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Review

A wonderful book, a land to be revisited?**Irish Times**

This subtle and beautifully constructed novel deals with the conflict between human and divine love?**Sunday Times**

O'Brien exquisitely evokes the harem atmosphere of convent life, the beauty and the silence, the bickering and the cruelties . . . If novels can be music, this is a novel with perfect pitch?**Clare Boylan**

About the Author

Kate O'Brien (1897-1974), one of Ireland's greatest and best-loved writers, was born in Limerick. As well as writing plays, travel, and biography, she published nine wonderful novels.

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