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The Corn Maiden and Other Nightmares is a collection of short stories and novellas by Joyce Carol Oates. Published in 2011 by Mysterious Press, it contains several works that Oates had worked on over a period of fifteen years. Synopsis

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The Corn Maiden walked! On her own two feet the Corn Maiden walked, she was not forced, or carried. Of her own volition Jude said. It was not so in the Onigara Indian ceremony. There, the Corn Maiden did not come of her own volition but was kidnapped. An enemy tribe would kidnap her. She would never return to her people. br />

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The Sacrifice of the Corn Maiden was a ritual of the Onigara Indians, Jude told us. In school we had studied Native Americans as they are called but we had not studied the Onigara Indians Jude said had been extinct for two hundred years. The Iroquois had wiped out the Onigaras, it was survival of the fittest. The Corn Maiden would be our secret.

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The Corn Maiden and Other Nightmares is a collection of seven short stories that range from revenge thrillers to murderous sibling rivalries. Some of the tales don't stray too far from well worn horror plots, but, as is usually the case, Oates often elevates even these standard structures to a new level of creativity with her rich characters.

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The Corn Maiden's hair was spread out around her head like she was falling. She was breathing, yes you could see. If you held a candle close to her face and throat you could see. We had made a bed for the Corn Maiden, that Jude called a bier.

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A chilling volume of stories and novellas by Joyce Carol Oates, one of the world's greatest and most prolific writers.

Twice nominated for the Nobel Prize, Joyce Carol Oates presents an unbearably taut and terrifying tale combining the fury of folklore and adolescent insecurity. Marissa is an innocent girl, with hair the colour of corn-silk. She does not hold others in strange thrall, as some young women do, she obeys her parents, she does not stay late after school, lingering on her walk through the swaying heads of maize. She is the perfect sacrifice. *The Corn Maiden* is a novella, followed by six other nightmares.

Seven "masterfully told" stories of suspense and nightmarish drama from the National Book Award-winning author of *Them* (The Guardian). With the novella and six stories collected here, Joyce Carol Oates reaffirms her singular reputation for portraying the dark complexities of the human psyche. The

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title novella tells the story of Marissa, an eleven-year-old girl with hair the color of corn silk. When she suddenly disappears, mounting evidence points to a local substitute teacher. Meanwhile, an older girl from Melissa's school is giddy with her power to cause so much havoc unnoticed. And she intends to use that power to enact a terrifying ritual called The Corn Maiden. In "Helping Hands," published here for the first time, a widow meets an Iraq War veteran in a dingy charity shop, having no idea where the peculiar encounter is about to lead. In "Fossil-Figures," a pair of twins—an artist and a congressman—never outgrow an ugly sibling rivalry. And in "A Hole in the Head," a plastic surgeon gives in to an unusual and dangerous request. Together, these seven tales offer "a virtuoso performance" of "probing, unsettling, intelligent" storytelling from one of the world's greatest writers of suspense (The Guardian). "The seven stories in this stellar collection from the prolific Oates may prompt the reader to turn on all the lights or jump at imagined noises. . . . This volume burnishes [her] reputation as a master of psychological dread." Publishers Weekly, starred review "For horror stories to be truly horrific, the reader has to care. Oates feels this deeply in her writing, and delivers with style." The Independent "Further confirmation of a unique writer's restless, preternatural brilliance." The Guardian

From the author of Bellefleur: A "psychologically incisive" glimpse into the mind of a deranged predator and the boy he abducts to be his son (Booklist). Robbie Whitcomb is five years old when he's taken from his mother in a mall parking lot. In her attempt to chase the kidnapper, she's left badly injured and permanently disfigured. Such are the methods of the man who calls himself Daddy Love—a man known to the rest of the world as charismatic preacher Chester Cash. For the next six years, Robbie is to be Daddy's son. That means

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doing whatever Daddy says—and giving him whatever he wants. Soon Robbie learns to accept his new name, Gideon. He also learns that he is not the first of Daddy Love's sons. And that each of the others, after reaching a certain age, was never seen again. As Robbie's mother recovers from her wounds, her life and marriage are a daily struggle. But as years go by, she maintains a flicker of hope that her son is still alive. Meanwhile, Robbie approaches the "bittersweet age" with no illusions about his fate. But somewhere within this tortured child lies a spark of rebellion. And he knows all too well what survival requires. "After all these years, Joyce Carol Oates can still give me the creeps." —Marilyn Stasio, *The New York Times Book Review* "A lean and disturbing tale that reverberates after its ending." —*The Columbus Dispatch* "Oates makes us squirm as she forces us to see some of the action through Love's twisted and warped perspective." —*Kirkus Reviews* "This unsettling tale showcases Oates's masterful storytelling." —*Publishers Weekly*

The National Book Award winning author of *Blonde* demonstrates her mastery of contemporary gothic horror in these 10 chilling short stories. The need for love—obsessive, self-destructive, unpredictable—can take us to forbidden places, as Joyce Carol Oates demonstrates with fearsome clarity in this short story collection. In "Strip Poker," a reckless adolescent girl must find a way of turning the tables on a gathering of increasingly threatening young men. In the award-winning "Smother!" a young woman's nightmare memory of childhood brings trouble on her professor-mother. In "The First Husband," a jealous man discovers that his wife seems to have lied about her first marriage—and waits years before exacting a cruel revenge. In these and other powerful tales, children veer beyond their parents' control, wives and husbands wake up to find that they hardly know each other,

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haunted pasts intrude upon uncertain futures, and those who bring us the most harm may be the nearest at hand.

In this ambitious book, Joyce Carol Oates boldly reimagines the inner, poetic, and spiritual life of Norma Jeane Baker—the child, the woman, the fated celebrity and idolized blonde the world came to know as Marilyn Monroe. In a voice startling, intimate, and rich, Norma Jeane tells her own story, that of an emblematic American artist—intensely conflicted and driven—who has lost her way. A powerful portrait of Hollywood's myth and an extraordinary woman's heartbreaking reality, *Blonde* is a sweeping epic that pays tribute to the elusive magic and devastation behind the creation of the great twentieth-century American star.

Eight stories from the author of *A Book of American Martyrs* that display her "mastery of imagery and stream of consciousness" (Kirkus Reviews). Joyce Carol Oates is an unparalleled investigator of human personality. In these eight stories, she deftly tests the bonds between damaged individuals—brother and sister, teacher and student, two lonesome strangers on a subway—in the beautiful, bracing prose that has become her signature. In the title story, a white, aspiring professor in Detroit tries to shake a black, male shadow during the summer of the city's 1967 race riots. In "The Rescuer," a promising graduate student detours to inner-city Trenton, New Jersey, to save her brother from a downward spiral, only to find herself entranced by his dangerous new world. Meanwhile, a young woman prowls the New York City subways in search of her perfect man in "Lorelei." In each of these short stories, Oates portrays a desperate confrontation with the demons inside us. Sometimes it's the human who wins, and sometimes it's the demon. "Oates offers unexpected glimmers of redemption

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amid the grotesquerie, degradation, and exploitation that fill this collection's eight tales. —Publishers Weekly

"Anellia" is a young student who, though gifted with a penetrating intelligence, is drastically inclined to obsession. Funny, mordant, and compulsive, she falls passionately in love with a brilliant yet elusive black philosophy student. But she is tested most severely by a figure out of her past she'd long believed dead. Astonishingly intimate and unsparing, and pitiless in exposing the follies of the time, *I'll Take You There* is a dramatic revelation of the risks—and curious rewards—of the obsessive personality as well as a testament to the stubborn strength of a certain type of contemporary female intellectual.

A teenager's involvement with an older man is not what it appears in a tale of seduction by the New York Times bestselling author of *We Were the Mulvaney*s. Sixteen-year-old Katya Spivak is out for a walk on the gracious streets of Bayhead Harbor with her two summer babysitting charges when she's approached by silver-haired, elegant Marcus Kidder. At first his interest in her seems harmless, even pleasant; like his name, a sort of gentle joke. His beautiful home, the children's books he's written, his classical music, the marvelous art in his study, his lavish presents to her—Mr. Kidder's life couldn't be more different from Katya's drab working-class existence back home in South Jersey, or more enticing. But by degrees, almost imperceptibly, something changes, and posing for Mr. Kidder's new painting isn't the lighthearted endeavor it once was. What he wants from Katya is something she can't comprehend. What Katya wants from him is something else again. As their relationship deepens, and twists, the question is who's seducing whom? And to what end? From a National Book Award winner and #1 New

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York Times bestselling author, *A Fair Maiden* is "fresh, current and gripping . . . the insight shrewd and the violence vivid . . . [an] intense and thought-provoking work of fiction" (New Statesman).

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