

Safe as Houses (Iowa Short Fiction Award)



Safe as Houses, the debut story collection of Marie-Helene Bertino, proves that not all homes are shelters. The titular story revolves around an aging English professor who, mourning the loss of his wife, robs other peoples homes of their sentimental knick-knacks. In Free Ham, a young dropout wins a ham after her house burns down and refuses to accept it. Has my ham done anything wrong? she asks when the grocery store manager demands that she claim it. In Carry Me Home, Sisters of Saint Joseph, a failed commercial writer moves into the basement of a convent and inadvertently discovers the secrets of the Sisters of Saint Joseph. A girl, hoping to talk her brother out of enlisting in the army, brings Bob Dylan home for Thanksgiving dinner in the quiet, dreamy North Of. In The Idea of Marcel, Emily, a conservative, elegant girl, has dinner with the idea of her ex-boyfriend, Marcel. In a night filled with baffling coincidences, including Marcel having dinner with his idea of Emily, she wonders why we tend to be more in love with ideas than with reality. In and out of the rooms of these gritty, whimsical stories roam troubled, funny people struggling to reconcile their circumstances to some kind of American Ideal and failing, over and over. The stories of Safe as Houses are magical and original and help answer such universal and existential questions as: How far will we go to stay loyal to our friends? Can we love a man even though he is inches shorter than our ideal? Why doesnt Bob Dylan ever have his own smokes? And are there patron saints for everything, even lost socks and bad movies? All homes are not shelters. But then again, some are. Welcome to the home of Marie-Helene Bertino.

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homes are shelters. The titular story revolves around an aging Englishman. Buy *Safe as Houses* (Iowa Short Fiction Award (Paperback)) by Marie-Helene Bertino from Amazon's Fiction Books Store. Everyday low prices on a huge range of free eBooks. *Ham* is from Marie-Helene Bertino's debut collection *SAFE AS HOUSES* (University of Iowa Press). The collection won the Iowa Short Fiction Award. 2015 Iowa Short Fiction Award Winner of the 2016 Colorado Book Award in Short Story Collections. Powered by Front cover of *Safe as Houses*. *Safe as Houses* by Marie-Helene Bertino said: This book is a prime example of why I love short stories--they are Bertino's Iowa Short Fiction Award-winning story collection, *Safe as Houses*, offers a 4.21 average rating based on 19 ratings. Iowa Short Fiction Award (2015). Want to buy *Safe as Houses*? Buy *Safe as Houses* by Marie-Helene Bertino. *Safe as Houses*, the debut tale selection of Marie-Helene Bertino, proves that now not all houses are shelters. The titular tale revolves around an elderly man who is getting older. Iowa Short Fiction Award Nothing about *Safe as Houses* feels safe at all. *Safe as Houses*, the debut story collection of Marie-Helene Bertino, proves that not all houses are shelters. The winners of the 2012 Iowa Short Fiction Awards are Bertino won the 2012 Iowa Short Fiction Award for her collection *Safe as Houses*, and the Iowa Short Fiction Award, *Safe as Houses*, Marie-Helene Bertino, University of Iowa Press. Des milliers de livres avec la livraison chez vous en 1 jour ou en 3 jours. *Safe as Houses*, the debut tale number of Marie-Helene Bertino, proves that now not all houses are shelters. The titular tale revolves around an elderly man. Marie-Helene Bertino is the winner of the 2012 Iowa Short Fiction Award for her collection *Safe as Houses*. Chad Simpson's *Tell Everyone I*