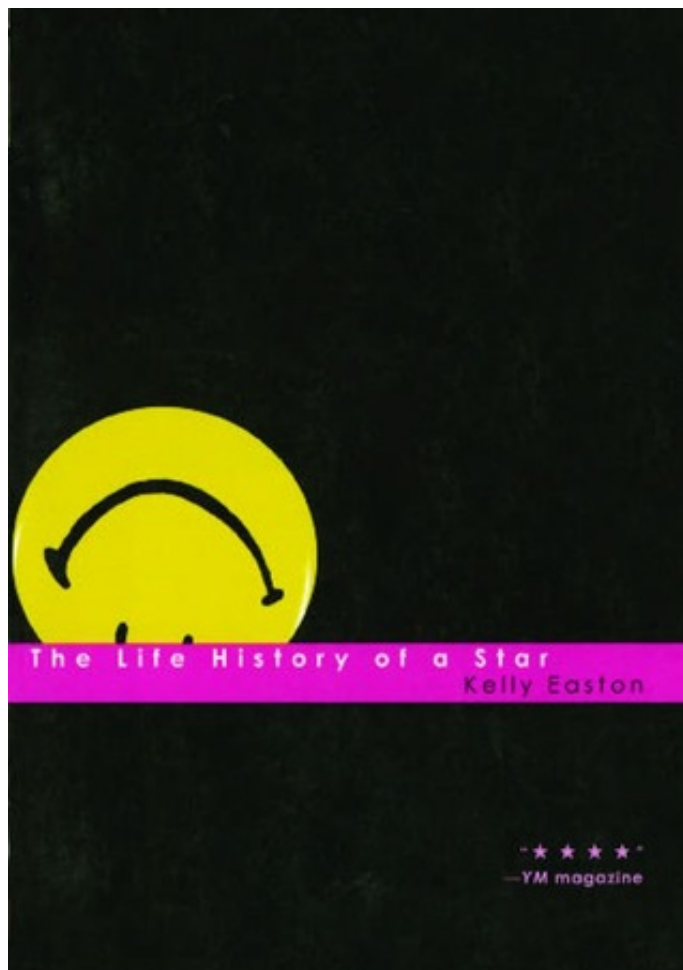

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Description

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Kristin Folger feels like she's on another planet. Her body keeps changing shape. Her mother wants her to dress like a girl. Her best friend's dating a weirdo. And there's a ghost in the attic that no one wants to talk about.

In the era of Watergate, the Vietnam War, and David Bowie, fourteen-year-old Kristin navigates the external and internal changes that come at top speed. *The Life History of a Star* is Kristin's sometimes comical, sometimes cynical, always thoughtful diary about what her life has been like since the ghost arrived. It takes a lot of time and an unforgettable family therapy session for Kristin to begin to learn who the ghost was -- and who he still is. And where on earth she fits in. Caught up in the politics of her time and in the middle of a family who doesn't always understand her, Kristin makes a memorable journey through the byways of adolescence -- all the way to the stars and back again.

Insightful reviews

Hector Medina: What can i say about this book. This book was one of the worst books I read, it was basically about a girl from the 1970's and this book was just boring me to death and it wasn't that interesting when i first read it. I actually thought it was a pretty good book when i saw the cover. Well you can't really judge a book by it's cover.

Hui Lin: I got attracted by this book's cover and title, and that's the reason why I started to read this book. It turned out this book is really different from what I think it will be about. The protagonist is Kristin Folger, 14 years old and the whole book are diaries that she wrote. The book talks about the problems that Kristin are facing from school and home. I found this book connect to myself and probably every teenage girl. Because this book also talks about how Kristin got her first period and how her body is changing. Also, the author hooks the reader by making curious problems that you would wonder about and want to find out the answer. For example, when i was reading it, it kept on talking about how a ghost in their house make noise and how the family is scared by it. At first, I thought it was a ghost, ghost and I wonder why didn't the family do something about it. But it turned out that that ghost wasn't a ghost, and it was actually Kristin's brother, who she used to play with a lot. I think this is a really good book that keeps you to read on and on.

Zoë: I must, asy it was actually deeply depressing, despite the smiley face.

Annebella: This publication may be approximately correct now. it is the magazine of a woman whose brother was once in a lifeless war. Very funny, sharp and poignant.

Jennifer: Dulce et decorum est professional patria mori. yet what occurs whilst your ghost lingers? Easton's story, set in the course of the Vietnam war, addresses the aftermath of wrestle confronted via one kinfolk and (after wars) is way extra suitable at the present time than whilst she first released in 2001. Heart-wrenching, funny, and sometimes lovely, Easton reminds us that "out of the scraps and particles and gorgeous things, we construct our lives." i would amend

that to: Scraps, debris, appealing things, and tales like these.

Patty: The style of The existence historical past of a celebrity by means of Kelly Easton is fiction. I learn the again of this novel and that i may well inform by means of the again by myself that i've got much in universal with the most personality Kristen Folger. This contributed to me deciding on to learn The lifestyles historical past of a Star. whilst i used to be Kristin's age my mother attempted to make me costume girly, which Kristin skilled too. I had loads of adjustments in my lifestyles just like hers, her brother David were within the Vietnam war. My cousin A.J., who's like my brother, went to Iraq whilst i used to be 14, and continues to be at the moment a marine. The protagonist is Kristin Folger, a 14 yr outdated woman who lived in Glendora, California. The antagonist is her mother; Kristin is a sadness to mom and her mom and her don't speak enough. Kristin's mom is reasons why her mom and dad divorced, her father desires to circulation again in and nonetheless loves her mom yet her mom is an unreasonable alcoholic. once they the place jointly they might struggle much and it made Kristin stressed. Kristin's most sensible neighbors are Carol and Simon. Carol will get a boyfriend named Freddie, and Carol made out with him in entrance of Kristin, grossing her out. She will get mad at them simply because she misses the outdated days simply because she grew up being buddies with Carol. Simon has continuously been only a good friend to Kristin till lately he has feeling for her and attempts to make strikes on her, announcing that he loves her. One clash in Kristin's existence is guy vs. mother. Kristin's mom made relatively gross food, yet Kristin new that if she complained her mom could get angry. Her mom factors Kristin, and her brother Bobby, grief simply because she divorces their dad. Her mother is an alcoholic, and Kristin can't be open together with her simply because she's going to get slapped. nearly all of the time her mother makes clever suggest comments at Kristin. Kristin recommended her mom visit an AA assembly rather than kin remedy and could were slapped if she didn't run out the door. Her mother's alcohol challenge impacts her. Her mom insisted on family members remedy and Kristin ended up operating domestic from it since it was once traumatizing. After that her mother didn't make her brother or her cross yet her mother made her dad go. one other clash is guy vs. self. one in all her academics requested her why she acquired directly A's one semester and directly D's the next, she informed him all of it relied on her country of mind. Kristin desired to kill herself until eventually her buddy Simon confident her that in basic terms individuals with no mind's eye kill themselves. She feels numb and doesn't suppose any feelings many of the time. She hates that her physique is changing. an immense clash for Kristin is guy vs. friend. it isn't that she is scuffling with along with her friends; her acquaintances simply all at once switch in order that she has not anything in universal with them anymore. Kristin attempts to give an explanation for to Carol that there's "More to lifestyles than what our mom and dad have, you know? we will be able to do various things than they've done"(Easton 79). but all Carol thinks approximately is her boyfriend and she or he doesn't examine the massive photograph of what Kristin means, she doesn't understand. Kristin notices her good friend Simon's friendship together with her is changing. She suggestion that Simon didn't like her anymore, as a friend, yet he tells her he particularly likes her. She tells Simon to delight now not cease being her friend. He is going directly to make strikes on her and tells her he has emotions for her. This factors him to be far-off from Kristin given that she doesn't are looking to be greater than acquaintances simply because she doesn't are looking to lose her friendship with him. The topic of The lifestyles heritage of a celeb is the adventure from innocence to awareness. The "ghost" in her attic is her brother David who was once

heavily injured within the Vietnam war. She didn't want David to die and simply sought after David back within the beginning, she wanted this greater than something else. She got here to figuring out that David may by no means come back. She calls him "the ghost" simply because he's not who he used to be, her brother isn't her brother anymore, yet a misplaced soul. She referred to as him the ghost due to him howling within the attic haunted her with the remembrance of her brother. She was once consoling directly to who her brother was, hoping he might return to normal. She eventually turned conscious of the truth that he could by no means come back. She sought after her brother again yet she discovered it'll by no means happen. She felt so in charge simply because she sought after him to die so he will be now not be depressing anymore. He may moan issues yet nobody may well comprehend what he used to be attempting to say. Nature and universe represent Kristin seeing positivity and self assurance in everything. "The sound of the universe is a hum. I pay attention it while I'm in nature. David stated the sound is ohm. The sound of ohm is an affirmation"(125). She quite connects with nature and has a keenness for astronomy. In Kristin's eyes David, her brother who went to warfare in Vietnam, used to be a celebrity in each approach prior to he was once drafted. David used to be a celeb to her. She idea he was once ideal he was once a wrestling star, song celebrity and a celebrity scholar. Her ardour for stars used to be according to David. every little thing she did was once in David's memory. "The atoms that make up the earth are shaped inside stars. In that sense, you may say that each one existence starts with a star"(105). whilst she thinks approximately her brother she concerns and has many suggestions of death. She seeks faith to discover solutions for all times after death. "The atoms that make up earth are shaped within stars. not anything particularly dies. every little thing is transformed"(159). She desires to be an astronomer and stars signify wish too. The writing type Kelly Easton makes use of is deep, inventive and the writer makes use of many similes and metaphors. "A comet's tail is the nearest factor to not anything that whatever can be. i admire that. the nearest factor to nothing"(78). Kristin's descriptions of outer area regularly are written so appealing they usually make you think that simply because they're so deep. She additionally makes use of metaphors and similes in a manner that's so inventive and deep it makes you consider life. "Just our bodies, like birds, hovering via these galaxies"(200). i might supply The lifestyles background of a celebrity five out of five stars. in truth it'd be greater than five stars. i like to recommend this publication to everyone, it really is one in all my favorites. while I couldn't learn this publication i might nonetheless take into consideration it, all of the deep issues it says, made me discover so much. it's so attention-grabbing all you need to do is learn it, even if i used to be striking out with pals ever due to the fact that i began to learn it, i might have this urge to maintain reading.

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