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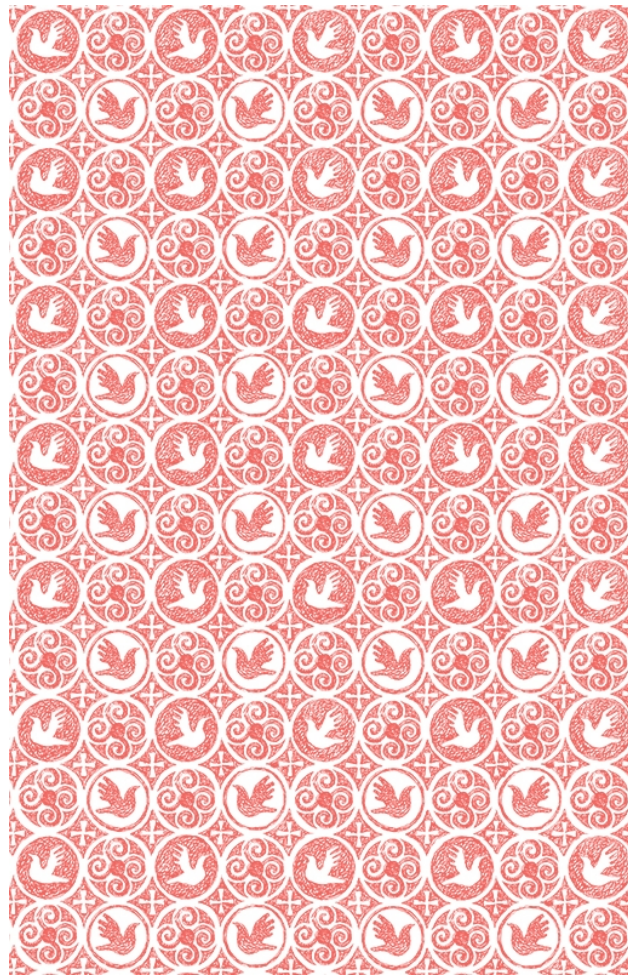
# The Ransom of Dond

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'Namely, the thirteenth child  
to a woman borne. Any such child  
should be sacrificed to Dond at  
age thirteen and thirteen years  
of good fortune would follow...'







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## About the Book

Siobhan Dowd gave us four extraordinary novels before she died in 2007. This is her last story, a final gift to those who know and love her work, and a glittering invitation to those who have yet to discover it.

Siobhan draws us irresistibly into Darra's tiny emerald island world, lashed by white-tipped waves, at the mercy of the dark god, Dond. Only the truth and a mother's kiss can set them free.

This is a tale to be treasured, a haunting tale of love and fate and truth. Pam Smy's beautiful two-colour drawings announce her as a leading children's illustrator and the astonishing blend of words and pictures takes us all into that timeless world of story.

*The Ransom of Dond* comes to us like a gift from the past.





