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Editorial Review

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The narrator is Chappy, a pedophile who's been locked up in Sing Sing for 23 years. The tale alternates between Chappy's own story (both outside and inside of prison), and letters he receives from a 19-year-old girl who knows of Alice's fate and wants to start playing with 12-year-old boys. The girl's letters disturb Chappy, bringing his memories vividly to the fore. In prose that is both lyrical and horrifyingly direct, A.M. "Amy" Homes takes us into the minds of the correspondents. Chappy is bright, analytical, and reminiscent of Nabokov in the way he talks about his "Lolita." But the sex is graphic and often bizarre, and the author's tone is chilly, so it's not a book to be picked up lightly. As Daphne Merkin writes in the *New York Times*, it's a "splashy, not particularly likable book whose best moments are quietly observed and whose underlying themes are more serious than prurient."

From Library Journal

In this deeply disturbing novel, Homes (In a Country of Mothers, LJ 8/93) seems to be attempting to create as repulsive a protagonist as possible—a nameless pedophile serving his 23rd year at Sing Sing. Alongside his narrative is the tale of a 19-year-old college coed obsessed by a preteen boy. A large part of the novel centers on the half-real, half-imagined ties that develop between the convict and the college student as a result of her increasingly graphic letters to him. The rest is a reminiscence of his affair with a 12-year-old seductress named Alice that ends in her gruesome murder. Deliberately shocking and confrontational, Homes's purpose seems to be to force the reader into a kind of Dostoevskian identification with the blackest and most perverse elements of human nature. An optional purchase for larger libraries.

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Review

"With all the cunning and control of a brilliant lover, she takes us places we dare not go alone." -- *Los Angeles Times*

"The book shocks, mesmerizes, repels, and titillates, erupting at one unforgettable point in a harrowing flashback that does for baths what Alfred Hitchcock's *Psycho* did for showers." -- *Vanity Fair*

"A breathtaking new novel...certain to cause controversy." -- *Elle*

"Superlative...undeniably shocking...superbly achieved by a writer who is a true artist." -- *Vogue*

"As dark and treacherous as ice on the highway...A. M. Homes never plays it safe and it begins to look as if she can do almost anything." -- Michael Cunningham, author of *The Hours*

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