

The Farm

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Synopsis

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NATIONAL BESTSELLER • Life is a lucrative business, as long as you play by the rules.

Skimm Reads Pick • **People** Book of the Week • **Belletrist Book Pick** • **[Joanne] Ramos**'s debut novel couldn't be more relevant or timely. **O: The Oprah Magazine**

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY *Time* • *Glamour* • *Real Simple* • *Good Housekeeping* • *Marie Claire* • *Town & Country*

Nestled in New York's Hudson Valley is a luxury retreat boasting every amenity: organic meals, personal fitness trainers, daily massages—and all of it for free. In fact, you're paid big money to stay here—more than you've ever dreamed of. The catch? For nine months, you cannot leave the grounds, your movements are monitored, and you are cut off from your former life while you dedicate yourself to the task of producing the perfect baby. For someone else.

Jane, an immigrant from the Philippines, is in desperate search of a better future when she commits to being a **Host** at Golden Oaks—or the Farm, as residents call it. But now pregnant, fragile, consumed with worry for her family, Jane is determined to reconnect with her life outside. Yet she cannot leave the Farm or she will lose the life-changing fee she'll receive on the delivery of her child.

Gripping, provocative, heartbreaking, *The Farm* pushes to the extremes our thinking on motherhood, money, and merit and raises crucial questions about the trade-offs women will make to fortify their futures and the futures of those they love.

NOMINATED FOR THE NAACP IMAGE AWARD • **ONGLISTED FOR THE CENTER FOR FICTION FIRST NOVEL PRIZE**

So many factors—gender, race, religion, class—may determine where you come down on the surrogacy debate. . . . Ramos plays with many of these notions in her debut novel, *The Farm*, which imagines what might happen were surrogacy taken to its high-capitalist

extreme. . . . The stage is set for lively book chat.â€•**â€”***The New York Times Book Review* (Editorsâ€™TM Choice)**

â€œA thrilling read.â€•**â€”***New York*
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â€œGrippingly realistic.â€•**â€”***Entertainment Weekly</i>

â€œBrilliant.â€•**â€”***New York Post</i>

â€œA provocative idea, and Ramos nails it . . . Crisp and believable, this smart debut links the poor and the 1 percent in a unique transaction that turns out to be mutually rewarding.â€•**â€”***People</i>

â€œWow, Joanne Ramos has written *the </i>page-turner about immigrants chasing whatâ€™TMs left of the American dream. . . . Truly unforgettable.â€•**â€”**Gary Shteyngart, *</i>New York Times </i>bestselling author of *</i>Super Sad True Love Story </i>and *</i>Lake Success</i>**********

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