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246 pages

Review

"A topical and brutal tour de force that somehow ascends from horror to a promise of goodness and grace." Michael Ondaatje "Pure literary pleasure . . . it's McEwan's fascination with the inner sources of cruelty and conquest that gives The Innocent its frightening vitality." "LA Weekly" "Deft, taut fiction. . . . Many English writers have been compared to Evelyn Waugh, often wrongly, but this book can stand with the master's best." "TIME" "Never less than wholly entertaining." "The Wall Street Journal" "Powerful and disturbing . . . a tour de force." "The New York Times" "Impeccably constructed. . . . Though its plot rivals any thriller in narrative tension, this novel is also a character study--of a young man coming of age in bizarre circumstances." "Publishers Weekly" From the Publisher

**'Crackles like thin ice with suspense' Mail on Sunday**

'To call The Innocent a spy novel would be like calling Lord of the Flies a boy's adventure yarn...the plot crackles like thin ice with dread and suspense...it ensures McEwan's major status' John Carey, Sunday Times 'Generous in scale, simple in its hideous impact...Ironically, he has celebrated the obsequies of East-West spy thriller by writing one of the subtlest' David Hughes, Mail on Sunday 'The sheer cleverness of the book is dazzling, and only fully to be appreciated as you turn the last page: but then cleverness is a real virtue here, the best guide possible to the questionable territory between innocence and whatever comes after' Michael Wood, London Review of Books From the Inside Flap

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