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"Shirley Jackson is unparalleled as a leader in the field of beautifully written, quiet, cumulative shudders." -- Dorothy Parker

### **About the Author**

Shirley Jackson (1919–1965), a celebrated writer of horror, wrote many stories as well as six novels and two works of nonfiction.

In addition to many prize-winning and bestselling novels, including **We Were the Mulvaneys**, **Black Water**, and **Because It Is Bitter and Because It Is My Heart** (available in Plume editions), **Joyce Carol Oates** is the author of a number of works of gothic fiction including **Haunted: Tales of the Grotesque** (Plume), a 1995 World Fantasy Award nominee; and **Zombie** (Plume), winner of the 1996 Bram Stoker Award for Best Horror Novel, awarded by the Horror Writers' Association. In 1994, Oates received the Bram Stoker Lifetime Achievement Award in Horror Fiction. She is the editor of **American Gothic Tales** and her latest novel is **Broke Heart Blues** (Dutton). She lives in Princeton, New Jersey.

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