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Julia Martin is at the end of her rope in Paris. Once beautiful, she was taken care of by men. Now after leaving her lover, she is running out of luck. A visit to London to see her ailing mother and distrustful sister bring her stark life into full focus.

作者介绍:

Jean Rhys, original name Ella Gwendolen Rees Williams, (born August 24, 1890, Roseau, Dominica, Windward Islands, West Indies—died May 14, 1979, Exeter, Devon, England), West Indian novelist who earned acclaim for her early works set in the bohemian world of Europe in the 1920s and '30s but who stopped writing for nearly three decades, until she wrote a successful novel set in the West Indies. Jean Rhys has long been central to debates in feminist, modernist, Caribbean, British and postcolonial writing. Elaine Savory's study, which incorporates and modifies previous critical approaches, is a critical reading of Rhys's entire oeuvre, including the stories and autobiography, and is informed by Rhys's own manuscripts. Designed both for the serious scholar on Rhys and those unfamiliar with her writing, Savory's book insists on the importance of a Caribbean-centred approach to Rhys, and shows how this context profoundly affects her literary style. Informed by contemporary arguments on race, gender, class and nationality, Savory explores Rhys's stylistic innovations - her use of colours, her exploitation of the trope of performance, her experiments with creative non-fiction and her incorporation of the metaphysical into her texts. This study offers a comprehensive account of the life and work of this most complex and enigmatic of writers.

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评论

越读越喜欢的一本小说。Julia让我想起萧红，电影《黄金时代》里汤唯的样子总浮现在我面前。可怜又心疼Julia，她的生活可以说一塌糊涂。在她母亲去世的追悼会上，她迟到了，说：“I’m sorry. I couldn’t help it.” 我才发现，她是明白自己的，she couldn’t help it.

她很可爱，维护前夫那段，对待其他男人的率真，让她受伤害，但仍袒露自己活着。Mr Horsefield也是个有意思的形象。整个故事是悲伤的，我还想读更多Jean Rhys，需要先休整一段时间，recover。

So obscure, so self-referential, so typically Rhys. "La vie est une spirale"-- Dante reenacted,

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