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### Editorial Review

#### From Booklist

Moyes (*Me before You*, 2012) writes with such clarity that one can almost see the eponymous 100-year-old painting at the center of her wonderful new novel. Also crystal clear are the emotions that protagonist Liv Halston attaches to the portrait. Gifted to Liv by her late husband, David, in celebration of their wedding, *The Girl You Left Behind* becomes a personal icon, embodying all that was good about their brief marriage. What is less clear is the painting's provenance and who has the right to assert ownership. Will Liv's notion of ownership unravel when the artist's heirs sue to reclaim what they call ill-gotten goods, seemingly misappropriated by German soldiers during WWI? Did the artist's wife—the subject of the portrait—give or sell it? Can anyone establish a clear trail of legitimate ownership? Does emotional attachment to a work of art have cash value? Can love ever trump greed? At its heart, such questions, thrumming in the background, add depth to what is an uncommonly good love story. --Donna Chavez

#### Review

#### Praise for **THE GIRL YOU LEFT BEHIND:**

"Vibrant and gripping."

—*People Magazine* (\*\*\*\*)

"Jojo Moyes expertly weaves a bittersweet tale in this irresistible novel, taking careful interest in the dark corners that exist within great love stories, and the trickiness of simple happy endings. A-"

—*Entertainment Weekly*

"Moyes writes delicious plots, with characters so clearly imagined they leap off the pages in high-definition prose. . . . Clever plot turns make for a satisfying ending . . . Moyes brings fresh strokes to this story about the power of art and love to transcend what imprisons us. Romantics looking for a story set amid the politics of plundered art couldn't do much better than *The Girl You Left Behind*."

—*USA Today* (3 1/2 stars)

"Jojo Moyes builds on her strengths in this moving and accomplished new novel. As she did in the best-selling *Me Before You*, she asks readers to think in fresh ways about a morally complex issue. . . . *The Girl You Left Behind* is strong, provocative, satisfying fiction."

—*The Washington Post*

"In this moving paean to daring, determination and perspicacity, Moyes keeps the reader guessing down to the last hankie."

—*Los Angeles Times*

"Good storytelling."

—*New York Daily News*

"In her latest heart tugger, Jojo Moyes deftly weaves the story of newlyweds in WWI France with that of a young widow in today's London."

—*Parade*

"Lovely and wry, Moyes's newest is captivating and bittersweet."

—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

"Moyes (*Me Before You*) has created a riveting depiction of a wartime occupation that has mostly faded from memory. Liv and Sophie are so real in their faults, passion, and bravery that the reader is swept along right to the end. This one is hard to put down!"

—*Library Journal* (starred review)

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#### About the Author

**Jojo Moyes** is the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *After You*, *Me Before You*, *One Plus One*, *The Girl You Left Behind*, *The Last Letter from Your Lover*, *Silver Bay*, and *The Ship of Brides*. She lives with her husband and three children in Essex, England.

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