

Medusa's Ankles

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A ravishing, luminous selection of short stories from the prize-winning imagination of A. S. Byatt, "a storyteller who could keep a sultan on the edge of his throne for a thousand and one nights" (*The New York Times Book Review*). With an introduction by David Mitchell, best-selling author of *Cloud Atlas*, *Mirrors* shatter at the hairdresser's when a middle-aged client explodes in rage. Snow dusts the warm body of a princess, honing it into something sharp and frosted. Summer sunshine flickers on the face of a smiling child who may or may not be real. *Medusa's Ankles* celebrates the very best of A. S. Byatt's short fiction, carefully selected from a lifetime of writing. Peopled by artists, poets, and fabulous creatures, the stories blaze with creativity and color. From ancient myth to a British candy factory, from a Chinese restaurant to a Mediterranean swimming pool, from a Turkish bazaar to a fairy-tale palace, Byatt transports her readers beyond the veneer of the ordinary—“even beyond the gloss of the fantastical”—to places rich and strange and wholly unforgettable. *Cover image: © 2021 Succession H. Matisse / Artists Rights Society (ARS), New York*

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