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By Madison Smartt Bell

City Lights Books, United States, 2017. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. O Magazine's Top 20 Books to Read This Summer! In this searing hallucinatory novel set partly in a lunarlike desert, Bell captures a mood of sexual menace, tracing the fates of a teenage girl and her birth mother as they home in on each other. Fleeing the advances of three boys, Julie stumbles into a trippy odyssey among cave paintings, while Marissa, her mother, embarks on her own fever-dream trek toward the daughter she gave up. Best known for his acclaimed Haitian trilogy--All Souls Rising, Master of the Crossroads and The Stone That the Builder Refused--Bell draws on his own experiences with voodoo possession to re-create his characters descent into a sinister otherworld. The novel toys with perspective--women shape-shifting into rocks or animals; the same life-or-death scene played repeatedly, with myriad outcomes--in a kind of primal storytelling that crackles with dread and desire. --O Magazine When Julie skips school and sets off with her best friend and some local boys for a camping trip in the desert, she finds herself the target of unwanted, drug-fueled sexual attention. Running away in fear, she takes a...



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