



## The Mare

By Gaitskill, Mary

Condition: New. Publisher/Verlag: Profile Books | Nominert: Baileys Women&apos;s Prize for Fiction 2017 | A profound, important novel about how love and family are shaped by race, class and privilege | Ginger is forty-seven and a recovering alcoholic when she meets and marries Paul. It&apos;s too late for her to have a baby of her own, so she tries to persuade him to consider adoption, but he already has a child and doesn&apos;t share her longing to be a parent. As a compromise, they sign up to an organisation that sends poor inner-city kids to stay with country families for a few weeks in the summer, so one hot July day Velveteen Vargas arrives in their lives, and Ginger is instantly besotted. Velvet is an eleven-year-old Dominican girl from one of Brooklyn&apos;s toughest neighbourhoods. Bemused by her gentle middle-aged hosts, but deeply intuitive in the way of clever children, Velvet quickly senses the longing behind Ginger&apos;s affection for her. Although she can&apos;t reciprocate, the two of them do forge a bond, but when Ginger begins to entertain fantasies of adopting Velvet, things begin to get complicated. Narrated in turn by Velvet and Ginger, Mary Gaitskill has created a devastating portrait of the...



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