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"[*The Childhood of Jesus*] plunges us at once into a mysterious and dreamlike terrain....A Kafka-inspired parable of the quest for meaning itself."—Joyce Carol Oates, *The New York Times Book Review* (front page)

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"A return to form....[Coetzee's] most brisk and dazzling book."—Benjamin Lytal, *The Daily Beast*

"Compelling—eerie, tautly written."—*Los Angeles Times*

"[Coetzee] is a consummate withholder, one of the great masters of the unsaid and the inexplicit."—*The New York Review of Books*

"*The Childhood of Jesus*—this cryptic, mythic, haunting fable—ranks among J. M. Coetzee's best."—*The Chicago Tribune*

"With this powerful and puzzling novel, Nobel laureate Coetzee...returns to the allegorical focus that defined *Waiting for the Barbarians*."—*Booklist* (starred)

"Captivating and provocative....Coetzee's precise prose is at once rich and austere, lean and textured, deceptively straightforward and yet expansive, as he considers what is required, not just of the body, but by the heart."—*Publishers Weekly* (starred review)

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The mysterious, masterful new novel from J.M. Coetzee, twice winner of the Booker Prize and winner of the Nobel Prize Kurzbeschreibung

From the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Waiting for the Barbarians*, *The Life & Times of Michael K* and *Disgrace*.

J.M. Coetzee's latest novel, *The Schooldays of Jesus*, is now available from Viking. *Late Essays: 2006-2016* will be available January 2018.

Nobel laureate and two-time Booker Prize winner J. M. Coetzee returns with a haunting and surprising novel about childhood and destiny that is sure to rank with his classic novels.

Separated from his mother as a passenger on a boat bound for a new land, David is a boy who is quite literally adrift. The piece of paper explaining his situation is lost, but a fellow passenger, Simón, vows to look after the boy. When the boat docks, David and Simón are issued new names, new birthdays, and virtually a whole new life.

Strangers in a strange land, knowing nothing of their surroundings, nor the language or customs, they are determined to find David's mother. Though the boy has no memory of her, Simón is certain he will

recognize her at first sight. “But after we find her,” David asks, “what are we here for?”

An eerie allegorical tale told largely through dialogue, *The Childhood of Jesus* is a literary feat—a novel of ideas that is also a tender, compelling narrative. Coetzee’s many fans will celebrate his return while new readers will find *The Childhood of Jesus* an intriguing introduction to the work of a true master.

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