themes of female bonding, familiar misconceptions and misunderstandings, the ambiguity of feelings that such an experience may arise, the image of the mother as a Gordian knot and the tearing apart of reality when one of the two components of the mother-daughter dyad disappears. Thus, although one finds familiar themes of mothering as a repressive experience, in viewing the texts from a historically informed perspective along with radically critical readings of patriarchally established stereotypes, they do create alternative spaces in which to comprehend and/or project the un/certainties and ambivalences of the dyad.

The voicing of experience is also diverse since the narrative voice of the different stories moves from the daughter's to the mother's and vice versa. Therefore in some stories the reader is offered the possibility to explore how the / and you of the discourse are subverted enabling mothers and daughters to identify with the other's position without losing their own identity. The texts create a dialogue between mothers and daughters who, in several instances, and despite culturally imposed constraints on their bodies, manage to build a bridge which allows them to negotiate in a creative and constructive way their own different identities without rejecting nor repressing each other. However, in other cases the narrative compels the reader to participate in an angelical but terrorific tale or a distant recollection of unreciprocated desire with un/expected consequences. In any case, the experience of reading it is very stimulating, to say the least, and this especific female reader recommends it. The book, by its attempt to desarticulate patriarchally established stereotypes and attempt to work within/against their limits, offers not only a site for feminist resistance but also provides readers an alternative representation to the official construction of motherhood. It opens tangential doors to explore the complexities of such construction and the strategies for its subversion which will help us to re-create and re-discover other ways of mothering.

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