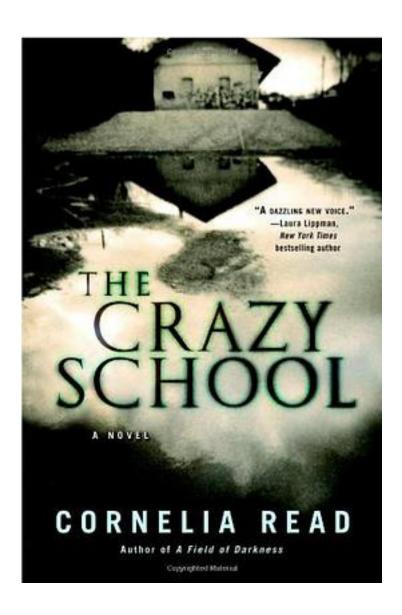
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Madeline Dare has traded in the drudgery of living in backwoods Syracuse, New York, to work as a teacher at Santangelo Academy, a boarding school for emotionally disturbed teenagers in the Berkshires. Behind the ornate gates of the academy, she finds a disturbing realm where students and teachers must follow the dean's bizarre therapies. From her first day, Madeline doubts Dr. Santangelo's credibility - and she's not afraid to voice her concerns. But she quickly discovers that many of her colleagues are devout followers of the dean. When a chilling event confirms Madeline's suspicions, she feels trapped within a school full of lunatics. Shut off from the outside world, Maddie forms an unlikely alliance with a small group of rebellious students, whose constant resistance to authority may be her only salvation...

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科妮莉亚·瑞德了解第一手的老派"盎格鲁-撒克逊、白人-新教"文化。科妮莉亚母亲的家族世代居住在牡蛎湾中心岛上,而她是在那里居住的第十代(也是最后的一代)人,随后被背弃了嬉皮士精神并离异的的母亲带到大苏尔附近。她的童年导师包括:苏菲派教徒、冲浪运动员、单亲妈妈、黑豹党人、安塞尔·亚当斯(Ansel Adams)、逃避兵役的人、罢工农民,还有亨利·米勒(Henry Miller)最难对付的乒乓对手。

在十五岁那年,瑞德回到了东部,寄宿学校毕业后又拿到大学的全额奖学金。后来在纽约的时候,她母亲婚外恋的男朋友的妻子心怀怨怼,把他们曝光了,他们因此登上了《纽约邮报》(the New York Post)八卦版《第六页》,被所有人驱逐出了社交圈。她通过自己的努力,又慢慢回到社交圈之中。

这位备受赞赏的作者著有作品《黑暗的领域》(A FIELD OF DARKNESS)、《疯狂学校》(THE CRAZY SCHOOL)、《看不见的男孩儿》(INVISIBLE BOY)和最新的《灰烬谷》(Valley of Ashes)。这四部作品的主人公都是言语刻薄却令人难忘的前社会名流马德琳·黛尔。

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瑞德曾凭借Hungry Enough一文,获得夏姆斯短片小说奖(the Shamus Award for best short story)。

瑞德对自家社交名流的传统非常厌恶,因此嫁给了一名可爱而普通的上班族。这位新晋作家目前与丈夫和双胞胎女儿居住在伯克利。

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