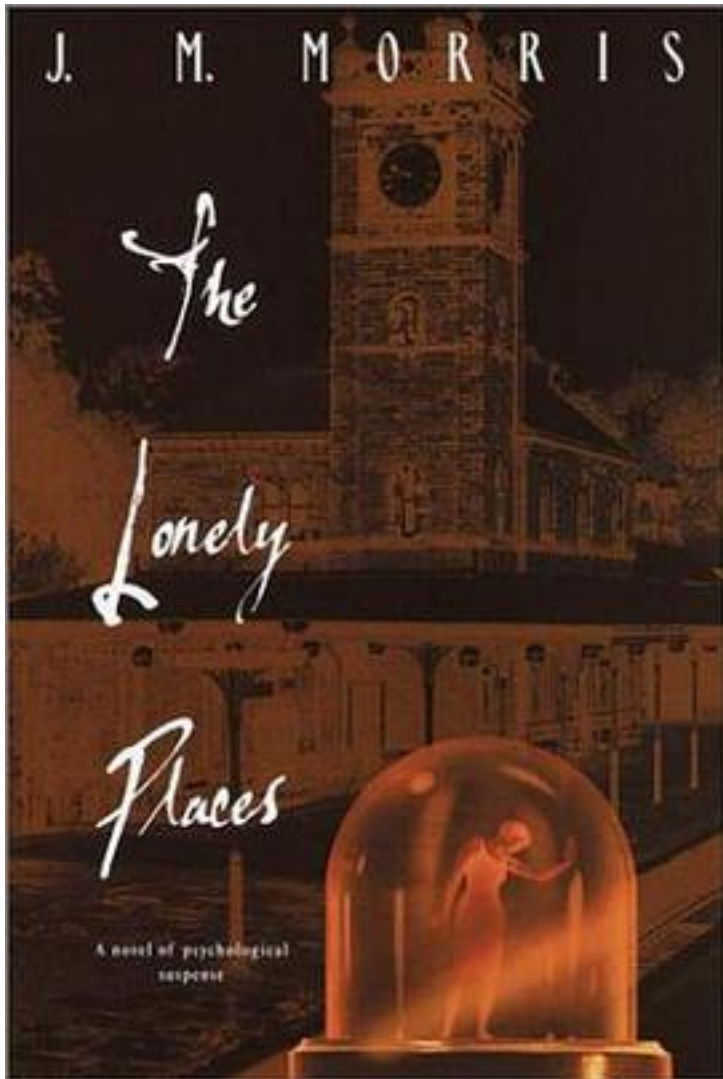


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When love turns to obsession there's no place to hide.

Preparing to escape the darkest period of her life, Ruth Gemmill needs the consolation of her brother, Alex, a man she cannot breathe without. It's not the first time. She couldn't breathe without Matt either. Matt, who loved to beat her--until Ruth found the strength to escape the terrifying abuse of her domestic existence.

Or so she would like to think. Little does she realize the extent of the crippling cobwebs her vicious lover has spun throughout her mind....But fate deals Ruth another blow when Alex suddenly disappears. To bring him home, Ruth is forced to confront her emotional demons through a bewildering landscape, where the phantoms of a menacing past lurk around every corner, determined to wake Ruth up to the most horrifying reality of all. Some webs can never be swept away, some spiders sting to destroy.

Then along came a spider/Who sat down beside her..."

Ruth Gemmill is broken. All she has known, all she has loved, all she has ever desired have laid her waste. As autumn's shadows begin to seep through her London home, Ruth escapes to the fading twilight of northern England in a last, desperate attempt to stave off the encroaching darkness. She needs the consolation of her brother, Alex: a man she cannot breathe without.

It's not the first time. She couldn't breathe without Matt either. Matt, who used to beat her. Matt, who loved to hurt her. Matt, whom she loved with a masochistic passion that destroyed everything in its path. But Ruth moved on, re-invented herself. Ruth found the strength to escape the terrifying abuse of her domestic existence. Or so she would like to think. Little does she realize the extent of the crippling cobwebs her vicious lover has spun throughout her mind.

But in the grim, foreboding town of Greenwell where her brother now lives, fate deals Ruth another blow. For Alex has disappeared. To bring him safely home, she will be forced to confront her emotional demons through a bewildering landscape, where the phantoms of a menacing past lurk around every corner, wielding memories, determined to wake Ruth up to the most horrifying reality of all. Some webs can never be swept away, some spiders sting to destroy... .

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far more than just a ghost story. 我 没 太 读 懂。 结尾： "don't struggle," a deep, rich voice whispered in my ear. "don't struggle and it will soon be over." i did as i was told. i stopped struggling. as consciousness sl...

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