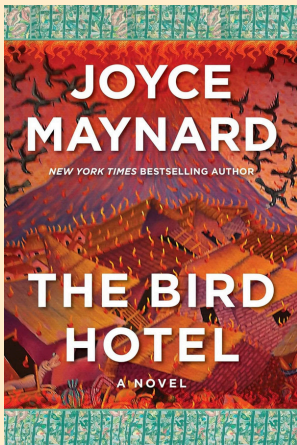


# MORNING BOOK GROUP

## ABOUT THE BOOK



AFTER A CHILDHOOD FILLED WITH HEARTBREAK, IRENE, A TALENTED ARTIST, FINDS HERSELF IN A SMALL CENTRAL AMERICAN VILLAGE WHERE SHE CHECKS INTO A BEAUTIFUL BUT DECAYING LAKEFRONT HOTEL CALLED LA LLORONA AT THE BASE OF A VOLCANO.

*THE BIRD HOTEL* TELLS THE STORY OF THIS YOUNG AMERICAN WHO, AFTER SUFFERING TRAGEDY, RESTORES AND RUNS LA LLORONA. ALONG THE WAY WE MEET A RICH ASSORTMENT OF CHARACTERS WHO LIVE IN THE VILLAGE OR COME TO STAY AT THE HOTEL. WITH A MYSTERY AT ITS CENTER AND FILLED WITH WARMTH, DRAMA, ROMANCE, HUMOR, POP CULTURE, AND A LITTLE MAGICAL REALISM, *THE BIRD HOTEL* HAS ALL THE HALLMARKS OF A JOYCE MAYNARD NOVEL THAT HAVE MADE HER A LEADING VOICE OF HER GENERATION.

*THE BIRD HOTEL* IS A BIG, SWEEPING STORY SPANNING FOUR DECADES, OFFERING LYRICISM AS WELL AS WHIMSY. WHILE THE WORLD NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR JOYCE MAYNARD BRINGS TO LIFE ON THE PAGE IS RENDERED FROM HER IMAGINATION, IT'S ONE INFORMED BY THE MORE THAN TWENTY YEARS OF WHICH SHE HAS SPENT A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF HER TIME IN A SMALL MAYAN INDIGENOUS VILLAGE IN GUATEMALA.

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