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a singular bewitching work about cycles of life and loss the patterns of behavior that seem to lock us into who we are and the quest for a faith that might break us free hua hsu author of stay true named a most anticipated book of 2025 by vulture and lithub a genre bending story about breaking both of the heart and form itself from the author of biography of x adrift in the winter of 2021 after a sudden breakup and the ensuing depression the novelist catherine lacey began cataloguing the wreckage of her life and the beauty of her friendships a practice that eventually propagated fiction both entirely imagined and strangely true betrayed by the mercurial partner she had trusted with a shared mortgage and suddenly catapulted into the unknown lacey s appetite vanished completely a visceral reminder of the teenage emaciation that came when she stopped believing in god through relationships travel reading

and memories of her religious fanaticism lacey charts the contours of faith's absence and reemergence bending form she and her characters recall gnostic experiences with animals close encounters with male anger grief-driven lust and the redemptive power of platonic love and narrative itself a hybrid work across fiction and nonfiction with no beginning or ending the möbius book troubles the line between memory and fiction with an openhearted defense of faith's inherent danger

without telling her family elyria takes a one way flight to new zealand abruptly leaving her stable life in manhattan her home her career and her loving husband as the people she has left behind scramble to figure out what has happened to her elyria embarks on a hitchhiker's odyssey testing fate by travelling in the cars of overly kind women and deeply strange men tacitly being swept into the lives of strangers and sleeping in fields forests and public parks as she journeys from wellington to picton takaka kaikoura and onwards she asks herself what is it that i am missing how can a person be missing full of mordant humour and uncanny insights nobody is ever missing is a startling tale of love loss and the dangers encountered in the search for self knowledge it is a novel which goes far beyond the story of a physical journey and asks what it means to be human to be a woman and to be at the mercy of forces beyond one's own control

a serious frequently brilliant novel with a sustained intensity that is rare in fiction it's the most promising first novel that i've encountered this year sam sacks the wall street journal a searching emotionally resonant first novel nobody is ever missing impressed me and held me to my chair there's significant talent at work here dwight garner the new york times the 10th anniversary reissue of catherine lacey's beloved star-making debut novel nobody is ever missing a mordant uncanny and unputdownable journey into one woman's attempt to break free of her life without telling her family elyria takes a one way flight to new zealand abruptly leaving her stable but unfulfilling life in manhattan as her husband scrambles to figure out what happened to her elyria hurtles into the unknown testing fate by hitchhiking tacitly being swept into the lives of strangers and sleeping in fields forests and public parks her perilous and often surreal encounters with the people and wildlife of new zealand propel elyria deeper into her deteriorating mind haunted by her sister's death and consumed by an inner violence her growing rage remains so expertly concealed that those who meet her sense nothing wrong this discord between her inner and outer reality leads her to another obsession if her truest self is invisible and unknowable to others is she even alive the risks elyria takes on her journey are paralleled by the

risks catherine lacey takes on the page in urgent spiraling prose lacey whittles away at the rage within elyria and exposes the very real very knowable anxiety of the human condition a sensation upon its release in 2014 and the introduction to a singular literary talent lacey s debut novel nobody is ever missing radiates the same intensity and invention it did upon its publication and remains an unrelenting unputdownable search for the dark heart of the self

one of the wall street journal s best short story collections of 2018 named a summer read by vanity fair the guardian nylon bustle and literary hub one of financial times and tls s best books of 2018 one of granta s best young american novelists catherine lacey the whiting award winning author of the answers showcases her literary style in short fiction with certain american states a collection of stories about ordinary people seeking and failing to find the extraordinary in their lives catherine lacey brings her narrative mastery to certain american states her first collection of short stories as with her acclaimed novels nobody is ever missing and the answers she gives life to a group of subtly complex instantly memorable characters whose searches for love struggles with grief and tentative journeys into the minutiae of the human condition are simultaneously gripping and devastating the characters in certain american states are continually coming to terms with their place in the world and how to adapt to that place before change inevitably returns a woman leaves her dead husband s clothing on the street only for it to reappear on the body of a stranger a man reads his ex wife s short story and neurotically contemplates whether it is about him a young woman whose texan mother insists on moving to new york city with her has her daily attempts to get over a family tragedy interrupted by a mute stranger showing her incoherent messages on his phone these are stories of breakups abandonment and strained family ties dead brothers and distant surrogate fathers loneliness happenstance starting over and learning to let go lacey s elegiac and inspired prose is at its full power in this collection further establishing her as one of the singular literary voices of her generation

winner of the 2021 nypl young lions fiction award finalist for the 2021 dylan thomas prize longlisted for the 2021 pen jean stein book award the andrew carnegie medal for excellence in fiction and the joyce carol oates prize one of publishers weekly s best fiction books of 2020 one of amazon s 100 best books of 2020 the people of this community are stifling and generous cruel earnest needy overconfident fragile and repressive which is to say that they are brilliantly rendered by their wise maker catherine lacey rachel kushner author of the flamethrowers a figure with no

discernible identity appears in a small religious town throwing its inhabitants into a frenzy in a small unnamed town in the american south a church congregation arrives for a service and finds a figure asleep on a pew the person is genderless and racially ambiguous and refuses to speak one family takes in the strange visitor and nicknames them pew as the town spends the week preparing for a mysterious forgiveness festival pew is shuttled from one household to the next the earnest and seemingly well meaning townspeople see conflicting identities in pew and many confess their fears and secrets to them in one sided conversations pew listens and observes while experiencing brief flashes of past lives or clues about their origin as days pass the void around pew s presence begins to unnerve the community whose generosity erodes into menace and suspicion yet by the time pew s story reaches a shattering and unsettling climax at the forgiveness festival the secret of who they really are a devil or an angel or something else entirely is dwarfed by even larger truths pew catherine lacey s third novel is a foreboding provocative and amorphous fable about the world today its contradictions its flimsy morality and the limits of judging others based on their appearance with precision and restraint one of our most beloved and boundary pushing writers holds up a mirror to her characters true selves revealing something about forgiveness perception and the faulty tools society uses to categorize human complexity

welcome to the girlfriend experiment mary is out of options estranged from her family and beset by phantom pain she signs up for the girlfriend experiment a mysterious project masterminded by a famous hollywood actor who hires a collection of women to fulfil the different roles of a relationship mary is to play the emotional girlfriend alongside a maternal girlfriend a mundane girlfriend an angry girlfriend and of course an intimacy team each woman has her debts and her difficulties her past loves and her secrets as mary and the actor are drawn ever closer together the nature of the experiment changes and the girlfriends find themselves exposed to new perils foremost among them love

walter de lasci is one of the earliest known progenitors of the de lacy family he accompanied william the conqueror to england one of his descendants gilbert de lacy helped with the norman invasion of ireland the de lacy family was a powerful family in anglo irish politics one of the numerous de lacy descendants james lacy b 1828 immigrated to america in 1847 his descendants live in the united states there are descendants of the original de lasci who live throughout the world

in 1922 when howard carter and lord carnarvon discovered the tomb of tutankhamen much of what was then known about mummies came from the writing of greek historian herodotus and from the paintings on the walls of egyptian tombs even before 1922 the mummy had been the subject of fiction with such writers as bram stoker and sir arthur conan doyle tackling the subject and early films dating back to 1901 in this work the authors present the religious social and scientific aspects of mummies as well as an in depth discussion of facts about them largely egyptian but including other kinds of mummies then how mummies are portrayed in fiction and in the movies is discussed stories and films in which the mummy is a focal character are listed

the prequel to the london lovers series the dreaded friend zone the last place i ever want to be with college basketball god jake lashae i am losing my mind trying to figure out what this gorgeous and confident man wants from me i need to break through his walls what is it about me that makes him not go there what am i lacking when a mind blowing betrayal knocks the wind out of me and i think i can t feel any lower brody stumbles into my path barefoot no less and sexy as hell his direct and mouth watering swagger is a breath of fresh air the feelings this man gives me are like nothing i ve ever experienced but brody has a past a past that makes it nearly impossible for him to trust me and let us become us in whatever capacity that may be just when brody and i truly connect just when i think that finding my soul mate in college isn t a total joke jake comes back into my life and messes things up possibly for good

dracula and frankenstein christopher lee and peter cushing these are just a few of the icons of hammer films to horror fans the name hammer conjures visions of hissing vampires and buxom beauties in low cut negligees but britain s hammer film productions ltd was much more than just a fright factory for more than thirty years the company turned out neatly crafted entries in a variety of genres ranging from comedies to pirate yarns murder mysteries to war pictures at the heart of hammer s remarkable success was its access to american financing and american theaters but more than that the individuals behind the scenes knew how to make good films on tight budgets these pictures have withstood the test of time and continue to be enjoyed all over the world the encyclopedia of hammer films details the surprising story of britain s most successful independent film company and includes entries on all of hammer s feature films featurettes and television episodes including staff production details us and uk release data cast synopses reviews behind the scenes

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this book highlights the need for a shift from thinking in terms of memories of traumatic events to changeable modes of remembrance the call for a fundamental change in approaches to commemorative remembrance is exemplified in literature written by the internationally acclaimed writer etgar keret considered the most influential israeli voice of his generation keret s storytelling is in congruence with postmodern thinking through transferring remembrance of the holocaust from stagnant holocaust commemoration museums and commemorative ceremonies to unconventional settings such as youngsters playing soccer or being forced to venture outdoors in a covid 19 pandemic environment keret s storytelling ushers in a unique approach to coping with remembrance of historical catastrophes the book is a valuable resource for students and scholars interested in pursuing the subjects of etgar keret s artistry and literature written in a post modern post holocaust milieu about personal and collective traumatic remembrance

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