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AN UNOFFICIAL ROSE



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*'Unkempt about those hedges blows  
An English unofficial rose'*

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When *An Unofficial Rose* was first published in 1962 it was almost unanimously acknowledged by the critics as a masterpiece.

*An Unofficial Rose* is in the great tradition of the English romantic novel; a love story that has not been debased by sentimentality. Iris Murdoch dissects and lays bare the anatomy of human relationships with such skill that to read her can, at times, be an almost overwhelming emotional experience.

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