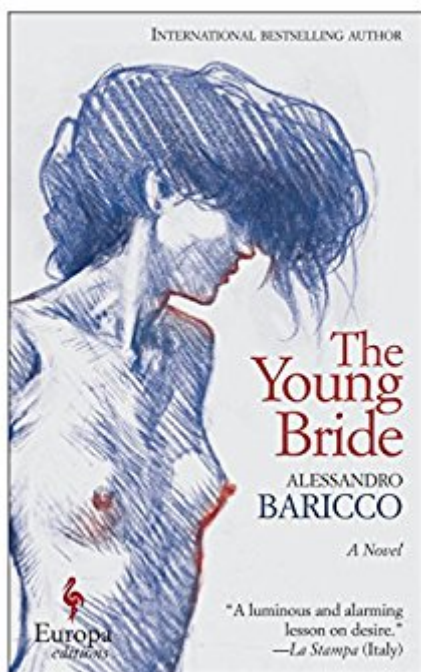


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From international bestselling author, Alessandro Baricco, comes a scintillating and sensual novel about a young woman's ingress into a fantastically strange family. The hand of the young woman in question has been promised to the scion of a noble family. She is to make her preparations for marriage at the family's villa, where the inhabitants never seem to sleep. The atmosphere turns surreal as the days pass and her presence on the family estate begins to make itself felt on her future in-laws. In this erotically charged and magical novel, Alessandro Baricco portrays a cast of mysterious characters who exist outside of the rules of causation as he tells a story, an adult fable, about fate and the difficult job of confronting the Other and creating an Us.

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This novel is unlike any I have read in the past. As a young reader, I am quite sure that I would have dismissed it as too dense, and even nonsensical, but now, I sense a lyrical vein that is difficult to grasp, maybe just out of reach. I shall read this again in the future, and see what strikes me then. This author is intriguing and I shall read "Silk" to see if that casts more light on this author's intent.

This little Italian novel is as beautiful as it is challenging. I couldn't put it down and even when I reached the end, I wanted to read it all over again. It's bizarre and seductive and while the story itself is elusive, the power of the novel is remarkable.

Some reviews of this book describe it as being erotic. The cover may be, but the text is not. The characters are two dimensional and absurd. The text wanders without direction. There are long sections of non-narrative musings unrelated to the story. These sections are scarcely comprehensible. The dialogue is often wooden and stilted (this may be a translation problem). It should not be hard to find something more interesting to read.

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