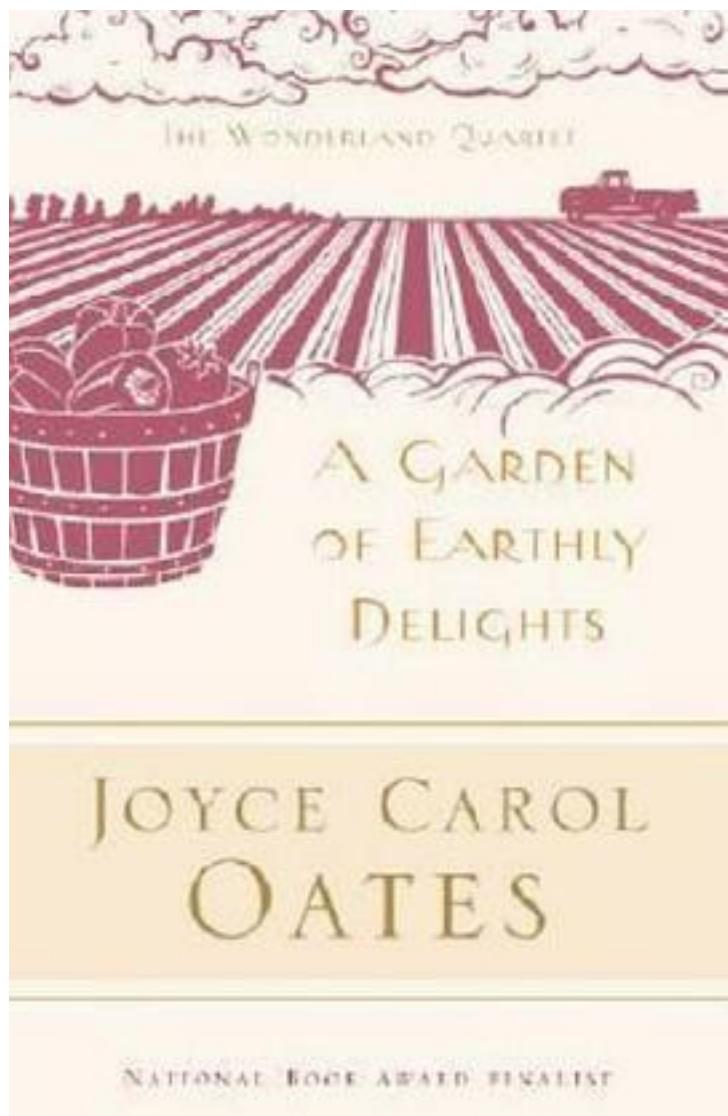


A Garden of Earthly Delights



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Joyce Carol Oates' s Wonderland Quartet comprises four remarkable novels that explore social class in America and the inner lives of young Americans. In *A Garden of Earthly Delights*, Oates presents one of her most memorable heroines, Clara Walpole, the beautiful daughter of Kentucky-born migrant farmworkers. Desperate to rise above her haphazard existence of violence and poverty, determined not to repeat her mother' s life, Clara struggles for independence by way of her relationships with four very different men: her father, a family man turned itinerant laborer, smoldering with resentment; the mysterious Lowry, who rescues Clara as a teenager and offers her the possibility of love; Revere, a wealthy landowner who provides Clara with stability; and Swan, Clara' s son, who bears the psychological and spiritual burden of his mother' s ambition.

A masterly work from a writer with “the uncanny ability to give us a cinemascopic vision of her America” (National Review), *A Garden of Earthly Delights* is the opening stanza in what would become one of the most powerful and engrossing story arcs in literature.

A Garden of Earthly Delights is the first novel in the Wonderland Quartet. The books that complete this acclaimed series, *Expensive People*, *them*, and *Wonderland*, are also available from the Modern Library.

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