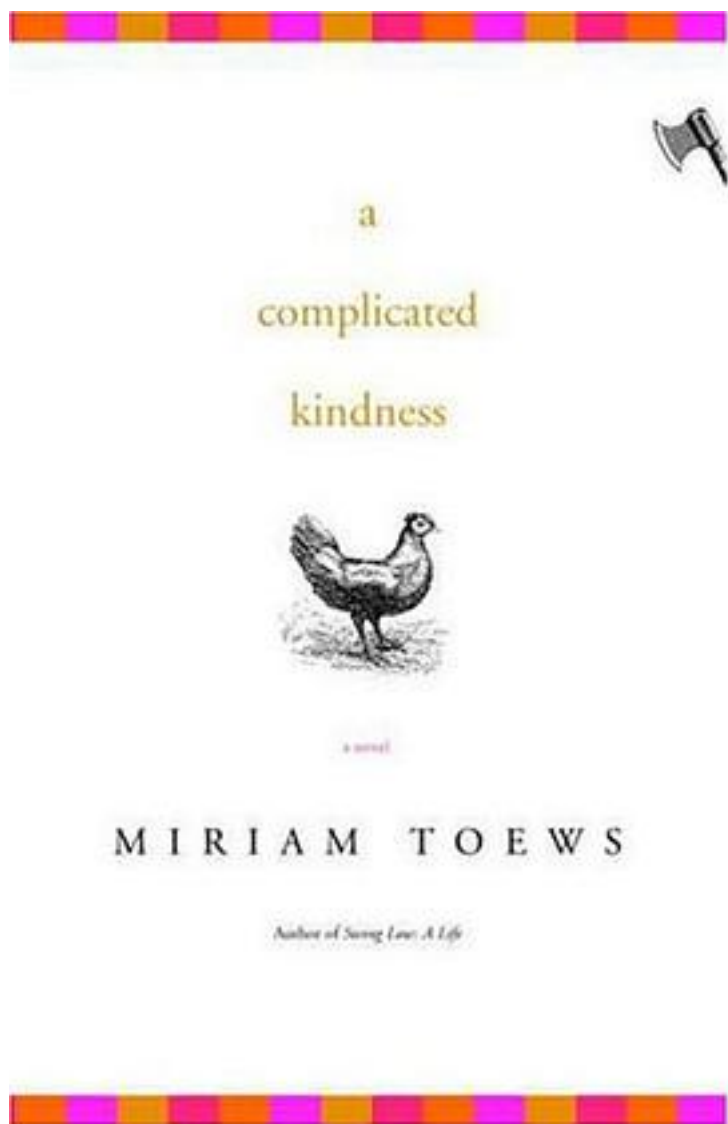


# A Complicated Kindness



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"Half of our family, the better-looking half, is missing," Nomi tells us at the beginning of *A Complicated Kindness*. Left alone with her sad, peculiar father, her days are spent piecing together why her mother and sister have disappeared and contemplating her inevitable career at Happy Family Farms, a chicken slaughterhouse on the outskirts of East Village-not the East Village in New York City where Nomi would prefer to live, but a dull, oppressive town founded by Mennonites on the cold, flat plains of Manitoba, Canada. This moving, darkly funny novel is the world according to Nomi Nickel, a bewildered and wry sixteen-year-old trapped in a town governed by fundamentalist religion. In Nomi's droll, refreshing voice, we're told the story of her eccentric, touching family as it falls apart, each member on a collision course with the only community they have ever known. A work of fierce humor and tragedy by a writer poised to take the American market by storm, this searing, tender, comic testament to family love will break your heart.

作者介绍:

米里娅姆·托尤斯 (1964—) 生于加拿大马尼托巴省斯坦巴赫小镇的一个门诺教家庭，曾获得电影学学士学位和新闻学学士学位，现为加拿大广播公司自由撰稿人。她的第一部小说《幸运的夏日》(1996) 获两项大奖，第二部小说《教养不错的孩子》(1998) 获麦克纳利·罗宾逊年度图书奖。《复杂的善意》为其第三部小说，2004年版后立刻好评如潮，赢得来自大洋彼岸英国的高度赞誉，《渥太华公民》杂志称它是“当前的一部绝妙小说”。

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full of sparkles, unexpected, thanks J

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## 书评

当之无愧的最佳小说,文笔非常出彩. 黑色幽默. 冷漠, 淡定.  
只是后来越来越悲伤, 悲伤到草草看完后面. 印象很深的她妈学骑摩托车那段, 简直是.  
噢, 日子不可能永远happy下去.

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