

# Ashes: A Haunting and Atmospheric Tale by Nora Leary

## Review:

Nora Leary's 'Ashes' is a haunting and atmospheric novel that explores the depths of grief, loss, and the resilience of the human spirit. Leary's writing is lyrical and evocative, drawing readers into a world where sorrow and hope intertwine.

The novel follows the story of Nora, a young woman who is grappling with the untimely death of her beloved sister, Mary. Nora's world has been shattered, and she struggles to come to terms with her loss. As she navigates her grief, Nora finds solace in her memories of Mary and in the support of her close-knit family.



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★★★★☆ 4 out of 5

Language : English

File size : 903 KB

Text-to-Speech : Enabled

Screen Reader : Supported

Enhanced typesetting : Enabled

Word Wise : Enabled

Print length : 368 pages



Through Nora's journey, Leary delves into the complexities of grief. She explores the different ways that people cope with loss, from the denial and

anger of the early stages to the acceptance and healing that can come later on. Leary also examines the role that memory plays in shaping our understanding of the past and our hopes for the future.

One of the most striking aspects of 'Ashes' is its atmospheric setting. The novel is set in rural Ireland, and Leary's descriptions of the landscape are both beautiful and haunting. The windswept hills, the desolate beaches, and the isolated cottage where Nora lives all contribute to the sense of loss and longing that permeates the story.

Leary's characters are equally well-drawn. Nora is a complex and believable protagonist, and her struggle to overcome her grief is deeply moving. The supporting cast of characters, including Nora's parents, her brother, and her best friend, are also well-developed and add depth to the story.

'Ashes' is a powerful and unforgettable novel about the human experience of loss. Leary's writing is both lyrical and emotionally resonant, and her characters will stay with readers long after they finish the book. 'Ashes' is a must-read for fans of literary fiction, and it is sure to leave a lasting impression.

### **Author Biography:**

Nora Leary is an Irish author whose work has been translated into over twenty languages. Her novel 'Ashes' won the prestigious Rooney Prize for Irish Literature. Leary currently lives in Dublin.

### **Additional Information:**

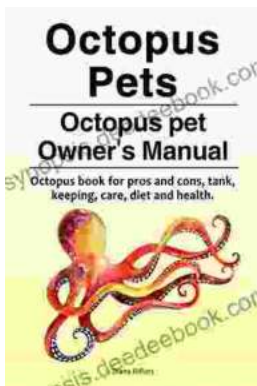
- 'Ashes' was published in 2020 by Riverhead Books.
- The novel has received critical acclaim from major publications such as The New York Times, The Guardian, and The Irish Times.
- 'Ashes' has been adapted into a stage play that is currently touring Ireland.



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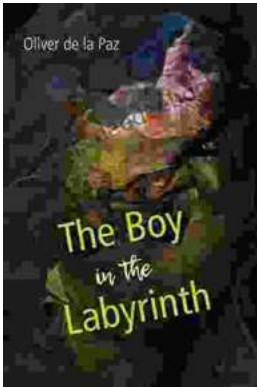
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