



The Pleasure of Eliza Lynch

By Anne Enright

Grove/Atlantic. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 240 pages. Dimensions: 8.1in. x 5.4in. x 0.7in. The novel opens in Paris, in the midst of the sexual embrace that makes Eliza Lynch the mistress of Francisco Solano Lopez, the third dictator of Paraguay. She is nineteen years old but wise beyond her years—initiated into sex by a Mr. Bennett, a friend of her family, while still at school, she has had many lovers and even been married, to an abusive Frenchman named Quatrefages from whom she escaped in north Africa to return to Paris. She is currently a society paramour who maintains a respectable facade even while sleeping with a dressmaker in exchange for credit. Lopez is a young comer in Paraguayan politics, the son of the current dictator, who is in Europe on a diplomatic tour and to recruit engineers and others to help on his plan to build the first railway in South America. He goes to Eliza Lynch for French lessons, but history has other plans for them. A few months later, Eliza realizes she is pregnant. Eliza accompanies Lopez on his tour of the continent and they are now aboard the Tacuar, having made the Atlantic crossing and navigating...



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