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A spare and elegant re-working of a number of Icelandic, Scottish and Irish tales framed within the story of the baby girl, Gioga, found in the water one stormy night by the fisherman Munroe. He and Jannet are middle-aged and childless and willingly take on the child as a gift from the sea. Only the strange old woman Eilean o da Freya seems intent on spoiling their joy. Even though I am no great fan of myths and legends I was swept along by the power of the writing and there was sufficient detail of the daily hard grind of the fishing community for me, realist that I am, to feel that I had one foot firmly on the ground while the rest of me was caught up in the story. It moves inexorably to a wholly fulfilling conclusion as the teenage Gioga recovers the silvery seal-skin blanket in which she was found, puts it on and returns to her own people-the seals.

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