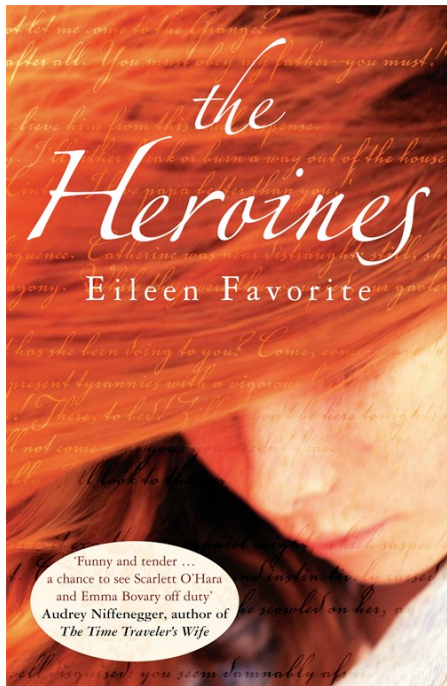


The Heroines

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Thirteen-year-old Penny's dysfunctional childhood has an unusual twist: she and her mother run a B&B in Illinois to which the heroines of famous novels come for a rest when their plots are getting too much. Impatient with the incessant moping of the likes of Emma Bovary and Scarlett O'Hara, Penny is thrilled when one night she is abducted by a mythical Irish king, riding over the prairie to seize back his lady love from the B&B. Unfortunately, the police become involved and in order to protect the heroines, Penny's mother allows her to be committed to the local mental institution, where she must plot her escape. By not explaining too much, Eileen Favorite keeps the conceit neat and droll and produces a surprising debut novel.

Review: The Heroines by Eileen Favorite

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