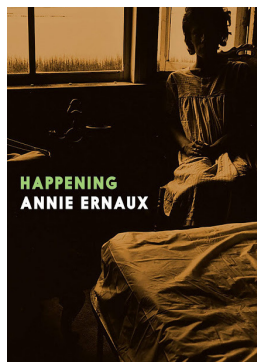


***Happening*, Annie Ernaux’s novel, looks back on her experience with abortion when it was still illegal in France in the 1960s. Now an award-winning film from director Audrey Diwan.**

“With the dispassion and efficiency of a military strategist, [Ernaux] ambushes her past, prying it from its refuge in nostalgia and oblivion and holding it up naked for all to see . . . a harrowing account . . . superbly translated.”

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Happening

By Annie Ernaux
Translated by Tanya Leslie

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- **Opening May 13, the film will be distributed to 177 cities and will play on 200 screens across the U.S. (see full city list on reverse)**

Selected awards and nominations for *L'événement* / *Happening* (2021) film:

- *Happening* (2021) won the top prize at the 78th edition of the Venice Film Festival. The award was selected by a jury led by *Parasite* (2019) director Bong Joon-Ho.
- BAFTA Film Award Nominee (2022) for Best Director, Audrey Diwan.
- WINNER of the CineLibri Award for Masterful Literary Adaptation (2021)
- César Awards, France (2022), WINNER for Most Promising Actress, Anamaria Vartolomei. Nominee for Best Adapted Screenplay, Best Director, and Best Film.
- Festival International de Film Saint-Jean-de-Luz (2021) nominee for Best Film.
- *Indiewire* Critics' Poll (2021) "Best Films Opening in 2022"
- International Cinephile Society Awards WINNER for Best Breakthrough Performance for Anamaria Vartolomei and Best Picture.
- La Roche-sur-Yon International Film Festival (2021) WINNER of Prix du public.
- Lumiere Awards, France (2022), WINNER of Best Film and Best Actress. Nominee for Best Director and Best Cinematography.
- Palm Springs International Film Festival (2022) WINNER Directors to Watch and New Voices/New Visions Grand Jury Prize, Audrey Diwan.

In 1963, Annie Ernaux, 23 and unattached, realizes she is pregnant. Shame arises in her like a plague: Understanding that her pregnancy will mark her and her family as social failures, she knows she cannot keep that child. This is the story, written forty years later, of a trauma Ernaux never overcame. In a France where abortion was illegal, she attempted, in vain, to self-administer the abortion with a knitting needle. Fearful and desperate, she finally located an abortionist, and ends up in a hospital emergency ward where she nearly dies. In *Happening*, Ernaux sifts through her memories and her journal entries dating from those days. Clearly, cleanly, she gleans the meanings of her experience.

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