

The Illusionist - Francoise Mallet-joris

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Bored and lonely, 15-year-old Hlne decides to pay a visit to her fathers mistress. Within days, she is captivated by Tamara, a Russian migr whose arts of enchantment include lingering kisses, sudden dismissals, and savage, rapturous reunions. As long as she submits to Tamara, Hlne is permitted to stay near her: reading forbidden novels, meeting Tamaras bohemian friends, and learning more refinements of depravity than the gossiping matrons of her provincial French town could imagine existed. Flemish writer Franoise Mallet-Joris was 20 years old in 1951 when her first novel, *Le Rempart des Beguines* published in English as *The Illusionist* created a sensation in France. This contemplative, beautifully written book, with its dark undercurrents of desire, has its origins in *Madame Bovary* and the novels of *Colette*, and was a precursor to Franoise Sagans similarly themed *Bonjour Tristesse*. Author: Mallet-Joris, FranCoise Publisher: Cleis Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: The Illusionist Pages: 00264 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2006-09-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781573442534 Category: Fiction : Literary Category: Fiction : Coming of Age Category: Fiction : Romance - Historical

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