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Muriel Spark *The Finishing School* London: Viking, 2004. Pp. 156. 12.99 [pounds sterling] The latest offering by distinguished British writer Muriel Spark--author of such renowned novels as *Memento Mori*, *The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie*, *The Mandelbaum Gate*, *The Driver's Seat*, *Loitering with Intent*, *Reality and Dreams*, and *Aiding and Abetting*--is her most metafictional novel to date. *The Finishing School*, fatuously named *Campus Sunrise*, is a movable feast. Directed by Rowland Mahler and his wife, Nina Parker, the school has eight pupils in all--a truly motley crew consisting of Princess Tilly, Joan Archer, Lionel Haas, Mary Foot, Lisa Orlando, Pansy Leghorn, Opal Gross, and Pallas Kapelas, daughter of a rich Greek criminal--currently ensconced in the French town of Ouchy. Rowland, while still an Oxford undergraduate, wrote a play for the National Theatre which was a "young-person success" (54), but, unfortunately, "you couldn't give away" (54) his subsequent efforts. Now he runs *College Sunrise*, where he teaches creative writing classes and attempts, with increasing difficulty, to write his novel. Nina does organizational work and teaches her...

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