

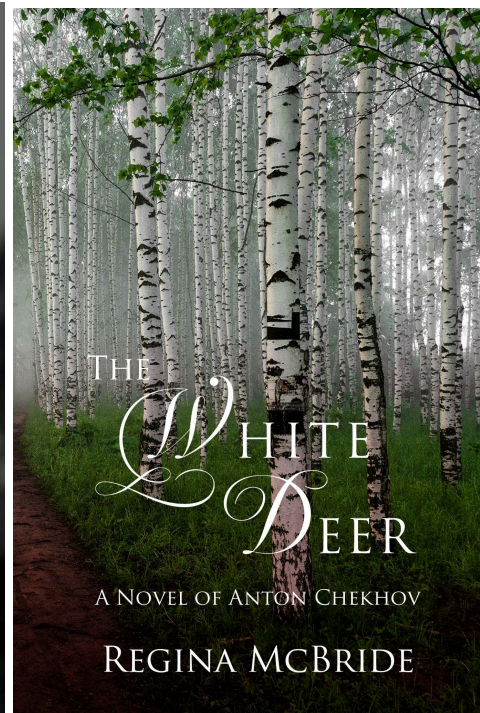
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## **THE WHITE DEER~a novel of Anton Chekhov**

by Regina McBride

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“A beautiful and eloquent rendering of a place and time we somehow feel is ours.”

—**Roxana Robinson**, author of *Leaving*, NYT Editors’ Choice

In this evocative and elegaic novel, Regina McBride imagines a transformative summer in the life of nineteen-year-old Anton Chekhov. On his way to Moscow to study medicine, and healing from pleurisy, he stops to spend a restful few weeks in the Ukrainian countryside where he begins a romantic friendship with Vera Denisova, the daughter of an aristocratic family.

Surreptitiously through Anton, Vera is devastated to learn of her family’s declining finances, her



beloved childhood estate, Volkhov, likely to fall to deforestation. Each with an uncertain future, Vera and Anton wander the back acreage hoping for a glimpse of a white deer, which has been spotted on the property, an omen of health and happiness. In the long extended light of summer days, they struggle to come to terms with their feelings for each other and the new profoundly changed world that is waiting for each of them at summer's end, when their lives will take them in disparate directions.

In a letter to Vera before his death at 44, Anton reveals that his final play, *The Cherry Orchard*, was inspired by his time with her at Volkhov, reframing one of the most important plays of the modern canon as an act of memory and loss.

## **ABOUT THE AUTHOR**

*The White Deer*—a novel of Anton Chekhov is Regina McBride's sixth novel. She is also the author of one memoir, *Ghost Songs*, and one book of poetry. Her novel, *The Nature of Water and Air*, was a Booksense Pick (Independent Book Stores Selection), a Barnes and Noble Discover Great New Writers book, and a Borders Original Voices choice. A recipient of fellowships from the NEA and the New York Foundation for the Arts, she lives in New York City, where she taught fiction writing for many years at Hunter College and continues to teach privately.

## **ADVANCE PRAISE**

McBride has always been a gifted and lyrical storyteller, but never more so than in this gorgeously written novel of 19<sup>th</sup> century Ukraine and Russia, in which she brings a young Anton Chekhov to life. The story will remain with you long after you've turned the final page. Superb.  
—**Gabriel Byrne**, actor and author of *Walking with Ghosts*

Regina McBride's new book evokes a loving nostalgia for a place we've never known - Chekhov's Russia...McBride's story comes at Chekhov's from the side, presenting us not only with the family's eccentric and complicated history, but the vision of the author himself, as a character in the work. A beautiful and eloquent rendering of a place and time we somehow feel is ours.—**Roxana Robinson**, author of *Leaving*, NYT Editors' Choice

This gentle but profound novel takes you on a quietly magical journey through nineteenth century Ukraine, mixing the Chekhovian sensibility with contemporary spirit to create the effect of delightful immersion.—**Lara Vapnyar**, author of *Divide Me by Zero*



This restrained and beautiful book utterly transported me to summer in Russia in the late 19th century: to a lovely old estate with a neglected peach orchard. McBride beautifully suggests how shards of the daily material of life can be picked up by an extraordinary writer and transformed into art. I never wanted to leave the enchanted, doomed world she conjured.

—**Rachel Pastan**, author of *We're So Lucky to Live Here*

This transportive novel sweeps the reader up into a vivid, melancholic dream set on a nineteenth century Russian estate. Regina McBride creates her own Chekhovian tragi-comedy that delights as it captures a lost world frozen in time. *The White Deer* is a gripping must-read for anyone who loves literature and a love story gone awry.

— **Virginia Pye**, author of *Marriage and Other Monuments*

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