

Dear Charlotte,

This is a review from
'The Good Book Guide' which
hasn't been published yet
but will shortly (no date given)
Rather good!

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complicated as a result of the...
Along with him, we discover the unfamiliar conventions of the
Finns, which serve to strengthen the sense of alienation. Such
unknown territory is actually part of him. In turn, it augments the
perpetual feeling of sadness tinged with hopefulness. A distinctly
different story.

A Bear With an Egg in Her Paws

Charlotte Fairbairn

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Reviewed by Carole Baldock

Clara, adopting different roles as the novel progresses, is our
guide on a journey through several generations. She remains at the
centre, from which various relationships stretch into a veritable
web, though switching easily from one individual's experience and
memories to the next. The novel opens from the viewpoint of
Finn's mother, with a poignant description of pregnancy,
childbirth and the symbiotic bond between mother and child. A
strong theme, it is reinforced by the memories young Clara has of
her great-aunt Lily. Fundamentally, this is a study of the nature
of the individual, intertwining with the many and important
relationships; since all the characters are flawed, personality
clashes become more and more problematic. Yet, conveyed in
soothing, poetic tones, it greatly heightens the frustration and
the tension. Books of such calibre serve to enhance this new and
experimental press's growing reputation.