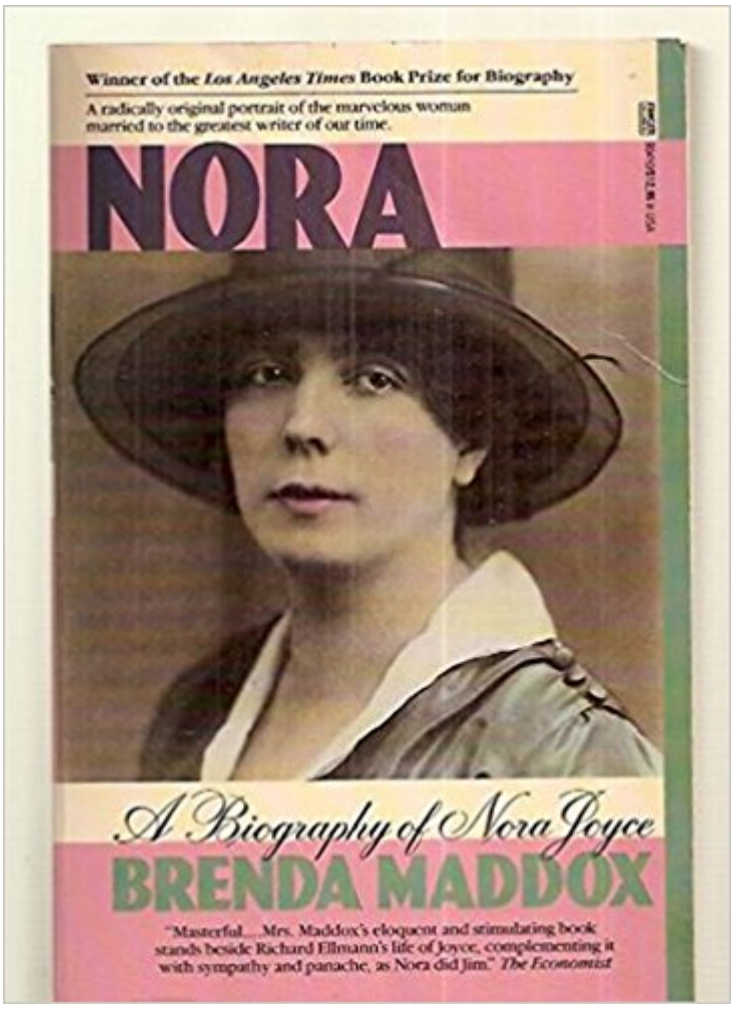
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"Not only is this a highly engaging Joyce family biography--brightly written, scrupulously researched and full of intimate, little-known Joyceana--it also gives an important thrust to a scholarly opinion now gathering force: that far from being an insignificant factor in her husband’s work, Nora was the inspiration for Ulysses ’s Molly Bloom . . . and principal females in all James Joyce’s other writings," praised PW . Photos. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Very interesting story of the essential contribution made by Nora to James Joyce’s writing career. Well-researched. Fascinating.

Extremely well done

It is hard to imagine Jim Joyce writing as he did without Nora. Her stream of consciousness letter writing influenced his style. Her feisty Aries personality gave him much impetus. Maddox likes to delve into the private lives of her subjects. Jim was much taken by Nora’s earthy nature, and Maddox does not hold back in this department.This book helps explain Joyce’s interest in bodily functions and the less polite side of life.Virginia Woolf said Ulysses was the work of "a queasy undergraduate scratching his pimples." After reading Maddox I would say it is the work of a pervert

wallowing in a sewer. Maddox relates that Joyce, among other things, liked to watch Nora defecate. He often spent much of the night drinking and had to be carried home by a friend. I find Maddox gives too much detail about the mundane things of the Joyce's everyday life. I guess Joyce fanatics would not mind this. Nora comes across as a likeable and resourceful woman, who, despite the limitations of her background, rose to the occasion and coped with many challenging situations.

I'm a life long Joyce fan and I have to admit that I enjoyed this life of Jim's wife (only she could call him Jim!) Nora even more than I did the three volume Ellman biography of Joyce himself. In fact, Joyce fans will probably learn more about Joyce's writing by reading about his wife than about him. This is one of the most outstanding biographies I have ever read -- it's fascinating to learn how Joyce used Nora's every utterance somewhere in his works even though she herself never read Ulysses.

This book may have been interesting- I will never know. I threw it away when I saw that the whole thing was yellow and dusty. Folks with allergies cannot tolerate this sort of book.

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