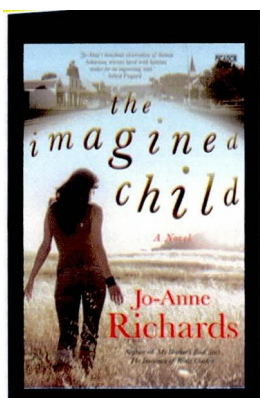




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Busy screenwriter Odette Frietas leaves Joburg to make a quieter start in Nagelaten. But her hopes for a calmer life in this small Free State town are dashed when two people are murdered. The locals, however, refuse to even discuss these crimes, forcing Odette to question both her own reality and the town's self-imposed silence. This psychological thriller will have you guessing from the first to the very last page.