

# The Life of Elves

Muriel Barbery

**The Book:**

Two foundling girls hundreds of miles apart discover a unique bond that will help them fight the forces of evil.

**Sales points:**

- Now in paperback
- Bestselling author (6 million + copies worldwide)
- Literary fantasy in the vein of *The Buried Giant*
- A sequel to follow

**Description:**

The villagers had never seen anything like it: dense white curtains of snow that instantly transformed the landscape. Not in autumn, not here in Burgundy. And on the same night a baby was discovered, dark-eyed little Maria, who would transform all their lives.

Hundreds of miles away in the mountains of Abruzzo, another foundling, Clara, astonishes everyone with her extraordinary talent for piano-playing. But her gifts go far beyond simple musicianship.

As a time of great danger looms, though the girls know nothing of each other, it is the bond that unites them and others like them, which will ultimately offer the only chance for good to prevail in the world.

**Praise for *The Life of Elves*:**

‘A beguiling fairy tale’ *New York Times*

‘Vivid imagery and a thread of mystery draw readers into the timeless and ethereal world’ *Booklist*

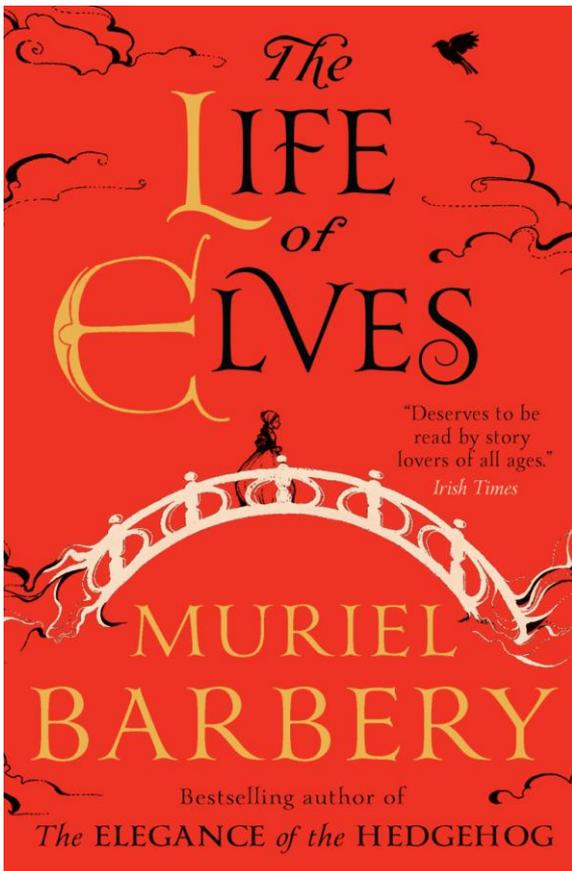
‘A hymn to music, art, nature, love, land (“terroir”), the dignity of work, simplicity and the yearning for peace’ *The Australian*

‘Glows with finely crafted prose’ *LA Review of Books*

‘Fans of both Barbery and fantasy from writers like Alice Hoffman and Sarah Addison Allen will be enchanted’ *Library Journal*

**About the author:**

Muriel Barbery is the author of two previous novels published by Gallic, including the IMPAC-shortlisted *The Elegance of the Hedgehog*. A former philosophy lecturer, she has lived in Japan and the Netherlands.



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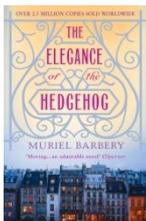
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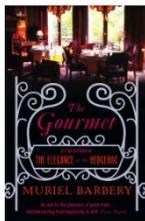
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