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Editorial Review

Review

“A subtle examination of universal female behavior.” —*People*

“[Enchi’s] allusions to the masks of N? plays and to the classic *The Tale of Genji*, the brilliant way she layers and interweaves the ancient, the more recent past and the present are haunting and rich. A fictional enchantment.” —*Publishers Weekly*

“Enchi’s writing has some of the same amniotic fluidity as Tolstoy’s, an almost bodily, floating immersion into the effortless habitat of the story.” —*The American Reader*

“Clear and powerful. . . . Almost imperceptively woven.” —*Kirkus*

Language Notes

Text: English, Japanese (translation)

From the Back Cover

'Clear and powerful' (Kirkus), Masks is perhaps Fumiko Enchi's finest work and her first to be translated into English. In this stunning and subtle novel about seduction and infidelity in latter-day Japan and about the destructive force of feminine jealousy and resentment, Mieko Togano, a handsome and cultivated woman in her 50s, manipulates--for her own bizarre purposes--the relationship between her widowed daughter-in-law, Yasuko, and the two men in love with her.

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