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that it proves once again that Kate Atkinson is one of the most exceptional novelists of our age. Revue de presse "Triumphant...such a dazzling read...Atkinson gives Teddy's wartime experiences the full treatment in a series of thrilling set pieces. Even more impressive, though, is her ability to invest the more everyday events with a similar grandeur...almost as innovative as Atkinson's technique in *Life After Life* - a possibly more authentic as an expression of how it feels to be alive...it ends on one of the most devastating twists in recent fiction...it adds a further level of overwhelming poignancy to an already extraordinarily affecting book." (James Walton Daily Telegraph) "This is a novel about war and the shadow it casts even over generations who have never known it, but it is also a novel about fiction...this is a novel that cares deeply about its characters and about the purpose of fiction in making sense of our collective past. *A God in Ruins*, together with its predecessor, is Atkinson's finest work, and confirmation that her genre-defying writing continues to surprise and dazzle." (Stephanie Merritt Observer) "With *A God in Ruins* she, once again, proves herself to be a writer of considerable talent. Her command of structure is extraordinary...She writes with terrific compassion for her characters...also shows off a brilliantly brittle sense of humour that on several occasions made me laugh out loud...to my mind, *A God in Ruins* stands as an equally magnificent achievement." (Matt Cain Independent on Sunday) "Horribly funny...every page has some vividly original phrase...But the tour de force is her treatment of Teddys experience as a bomber pilot, recreated as memorably as the Blitz scenes in *Life After Life*... nothing can quite account for the imaginative leaps she has made...nailbiting...a really affecting memorial to the huge numbers of bomber crew who died." (Standard) "Better than most fiction you'll read this year...Atkinson's prose is as bright as gunfire in the Second World War sections...I can't think of any writer to match her ability to grasp a period in the past. No, not even you, Booker-winning Hilary Mantel." (The Times) Prsentation de l'diteur WINNER OF THE 2015 COSTA NOVEL AWARDA *God in Ruins* relates the life of Teddy Todd would-be poet, heroic World War II bomber pilot, husband, father, and grandfather as he navigates the perils and progress of the 20th century. For all Teddy endures in battle, his greatest challenge will be to face living in a future he never expected to have. This gripping, often deliriously funny yet emotionally devastating book looks at war that great fall of Man from grace and the effect it has, not only on those who live through it, but on the lives of the subsequent generations. It is also about the infinite magic of fiction. Those who loved the bestselling *Life After Life* will recognise Teddy as Ursula Todds adored younger brother but for those who have not read it, *A God in Ruins* stands fully on its own. Few will dispute that it proves once again that Kate Atkinson is one of the most exceptional novelists of our age.