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## Editorial Review

### Review

“A document of persecuted love?perfect.” (The Independent)

“About the pursuit of love, and true happiness...It has characters who laugh, and who laugh without scorn or illusion...very recognizably Highsmith, full of tremor and of threat and of her peculiar genius for anxiety.” (The Sunday Times)

### From the Back Cover

A chance encounter between two lonely women leads to a passionate romance in this lesbian cult classic. Therese, a struggling young sales clerk, and Carol, a homemaker in the midst of a bitter divorce, abandon their oppressive daily routines for the freedom of the open road, where their love can blossom. But their newly discovered bliss is shattered when Carol is forced to choose between her child and her lover. Author Patricia Highsmith is best known for her psychological thrillers *Strangers on a Train* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*. Originally published in 1952 under a pseudonym, *The Price of Salt* was heralded as "the novel of a love society forbids." Highsmith's sensitive treatment of fully realized characters who defy stereotypes about homosexuality marks a departure from previous lesbian pulp fiction. Erotic, eloquent, and suspenseful, this story offers an honest look at the necessity of being true to one's nature.

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### About the Author

Patricia Highsmith (1921–1995) was the author of more than twenty novels, including *Strangers on a Train*, *The Price of Salt*, *The Blunderer* and *The Talented Mr. Ripley*, as well as numerous short stories.

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