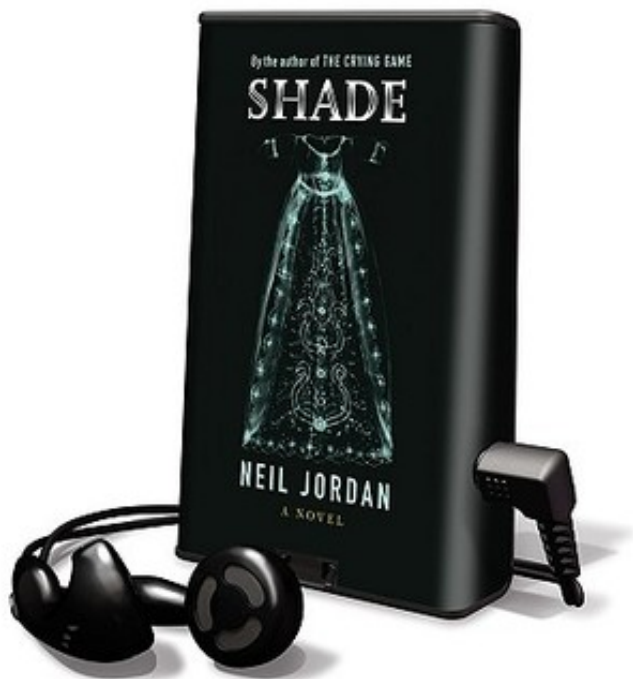

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Description

We know from the earliest pages of Neil Jordan's numinous, slow-building fourth novel, *Shade* that its narrator, 50-old Nina Hardy, has been murdered with a pair of gardening shears by her childhood friend George Truite. The mystery is not who has committed this crime, but why. And although George has been for some years a resident of the local insane asylum, only recently allowed to experiment again with independent living, his madness is but a small part of the answer to that question. Set in Ireland near Drogheda, at the mouth of the river Boyne, *Shade* casts a wistful eye on childhood desires and alliances, and its lonely-girl-in-a-big-house beginnings will call to mind William Trevor's *The Story of Lucy Gault*. But like Jordan's greatest success, the film *The Crying Game*, this novel is full of surprises--and the biggest shocks are not always the most telling. --*Jill Harvey*

Insightful reviews

Dark-Draco: This is the story of Nina, killed by a childhood friend and trapped as a ghost in the house where she grew up. As the police come and go, and her body rots in its unfound hiding place, she begins to relive her own life, becoming the mysterious figure that haunted her as a child. From her lonely childhood, to the meeting with George and Janie, the arrival of her step-brother, to the lofty heights of stardom and eventually back to her own death.

A brilliantly written novel, although not a great deal actually happens. You end up drifting from one scene to another, seeing both through Nina's ghostly eyes and her real ones. George and Gregory's battlefield scenes are quite harrowing and contrast really well with the images from her life, although the quick changes between the two did annoy me a bit. Still, I really enjoyed this and may well track down some more books by this author.

Diane: A woman, murdered by a childhood friend, returns from the grave to haunt herself. She narrates her own life and brings a bittersweet knowledge to that which she observes. Excellent novel including visions of Ireland in the early days of the 20th century, WWI, the theatre scene, and how childhood relationships stand the test of time.

Jessica: I really, really liked this book. It's dark, it kinda has a few moments that make you uncomfortable for variable reasons. It's engrossing. After I finished it, I thought, It's been a long time since I've read a book that is that good. I felt like it sat with me for a while after I finished it, like a shadow. Would give 5 stars, but I remember at some point towards the middle/end realizing that they kinda abandoned the narration from the ghost point of view for a while, and I noticed it was missing and felt like it was missing.

Sue Flanagan: i did not end this book, the 1st couple of pages the place some distance to flowery for my, i admire to get caught in, with the tale, this seemed to be desirous to inform you approximately each minute detail.

Samantha: i discovered the basis of this publication very intriguing. However, as i began to learn

the publication i used to be a bit disappointed. The discussion all through lots of the publication is unbelievable, such a lot adults do not speak like that allow by myself children. i discovered it not easy to spot with the characters, and all through lots of the publication simply wanted the tale could finish already. approximately 3 quarters of ways throughout the e-book i discovered it relaxing again. notwithstanding the tale did not reside as much as my expectancies Jordan's prose even though the full booklet is beautiful.

Nicole Brown: dull and overwrought.

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