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"[*Hangsaman*] confirms the belief that Miss Jackson is an exceptional writer."

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"No one can question the author's great ability to do the kind of thing she wants to do. This is as disturbing a story as the shorter 'Lottery' was, and in exactly the same way."

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About the Author

Shirley Jackson (1916–1965) received wide critical acclaim for her short story "The Lottery," which was first published in the *New Yorker* in 1948. Her works available from Penguin Classics include *We Have Always Lived in the Castle*, *The Haunting of Hill House*, and *Come Along with Me* and *Life Among the Savages* available from Penguin.

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