical unhappiness to come back out of the again finish of six hundred pages for inexpensive ethical superiority, quite in case you have come to price J.C.O for her skill to teach the typical threads that bind our modern monsters- our racists and rapists and skinheads and incest sufferers grew to become sociopaths- with our everyday, usual selves.

Rebecca: i like Joyce Carol Oates. now not all of her books are spot-on for me, though. i discovered "The Tattooed Girl" sluggish as hell, and "Wonderland" held my realization yet I hated all the characters which made studying it a wierd experience. That said, "My Sister My Love" was once brilliant. the most personality (Skyler) used to be without notice likable. i couldn't placed this ebook down. it is no less than 500 pages and that i learn it in 2 days. In a nutshell, "My Sister My Love" is Oates at her best, darkest writer-self. a last disclaimer: when you don't need to examine hugely dysfunctional families, this publication isn't really for you. Or such a lot Oates books, for that matter. (I watched "Greenburg" with my grandparents the opposite evening they usually have been horrified through the entire screwed-up people, so i think forced to assert something.)

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Eddylee: awkward starting however it will get nice from web page 32 on. this is often Joyce carol oates' tale encouraged by way of the ramsey homicide other than advised from the viewpoint of the older brother who's 22 now and a improving drug addict and beautiful loopy in a forlorn something-happened-to-him-that-made-his-hair-turn-grey-way that won't used a lot anymore. particularly enjoyable. difficult to place down. i enjoyed this e-book and that i love joyce carol oates for carrying on with the gothic tradition. there have been even a few natural horror moments (for example a personality in brief yet terrifyingly meets their doppelganger! Aah!). there has been even a quick romance that i have to admit i discovered to be dull however it was once nonetheless darkish and tortured and short. the best elements have been her specified descriptions of the madness of childhood. i do suggest madness within the schizophrenic way, too. i nonetheless consider blurred hallucinations from my youth and he or she did this kind of nice activity dealing with them that i pointed out such a lot strongly with the nature in the course of his adolescence and carried the bondthroughout the novel. one other outstanding half used to be they method she dealt with suburban life. i did not develop up within the suburbs yet i do have a task so i am accustomed to the horrors of team psychology. it used to be truly humorous in a black way. it labored so good that it prolonged to the "horrors of tabloid hell". this brings me to my conclusion.i imagine this can be a nice publication vivisectioning the yankee big name fetish, in particular the darkish side. it jogs my memory loads of Blonde actually, which i assumed was once great. i discovered this publication completely timed to be so close to the elections, which i haven't obvious so superstar centred ( although i do not take into account many from the few of my lifetime). maintain your eyes peeled for scattered poetry and poignant prose.

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