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Is It Evil Not To Be Sure?



Lena Dunham



Synopsis

Is it evil not to be sure? is a collection of entries from Lena Dunham's diary--or what she called her "Creative Snippets and Observations Journal"--from the fall of 2005 and the spring of 2006. It is a candid, chaotic, and occasionally poetic snapshot of a young person becoming an adult. Profits from the sales of Is it evil not to be sure? are going to Girls Write Now to support their mission to give young women the tools to tell their own stories.

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Customer Reviews

Lena Dunham's "Is it evil not be sure?" is a very quick dive into the psyche of her former self. The book, which is actually just her diary from the years 2005 and 2006, offers up poignant little insights into what her very specific life was like at age 19. Her first sexual experiences, the life of her grandmother as it ended, and the details of somewhat destructive relationship all play out one sentence at a time. We never get much specific information as to what is going on completely but, still, these little fragments of Dunham's life during this time offer up experiences that are universal. It's not a book that is going offer up an incredibly obvious cathartic explosion to the casual reader

but there is still great deal of emotion there hidden deep in the words. We all grow up with these thoughts in our head. Some of us wrote them down. Lena's just sharing them.

I like this! I don't know much about Lena but I read about this release in a magazine and figured I'd give it a try. I loved what she said about how journaling is sometimes about survival and is rarely about aesthetic, and how she learned that writing even if there's no audience (in the beginning) is just as valid as any other kind of writing. I agree that it's affirmative for women to write about their own life experiences. It was short and beautiful and honest. I am happy to help this fund!

I've read other journals of artists and writers which all revealed pieces of their creative process. This journal did not. It is a useful piece only for the writer herself. I admired her work on the series "Girls" before reading this "book."

I read this book during while getting a manicure. It was entertaining enough and the snippet entries reminded me of my own thoughts. I will say however, my manicurist was not thrilled with me risking my nails...she had a few words for me...

This book is based off of Lena's diary entries from 2005-2006. Lena compares the prose of this compilation to short tweets which we are all now familiar with, although Twitter didn't exist at the time of writing. With each new thought we get a look into how a young woman tried to make sense out of her sexuality, college life, and where she fits in the world. If you liked "Not That Kind of Girl" you'll like this minamilistic approach to the same theme. It is pretty short but I guess she can't go back in time and write more.

This is nothing but a collection of sentences grouped together by a timeline. I understand it's marketed as snippets of a diary, but I didn't think it would be snippets of paragraphs or whatever they are.

I love Lena Dunham. This is no literary masterpiece, but I did enjoy the peek at the little blips within her head. If the funds for this e-book had not gone to such a wonderful organization, I would've considered this a complete waste of money.

I purchased this book following a read of "Not That Kind of Girl." I really like Lena Dunham, but this

book left me wanting something more. I don't think I was paying attention to the description-this book is more of a jotted down list of thoughts, ideas, experiences. It's an interesting concept for a book, but not exactly what I was looking for.

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