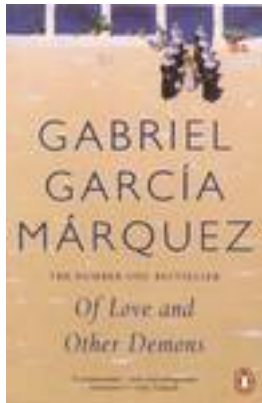

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Description

"En la tercera hornacina del altar mayor, del lado del Evangelio, allí estaba la noticia. La lápida saltó en pedazos al primer golpe de la piocha, y una cabellera viva de un color de cobre intenso se derramó fuera de la cripta. El maestro de obra quiso sacarla completa con la ayuda de sus obreros, y cuanto más tiraban de ella más larga y abundante parecía, hasta que salieron las últimas hebras todavía prendidas a un cráneo de niña. En la hornacina no quedó nada más que unos huesecillos menudos y dispersos, y en la lápida de cantería carcomida por el salitre sólo era legible un nombre sin apellidos: Sierva María de Todos los Ángeles. Extendida en el suelo, la cabellera espléndida medía veintidós metros con once centímetros".

Insightful reviews

Swetha: There have been times when I have mulled over the likelihood of there being a decrease in the propensity to take pleasure in reading an author as you keep reading his works. It has happened to me previously with other authors because their writing style became so straightforwardly predictable. To a certain extent, I remained resolute in my opinion that authors like Gabo would not join the list even though his characters are mad as The Hatter and his profound love stories involve a touch of magical realism. I was sure that I would not lose interest. This is because he is the kind of author whose odd narrative captivates you in coils of wondrous imagery. With such conviction did I start [Of Love and Other Demons](#) and when I finished the last line of the book, I was surprised by my lack of satisfaction. Not enjoying a book written by your favorite author is okay, right? Sometimes it happens even with the best of authors. So why do I feel catastrophic?

The story centers around the daughter of a nobleman who is shunned from her house at a very young age. She lives in the servants' quarters and learns to speak their tongue. Her bizarre ways of living strikes the attention of her parents after a dog bites her and they fear that she has rabies, which remains an incurable disease. However, a physician confirms that hers isn't such a case after an examination while the church convinces the nobleman that a demon has taken habitat in her body. The Father who's in charge of her exorcism falls in love with her. This is the gist of the story but I don't think I grasped it very well.

The novel has the usual elements found in his other books but in addition, he also writes about the torment of love that drives one to act like a person possessed. I am not able to fully comprehend this because her behavior had been peculiar since the beginning of the book and the intensity shot up only after she was restrained in the convent, bound in either her cell or in chains. She was separated from her father who only recently started getting to know her and love her. Obviously, psychotic behavior was expected when she was sent away as she was never loved by anyone else. These traits were found much before the Father who is commissioned to perform exorcism enters her life and becomes her love interest. The concept of science vs religion is also invoked to a certain extent as the Father is pulled by the alternating and extreme stance of both sides. The girl is not defined by race - she is White but she has adopted the living of the Black. She has never belonged to any particular community and is an unfit child who is considered faulty for her misdemeanor which is of no blunder of her own as

she did not have a guiding figure growing up. Or am I just simplifying the whole story?

Saying Gabo is a bad writer amounts to sacrilege and I do not wish to make such statements. The loquacious quality of his work, even when it provides disturbing metaphors, usually mesmerizes me. For instance:

'She looked like a bleached tadpole, and the umbilical cord wrapped around her neck strangled her.'

Had it been a different author writing a different story, I would have been disgusted by the above line, but with Gabo I easily conclude that it is the work of a genius. Such is the power he has over me but somehow, this novel failed to be enticing. I think the beauty was lost in translation and I found the writing lackluster when words like 'lugubrious' were repeated so many times. The post modern superiority that is usually found in his books was oddly displaced. I found my attention constantly wavering and streamlining to thoughts about trivial matters such as the advent of selfie sticks. I should have been able to finish the book in one sitting considering how small it is but I kept pausing often. I had to pressure myself into being absorbed by the flow of the book.

I don't know what went wrong...

Denis: My introduction to Garcia Marquez. Loved it from the first sentence to the last, and fell immediately under the spell of his famous "magical realism" (which infuses the story itself as well as the way it's written). It is magical indeed, and wonderfully sad as the love stories we want to read about should be - it's also, despite being relatively short, epic in a way that, I sense, is typical of Garcia Marquez' world. Some could reduce it to a fairy tale for adult - it is really much more than that: among other things, for example, it is an exploration of the human heart by a writer who has absorbed the culture of his country -and of South America in general.

Ali Reda: The last 30 pages changed my opinion completely. Instead of giving it 2 stars, I gave it 4. The improbable and impossible love, in which obsession acts as a demonic possession causing insanity in those involved, however from the darkness of madness, beauty emerges that haunts you forever.

Lavinia: Yummy, desirable reading, from the first actual sentence. there is a lot of blah in regards to the book, simply glance around, lots of stories and opinions; every little thing is magic of course, and the tale telling*, oh! the tale telling is actually fantastic, so i'm going to simply make a confession: i've got a terrible, mystery ardour for clergymen who fall head over heels in love and run away with the item in their desire, move nuts or do anything crazy. Here, now not so mystery any more.*mental debate on who is a greater tale teller: Marquez or Pamuk.

Paulina: Primer libro de García Márquez y me encantó. Definitivamente encontraré otro de él.

Shane: Garcia Marquez has the amazing skill to take the reader right into a surreal global the

place the decaying remnants of empire, the suffocation of religion, superstition, prejudice and the underbelly of human life replete with physically emissions and odours are laid bare. He additionally unearths the implications of dwelling in an international with out love. In this book, according to a discovery he suggested on as a tender journalist, of a two hundred year-old skeleton with a turning out to be head of copper colored hair found in an previous church crypt, Marquez weaves a sad love tale of what may have been. The younger lady in question, the daughter of an getting older and idle Marquis in Colombia, is bitten via a puppy and everybody fears that she's going to move mad, whilst all that afflicts her is an absence of love. And while she ultimately unearths love, within the type of the younger priest despatched to exorcise her, societal, non secular and relations forces conspire to rob her of that love - a telling indictment opposed to a closed colonial society. In the process, Marquez creates shiny characters: Sierva Maria, the girl, with ankle size hair, who prefers to spend her days within the slaves quarters than along with her parents; Bernarda, the matriarch, hooked on fermented honey and cacao and jogging round her apartment naked, screwing the slave Judas Iscariote like a whinge in warmth whereas her husband naps in a hammock within the garden; the previous Marquis himself, who's destined to fall in love with insane ladies and lives round the corner to a lunatic asylum the place his former lover bombards him with letters within the type of paper butterflies; the younger priest Fr. Cayetano, keen about books and studying and learning that love could be an both overpowering experience; his asthmatic bishop and mentor who's at chilly warfare with the Abbess of the Santa Clara convent over a a hundred yr previous misunderstanding; Dr. Abrenuncio the Portuguese-Jew, who's in a position to are expecting the precise second of dying of his patients. Abrenuncio brings rationality to this superstitious global by way of making a few fascinating observations to counteract the suffocating cloak of the Catholic Church that's firmly draped everywhere this novel, whilst he says that there's little distinction among exorcism and witchcraft, and advocates that "happiness because the top medicine" for many of what ails us, and that "crazy individuals are now not crazy, if one accepts their reasoning." The narrative type is omniscient and Marquez is firmly in control, making part reviews on his characters alongside the best way as well. the one downer for me was once that this very brief publication acquired a section slowed down in Church process in the direction of the top and concluded with a surprising rush of "telling", as though Marquez, having set us up with an enticing premise and fascinating characters, used to be apprehensive to complete this booklet and get onto the following one.

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