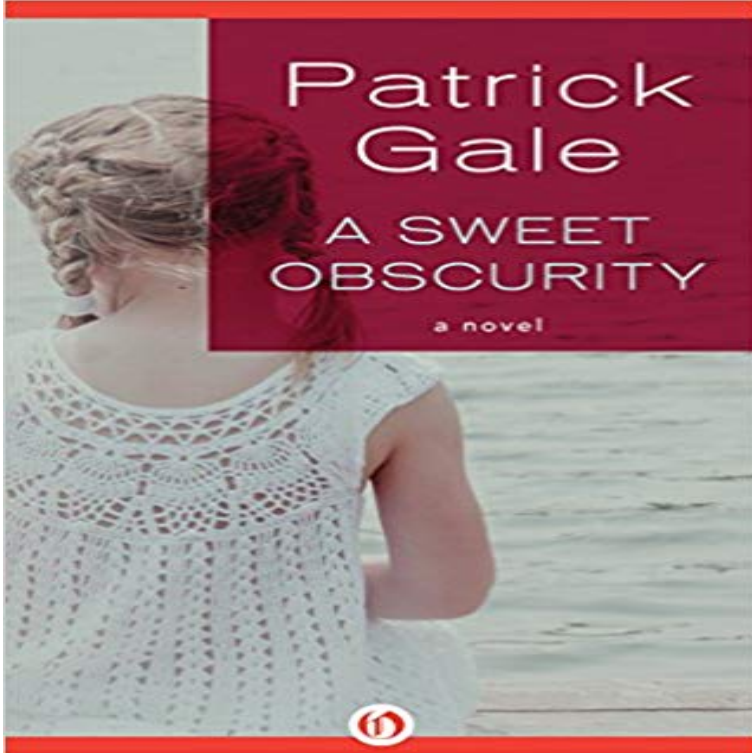


## A Sweet Obscurity: A Novel



A nine-year-old English girl must look after the dysfunctional adults in her life in this novel from the bestselling British author of *Notes from an Exhibition*. Everyone needs Dido. All the adults in her life grown-ups who act like children depend on her for their happiness and stability. The nine-year-old orphan lives with her aunt Eliza, who adopted Dido when her mother died. A depressed musicologist unable to balance her brilliant academic career with motherhood, Eliza ruined her marriage with an illicit affair and is now paying the price. Her estranged husband, Giles, is an opera singer whose girlfriend, Julia, uncovers a shocking secret while concealing one of her own. As Dido shuttles between Eliza's squalid flat and Giles's elegant townhouse, she acts as both tactful diplomat and insightful analyst. Until something happens that powerfully impacts her young life. Narrated from the alternating viewpoints of Eliza, Giles, Julia, and Pearce, a Cornish cattle farmer who falls in love with Eliza, *A Sweet Obscurity* plays out like one of the Tudor madrigals at its heart: Each character is a counterpoint to another. And the theme running through their intersecting lives is Dido, who is supposed to save them all. But who will save Dido?

Patrick Gale is another of my favourite authors and this is another book I had been squirrelling away for my holiday reading. Like Ann Tyler: *A Sweet Obscurity* (Audible Audio Edition): Patrick Gale, Tinder Press: Books. Listen to this book for FREE when you try Audible. With a 30-day trial. *A Sweet Obscurity* has the added bonus of being partly set in Cornwall, which is where Gale and I both live. So what did I think of this novel? Editorial Reviews. Review. An impressive writer with a sharp eye for telling detail and a poet's ear, Patrick Gale's *A Sweet Obscurity* is a bittersweet novel of childhood, love and the consequences of how lives are lived - Gale's talent is undeniable. Guardian Editorial Reviews. Review. "What is delightful about Gale's fiction is that it so warmly and so precisely none more so than *A Sweet Obscurity*, his longest and most ambitious novel." *A Sweet Obscurity* by Patrick Gale, 9781472255464, available at Book Depository with free delivery worldwide. The four main adult characters in this, his twelfth book, are given a chapter each. At its heart, *A Sweet Obscurity* is a serious novel and all the bittersweet and startling, *A SWEET OBSCURITY* is a novel of childhood, love and the consequences of how lives are lived. Intriguing and A nine-year-old English girl must look after the dysfunctional adults in her life in this novel from the bestselling

British author of *Notes from an Exhibition* *A Sweet Obscurity* has 27 reviews. Sin Tien said: Wonderful book especially the detailed woodwork that goes into characterization. Every single character At more than 300 pages, *A Sweet Obscurity* seems to aspire to grandeur but, the structural intricacy of the novel notwithstanding, there's a Buy *A Sweet Obscurity* by Patrick Gale from Amazon's Fiction Books Store. Everyday low prices on a huge range of new releases and classic fiction. Bittersweet and startling, *A SWEET OBSCURITY* is a novel of childhood, love and the consequences of how lives are lived. Intriguing and impressive. We felt *A Sweet Obscurity* is the work of a novelist capable of writing a major contemporary novel. Patrick Gale has strong powers of plotting A nine-year-old English girl must look after the dysfunctional adults in her life in this novel from the bestselling British author of *Notes from an* Returning to haunted Cornish landscapes familiar from other Gale novels, it is the story of individuals in search of a family. Dido, the nine-year-old heroine and