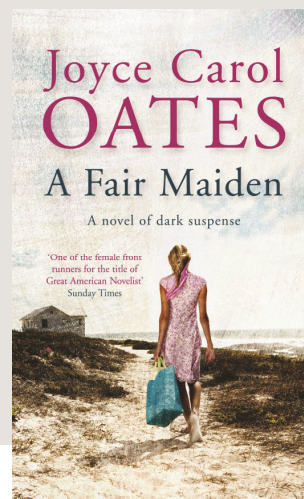


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A short, gripping suspense novel in which an elderly aristocrat becomes obsessed with a young girl

Description

Fifteen-year-old Katya Spivak is out for a walk on the streets of Bayhead Harbor, New Jersey when she is approached by silver-haired, elegant Marcus Kidder. At first his interest in her seems harmless; like his name, a sort of joke. His beautiful home, the children's books that he has written, his lavish gifts to her: Mr. Kidder's life couldn't be more different from Katya's drab existence back home – or more enticing.

But by degrees, almost imperceptibly, something changes, and posing for Mr Kidder's new painting isn't the light-hearted endeavour it once was. What does he really want from her? And how far will he go to get it?

This spare, chilling novel shows Joyce Carol Oates at the height of her powers as a literary storyteller.

Sales Points

- *A Fair Maiden* bridges the gap between Joyce Carol Oates' mainstream and mystery readership
- Joyce Carol Oates has been shortlisted for the Man Booker International Prize
- 'Joyce Carol Oates is a genius' – *Guardian*
- 'One of the female front runners for the title of Great American Novelist' – *Sunday Times*

Author Profile

Joyce Carol Oates is an American literary giant whose work embraces full-length fiction, short stories, poetry, plays, essays and criticism. Her many novels include *We Were the Mulvaney's*, which was an Oprah Book Club Choice, and *Blonde*, which was nominated for a National Book Award. Joyce Carol Oates is the Roger S. Berlind Distinguished Professor of the Humanities at Princeton. She lives in New Jersey.