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Editorial Review

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Rose has spent all her married life in her home on rue Childebert, and though Napoléon's prefect now plans to tear the neighborhood down in the name of progress, she is unwilling to part with it. While she doggedly awaits the impending destruction, she writes letters to her beloved late husband, sharing memories from their past, both good and bad, and building up to a final confession that she has kept as her secret for 30 years. Set in nineteenth-century Paris during the Haussmann reconstructions of the Second Empire, this story is as much about that iconic city and its legacy as it is about the strength of its citizens. Those who enjoyed *Sarah's Key* (2007) will recognize de Rosnay's love for her native France and appreciate the poignancy and tenacity of her characters, but this newest novel is more one-dimensional than her earlier work. Told entirely through letters, the story tends to feel choppy and forced, and events are not related in chronological order, leaving the tale at times hard to follow. Still, fans of *Sarah's Key* may want to sample the latest from de Rosnay. --Cortney Ophoff

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"In her quietly elegant 11th novel, the bestselling author of *Sarah's Key* again explores the idea of home as both sanctuary and embodiment of history... [Rose's] letters, poetic and honest, reveal a world soon to be destroyed by progress. A mesmerizing look at how the homes and neighborhoods we occupy hold not only our memories but our secrets as well." ?*People* (3 out of 4 stars)

"De Rosnay's delicacy and the flavor of her beloved Paris are everywhere in this brief but memorable book. Replete with treats, particularly for Paris-lovers?indeed for anyone wedded to a special place." ?*Kirkus* (starred review)

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"The core of Paris by a phenomenal novelist." ?*Elle* (France)

"Fraught with drama, as the *Sarah's Key* author aims to create an immersive experience in a hugely transformative period in Paris...when the city was torn between modernity and tradition. In Rose, one gets the clear sense of a woman losing her place in a changing world." ?*Publishers Weekly*

"Whether you approve of Baron Haussmann's modernization of the French capital or not, Tatiana de Rosnay's new book, *The House I Loved*, is sure to enthrall those who want to learn more about this fascinating period in history." ?*Out and About In Paris*

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"'That rare thing - a hugely accomplished, compelling, compulsively readable novel' Douglas Kennedy 'A wholly captivating novel. A triumphant follow-up to the bestselling *Sarah's Key*' Easy Living 'A sumptuous dark story... it's the suspense that keeps you truly hooked' Stylist"

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