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### Editorial Review

#### Review

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"Much savagery, compassion, farce, art, and truth have gone into these stories. O'Connor's characters are wholeheartedly horrible, and almost better than life. I find it hard to think of a funnier or more frightening writer." --Robert Lowell, Pulitzer Prize-winning poet

"With a keen eye for the dark side of human nature, an amazing ear for dialogue, and a necessary sense of irony, Flannery O'Connor exposes the underside of life in the rural south of the United States." --Holly Smith, *500 Great Books by Women*

"I am sure her books will live on and on in American literature." --Elizabeth Bishop, Pulitzer Prize winner and poet laureate of the United States, 1949-1950

From the Back Cover

### ONE OF THE GREATEST AMERICAN SHORT STORY COLLECTIONS

In 1955, with this short story collection, Flannery O'Connor firmly laid claim to her place as one of the most original and provocative writers of her generation. Steeped in a Southern Gothic tradition that would become synonymous with her name, these stories show O'Connor's unique, grotesque view of life--infused with religious symbolism, haunted by apocalyptic possibility, sustained by the tragic comedy of human behavior, confronted by the necessity of salvation.

Through these classic stories--including "The Life You Save May Be Your Own," "Good Country People," "The Displaced Person," and seven other acclaimed tales--O'Connor earned a permanent place in the hearts of American readers.

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Flannery O'Connor (1925-1964) was born in Savannah, Georgia. She earned her MFA at the University of Iowa, but lived most of her life in the South, where she became an anomaly among post-World War II authors--a Roman Catholic woman whose stated purpose was to reveal the mystery of God's grace in everyday life. Her work--novels, short stories, letters, and criticism--received a number of awards, including the National Book Award."

#### About the Author

FLANNERY O'CONNOR was born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1925. She was awarded the Best of the

National Book Awards for Fiction in 2009 and was the first fiction writer born in the twentieth century to have her works collected and published by the Library of America. When she died at the age of thirty-nine, America lost one of its most gifted writers at the height of her powers. She was particularly acclaimed for her stories, which combined the comic with the tragic and grotesque. Her body of work was small, consisting of only thirty-one stories, two novels, and some speeches and letters.

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