

# Her Fearful Symmetry



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Audrey Niffenegger's spectacularly compelling second novel opens with a letter that alters the fate of every character. Julia and Valentina Poole are semi-normal American twenty-year-olds with seemingly little interest in college or finding jobs. Their attachment to one another is intense. One morning the mailman delivers a thick envelope to their house in the suburbs of Chicago. From a London solicitor, the letter informs Valentina and Julia that their English aunt Elspeth Noblin, whom they never knew, has died of cancer, and left them her London apartment. There are two conditions to this inheritance: that they live in it for a year before they sell it; and that their parents may not enter it. Julia and Valentina are twins. So were the estranged Elspeth and Edie, their mother. The girls move to Elspeth's flat, which borders the vast and ornate Highgate Cemetery. Julia and Valentina come to know the residents of their

building. There is Martin, a brilliant and charming crossword puzzle setter suffering from crippling obsessive compulsive disorder; Marjike, Martin's devoted but trapped wife; and Robert, Elspeth's elusive lover, a scholar of the cemetery. As the girls become embroiled in the fraying lives of their aunt's neighbors, they also discover that much is still alive in Highgate, including -- perhaps -- their aunt. Author of one of the most beloved first novels in recent years, Niffenegger returns with an unnerving, unforgettable and enchanting ghost story, a novel about love and identity, secrets and sisterhood, and the tenacity of life -- even after death.

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书评

开始看这本书之前，对情节基本没有了解，看到鬼魂出现，明白是个现代鬼故事，这才注意到书的封面和封底已经提供了线索。封面照片的背景某个墓地的地下通道口，一对

看上去似乎才十多岁的双胞胎，金发、大眼、从帽子到皮靴一身的白色。在封底上，还是一模一样的背景，但是这对双...

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Dissapointed. I have indeed not the slightest idea of what this book is talking about. It unfolds itself as a scary novel, then it comes to twisted love story, with some flippant and unnecessary depicitions, floppy plot arrangement and overabundant lingering...

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