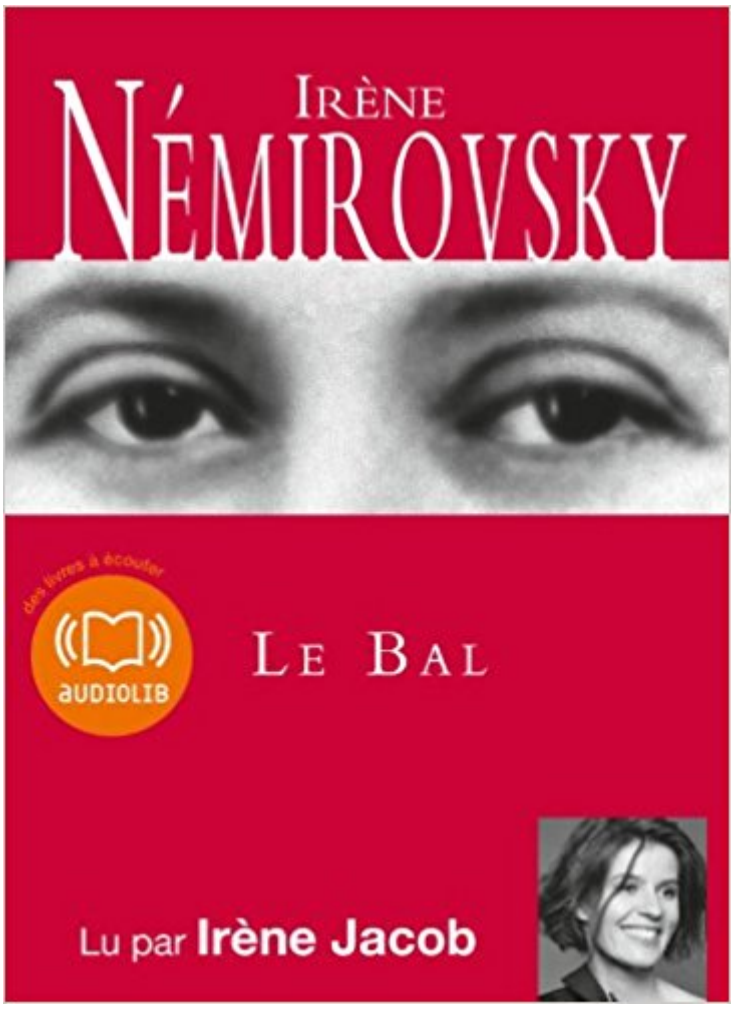
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Synopsis

Recemment passes de la gene a l'opulence, M. et Mme Kampf decident de donner un bal. Leur fille Antoinette, qui vient d'avoir quatorze ans, reverait d'y assister. Mais Mme Kampf, peu soucieuse de presenter a ses admirateurs une fille deja si grande, oppose un refus formel. Antoinette ne premeditera pas sa vengeance: elle l'accomplira d'un geste, dans un etat second... Elle sera terrible. Par la cruaute et la drolerie, par le courant de tendresse etouffe qui traverse ce petit livre etincelant, Le Bal est un des tres rares chefs-d'oeuvre consacres a la description des tourments de l'enfance.Le grand talent d'Irene Jacob parvient a donner a ce livre etincelant et cruel la douloureuse resonnance que lui vaut la mort tragique de son auteur.

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Customer Reviews

Le Bal established NÃƒÂ©mirovsky as one of the most talented and celebrated authors of her day. The Guardian (UK) --Guardian --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

Nee en 1903 a Kiev, Irene Nemirovsky connait le succesdes son premier roman, David Golder (1929), puis avec LeBal (1930). En juin 1940, elle se refugie dans un village duMorvan avant d'etre arretee par les gendarmes francais, puis assassinee a Auschwitz, l'ete 1942. Agee de treizeans, sa fille ainee, Denise, emporte dans sa fuite une valisecontenant une relique douloureuse: le manuscrit ultime desa mere, Suite francaise, inedit jusqu'en 2004, qui obtint atitre posthume le prix Renaudot.

Esta ok.

an early book by nemirovsky. in a veiled way, it is really about her mother, who, by all accounts was even worse that irene describes. After Irene, the author and husband are dead in aushwitz, their children are smuggled to switzerland. after the war some soul tries to re-unite the two orphan children with grandma. she won't open the door and tells the children to go to an orphanage.

A well written book about an unpleasant nouveau riche couple in 1920's Paris and their unloved 14 year old daughter.

-Great story! Powerful message of relationship mother-daughter-society. Irene made it again, excellent written and with her personal touch that makes you go through the story effortless, smoothly.-Highly recommended for a Saturday afternoon at home-Very enjoyable is this little piece of French Society we are able to taste through her writing-Music recommended: Mendelsson Op.109

In this early book, I could see the talents and skills that were building slowly to lead to Nemirovsky's magnum opus, Suite Francaise. However, it seems that greater attention went into crafting Suite Francaise for several reasons. A possible pitfall of this book is that it might not be long enough to allow the author to display all of her mastership.The novel centers on a poor Jew who converts to Catholicism after marrying a French wife, he becomes rich, and to cap it off, they plan a ball intended to display themselves as the "noveau riche". His neurotic wife decides that her daughter will not attend, and in an act of vengeance, the teenager throws all the invitations into the Seine. She watches her mother's agony at not having any guests show up at the ball.I think that the story is a little exaggerated and over-the-top. Perhaps this was done to illustrate a point, but I am happy not to have met any family like the Kampfs in my lifetime.

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