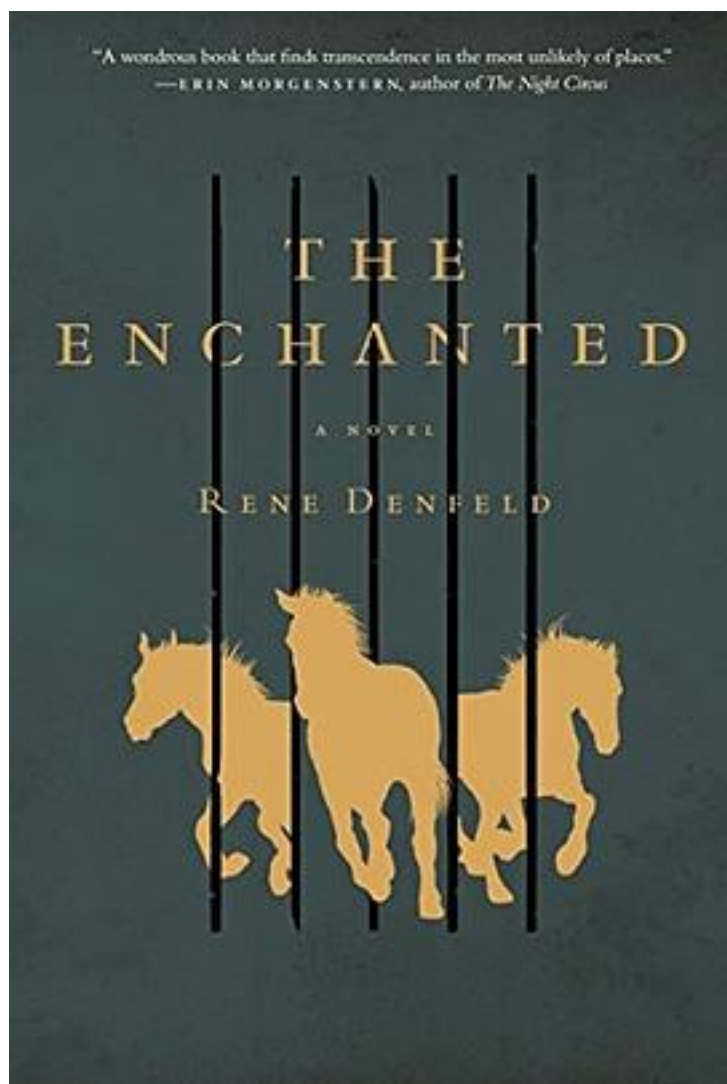


The Enchanted



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A wondrous and redemptive debut novel, set in a stark world where evil and magic coincide, *The Enchanted* combines the empathy and lyricism of Alice Sebold with the dark, imaginative power of Stephen King.

"This is an enchanted place. Others don't see it, but I do." The enchanted place is an ancient stone prison, viewed through the eyes of a death row inmate who finds escape in his books and in re-imagining life around him, weaving a fantastical story of the people he observes and the world he inhabits. Fearful and reclusive, he senses what others cannot. Though bars confine him every minute of every day, he marries visions of golden horses running beneath the prison, heat flowing like molten metal from their backs with the devastating violence of prison life.

Two outsiders venture here: a fallen priest and the Lady, an investigator who searches for buried information from prisoners' pasts that can save those soon-to-be-executed. Digging into the background of a killer named York, she uncovers wrenching truths that challenge familiar notions of victim and criminal, innocence and guilt, honesty and corruption—ultimately revealing shocking secrets of her own.

Beautiful and transcendent, *The Enchanted* reminds us of how our humanity connects us all, and how beauty and love exist even amidst the most nightmarish reality.

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评论

比较压抑的一本书。是以一个关在古老监狱地牢里的死囚的视角写的。小说中的人物似乎背后都有着不为人道的悲剧。妻子癌症晚期最后撒手人寰留下自己孤单一人的典狱长，母亲智障以至于自己屡次被人侵犯最后被送去福利机构的the lady，爱上脱衣舞娘却抛弃她导致她自杀的牧师，疯母亲被全镇的男人侵犯连自己的父亲是谁都不知道后来连自己也跟着被侵犯的York，新入狱却被监狱的霸头看上成为霸头和贪污的狱警交易的牺牲品的白发男孩.....主人公的身份到最后一刻才揭晓，我猜对了。到最后读出了笔者对爱的呼吁，这些悲剧人物，哪怕是奸杀犯、连环杀手、小孩杀手也都是渴望着爱的，如果社会、大家多一些关爱，或许就能减少甚至阻止怪物的诞生和悲剧的发生了。

用浪漫主义笔触写的某个（有代表性的？）美国监狱——特别是死囚牢房的——唯美悲伤小讽刺的故事。大家的名字几乎都被代号替代：为死囚上诉的“那个女士”；“典狱长”悲伤地看着癌症弥留的妻子，感受到了求死的死刑犯被拖入上诉程序的讽刺；“神父”对于情感的想触碰又缩手；“白发男孩”像墙壁间的幽魂……最后大家都从某种意义上得到了解脱，从这间叫enchanted的监狱。

这些不幸的人 唉..... 比被判死刑更恐怖的是他们的遭遇

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书评

I picked up this book because of the high praises it has recieved. I was also intrigued by the topic: a grim and haunting story takes place in a cold, crimpling prison. Naturally I knew I wasn't heading for an uplifting tale (but was still hoping perhaps ...

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