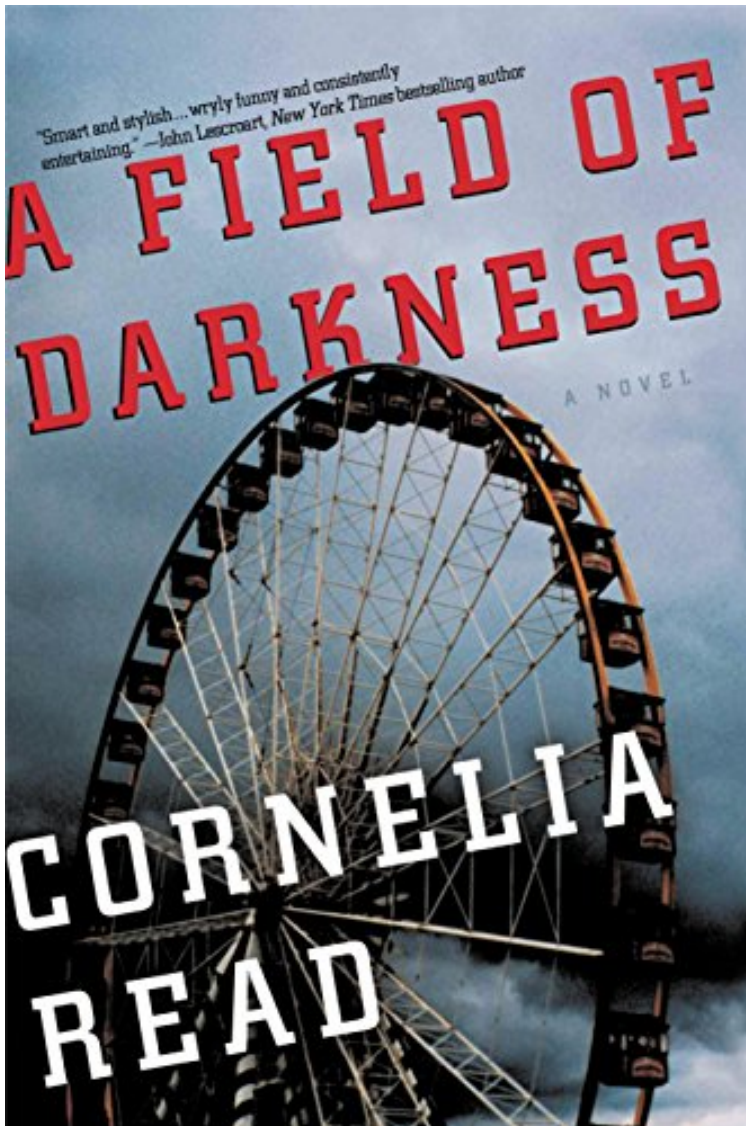


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Prsentation de l'diteurMadeline Dare would be the first to tell you her money is so old there's none left. A former socialite from an aristocratic family in decline, Maddie is a tough-talking, would-be journalist exiled

to the rust belt of upstate New York. Her prospects for changing her dreary lifestyle seem dim--until a set of dog tags found at a decades-old murder site is linked to her family. Shocked into action, Maddie embarks on a search that takes her from the derelict smokestacks of Syracuse to the posh mansions of Long Island's Gold Coast. But instead of the warm refuge of home, this prodigal daughter soon uncovers dark, sinister secrets that will violently challenge everything she believes in and holds dear.

From Publishers Weekly
Read's impressive debut stars the unusual Madeline Dare, a jumble of contradictions who comes from an old-money Long Island family but is married to Dean, a railroad worker, in Syracuse, N.Y., which our heroine likens in a moment of exasperation to "some mental dust bowl." Dean's job requires frequent travel, while Madeline writes fluff features for the local newspaper. Nothing in her background prepares her for trying to solve the bizarre 20-year-old murder of two young women, a crime that her cousin, Laphorne Townsend, might have been involved in. Read writes with verve and passion as Madeline sets out to clear her cousin's name, an effort that develops into a much larger, life-changing struggle. Some readers may find Madeline's volatile character less than credible, but the fine supporting cast--notably husband Dean and flaky, flamboyant friend Ellis--consistently delights. The author's sharp social commentary on everything from the idle rich to the environment adds to the pleasure.

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Madeline Dare, born into Long Island Society and raised amid the wealthy of California, is married to a Syracuse Railroad worker and writing for a small town newspaper. Dare dislikes Syracuse and her working-class in-laws while, at the same time, rejecting her upper-class upbringing. Upon learning of a twenty-year-old murder in the area, Dare investigates the crime, which is intertwined with her cousin Laphorne Townsend. Hillary Huber reads this slow-moving mystery with a steady, even voice. Huber follows each shift in time and location as Dare daydreams about her life before Syracuse, remembering Laphorne and all her adventures with him. As Dare seeks to uncover the truth about Laphorne's life, she is forced to examine her own. M.B.K. AudioFile 2007, Portland, Maine--
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