ALIAS GRACE (MOVIE TIE-IN EDITION) A NOVEL 1ST EDITION Free





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What role does this play in the novel in regard to its pace? Atwood employs two main points of view and voices in the novel. Do you trust one more than the other? As the story progresses, does Grace's voice in dialogue in Simon's part of the story change? If so, how and why? Grace's and Simon's stories are linked and they have a kinship on surface and deeper levels. For instance, they both eavesdrop or spy as children, and later, each stays in a house that would have been better left sooner or not entered at all.

Discuss other similarities or differences in the twinning of their stories and their psyches. Atwood offers a vision of the dual nature of people, houses, appearances, and more. How does she make use of darkness and light, and to what purpose? In a letter to his friend Dr. Edward Murchie, Simon Jordan writes, "Not to know—to snatch at hints and portents, at intimations, at tantalizing whispers—it is as bad as being haunted. How and why does Atwood conceal Grace's innocence or guilt throughout the novel? At what points does one become clearer than the other and at what points does it become unclear? Home 1 Books 2. Add to Wishlist. Sign in to Purchase Instantly. Members save with free shipping everyday! See details.

It's, and Grace Marks has been convicted for her involvement in the vicious murders of her employer and his housekeeper and mistress. Some believe Grace is innocent; others think her evil or insane. Now serving a life sentence, Grace claims to have no memory of the murders. An upand-coming expert in the burgeoning field of mental illness is engaged by a group of reformers and spiritualists who seek a pardon for Grace.

He listens to her story while bringing her closer and closer to the day she cannot remember. What will he find in attempting to unlock her memories? About the Author. Margaret Atwood, whose work has been published in thirty-five countries, is the author of more than forty books of fiction, poetry, and critical essays. Hometown: Toronto, Ontario. Date of Birth: November 18, Place of Birth: Ottawa, Ontario. Education: B. Radcliffe, ; Ph. Read an Excerpt Show More. Reading Group Guide 1. Related Searches.

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Margaret Atwood, whose work has been published in more than forty-five countries, is the author of more than fiffy books of fiction, poetry, critical essays, and graphic novels. How did you first discover this story? A: I came across it a long time ago when I was writing a series of poems about one of the people who makes an appearance in the book—Susanna Moodie, who wrote the story. But she wrote it, as she says, from memory, and she got a lot of it wrong, as I found when I went back to the actual newspapers of the time and went into things such as the prison records. It always bothered me that the story Moodie told was so theatrical. It made you wonder, could it really have been like that? She had done a certain amount of embroidery. Q: How did you determine when to stick to the facts, and when to fictionalize? A: When there was a known fact, I felt that I had to use it. In other words, I stuck to the known facts when they were truly known.

But when there were gaps or when there were things suggested that nobody ever explained, I felt I was free to invent. And they leave out the things that you would most like to know. Q: What was the most challenging bit of history for you to find? A: The most difficult thing I had to discover was at the very beginning—I tried to find Thomas Kinnear. It turned out there were two Thomas Kinnears, and one of them would have been about seventy-three years old at the time of the murders. I discovered that they really were buried there, but in unmarked graves. I did finally trace Kinnear back through the Scottish end, and it appears that he was the half brother of a man who lived in Scotland.

Q: How differently do you think Grace would have been treated today—psychiatrically and judicially? A: It would be a very different kind of trial. Today you would have expert witnesses. And certainly psychiatry as we have it today was not recognized as a science in the same way then. There were medical practitioners who were interested in it and people who were studying mental conditions, but there was nothing like the kind of establishment we have today. NO tanning or foxing. The unclipped DJ. Please see our photos--they show the Exact book you will receive from us, never "stock" images! Dust Jacket Condition: New. First Edition-First Printing-" In , a year-old Canadian housemaid named Grace Marks was tried for the murder of her employer and his mistress.

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