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Review "If you're unfamiliar with Ruth Rendell, if you've somehow managed to miss her 60 or so books, if you've never experienced the frisson produced by her unique blend of elegant prose and brutal plotting or laughed out loud at her acidic humor or social observations, then congratulations: Your reading life is about to get infinitely richer... As with Patricia Highsmith, Rendell is a brilliant if detached observer of all levels of society... Like Charles Dickens, Rendell writes about contemporary London crime, but no one would call Dickens just a mystery writer. Rendell's work is too great, too thought-provoking and too important to be pigeonholed. The only mystery is why everyone doesn't know it." (Jonathan Shapiro *Los Angeles Times*)

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"A trip down a road so twisted that only a guide as skillful as Rendell could navigate it without a false step."—Elly Griffiths, *Denver Post* --This text refers to the edition.

About the Author Ruth Rendell has won three Edgar Awards, the highest accolade from Mystery Writers of America, four Gold Daggers, and a Diamond Dagger for outstanding contribution to the genre from England's prestigious Crime Writer's Association. Her remarkable career has spanned more than forty years, with more than sixty books published. A member of the House of Lords, she lives in London. --This text refers to the edition.

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