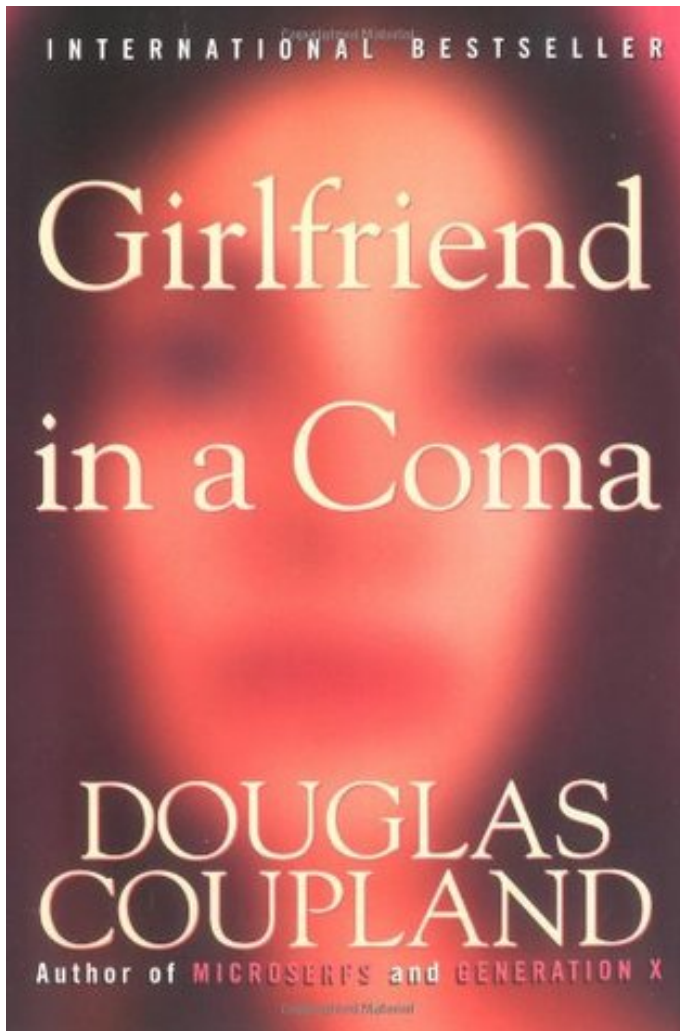

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Girlfriend in a Coma



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Description

'What did Karen see that December night? What pictures of tomorrow could so disturb her that she would flee into a refuge of bottomless sleep? Why would she leave me?'

It's 15 December, 1979, and Richard's girlfriend Karen has entered a deep coma. She only took a couple of valium washed down with a cocktail, but now she's locked away in suspended animation, oblivious to the passage of time. What if she were to wake up decades later - a 17-year-old girl in a distant future, a future where the world has gone dark?

Insightful reviews

Rhys Owen: What starts off as a moderately interesting book with a clever story and filled with pop culture references, the book delves into this annoying, dreary and deviating, rant (and I stress the word rant) about 'life' and 'it's meaning' and the ending is just bad, and just a huge bunch of annoying and forgettable characters who are depressed for no particular reason and seem depressed even when there is meant to be joy. An annoying book that does not provoke 'deeper thoughts' and 'questions about life', just anger and frustration at what happens when dickheads write a book.

Angie: The title is a reference to a Smiths song and bits of lyrics are sprinkled throughout. This was probably my favorite aspect of the book because it gave me a little thrill whenever I discovered one. The story has a group of friends left at the end of the world to try and figure out what went wrong and how they can survive. I found myself sucked in, and I flew through it after the half-way point, but overall I was a little disappointed. It takes on a preachy tone towards the end that rubbed me the wrong way and wraps things up in a way I expected but wasn't hoping for.

Tiara: "Girlfriend in a coma, I know, I know. It's really serious."

Liked this much better than Generation X. 17-year-old Karen goes into a 17-year-coma after having sex with her boyfriend. Talk about ways to scare you into not having sex. Well, she didn't go to sleep immediately afterwards, but she was really insistent on the two of them having sex. Before she slips into her coma, Karen tells her boyfriend, Richard, that she saw the future. Karen goes into a 17-year-coma, and wakes up to find her boyfriend still waiting and a daughter. She seems perfectly normal when she wakes, except she talks about the world coming to an end.

The first half of the book basically revolves around the people in Karen's life after she goes into the coma, the second part deals with life after her reawakening, and the third part, well, you don't want me to give that away do you?

This still had the same "what is the meaning of this sad, sad life?" theme, but I think it was much better presented in this book. And if you've read GenX, you'll notice some parallels with some of the characters (Hamilton equals Dag, Richard equals Andy, and Pam equals Claire), but all-in-

all the story is pretty good. I like how Coupland manages to make you think without overwhelming you or depressing you.

What I didn't like was the fact that book was somewhat anticlimatic. Well, it's one of those endings you'll love and hate, and I'm sure, after mulling over it a few days, I'll like it better. And two points for Coupland for the Morrissey, the Smiths, and X-files references.

Sergey: ????? ???????, ??? ????? ? ??????????: ? ???, ??? ?? ??????????? ?????????, ?????????????? ?? ?????????? ????? ?????, ???????????, ????? ??????????. ?? ?? ?????? ?????, ?????????, ??? ??????????? ?? ?????????, ?? ????????? ??, ?????????? ?????????? ???????, ???????-?? ? ?????? ?????????? ? ????????? ??????. ??????????? ?????? ?????????????????? ???????????, ??????????????? ?? ?????? ??????????????????, ??????? ??? ?? ?????? ??????, ? ?????????????? ???????????????, ?????????? ?????????????? ?????? ???????????????, ?????? ? ?????????????????? ???????????, ? ?????? ?????????????? ? ?????????? ??????????, ??????????????? ??????????????? ? ?????????? ?????? ?? ?????????? ? ?????????, ?????????? ?????????? "?????????" ????

Jemma: First of all, sorry Kenny! I quite desired to like this book, as I have desired to learn it for a long time and while I used to be more youthful I used to like Douglas Coupland, however it has developed into noticeable now that a few fans may still stay within the past. An example; round the comparable age as I used to be facing my Coupland phase, my favorite band have been The Ataris. Their lyrics resounded with me. I attempted hearing them back recently, and for the main part, I cringed. What I did not like approximately 'Girlfriend' was once that the characters have been all fairly annoying, I could not empathise with any of them. The discussion used to be some distance too American (or Canadian?) sounding; you recognize if you learn an outdated Irvine Welsh novel and your internal monologue becomes a Leith ned? good in my head straight away I've got a valley lady conversing at me in italics. The plot was once additionally ridiculous and that I discovered myself rolling my eyes relatively a lot, particularly on the finishing that's neither inspiring nor miserable yet soaring someplace in between. actually I am getting the sensation Coupland desired to inspire, yet fell short. With The Ataris and Coupland, I believe that either have been attempting to trap the Holden Caulfield perspective that is so well-liked by the type of kids like I was- the sort who keep away from mainstream culture, and notice an inherent improper on the planet and always attempt to problem their position and inform all people else to problem theirs too. The type who thinks they're going to by no means be one other cog within the machine. good kids, I have information for you. I used to be one among you as soon as and but right here I'm sitting in the back of a table in a place of work donning an enterprise skirt that I purchased in Next! I even went into the distance once. Take that, 15 12 months previous me! As a result, either the writings of Coupland and the lyrics of The Ataris now believe easily like susceptible tributes to JD Salinger. This makes me scared to learn Catcher within the Rye back lest I solid it asunder just like the remainder of yesterday's lovers.

Vanessa: This e-book went someplace I by no means anticipated it to go, and I am unsure how I think approximately that. I all started interpreting this publication many years ago, obtained round midway through, and for a few unknown cause by no means picked it up back until eventually now. I used to be having fun with it on the time, so it is unusual that I ended reading, yet I have eventually acquired again to it now. The tale focuses round a gaggle of pals and their

lives starting to be up in an international that retains progressing whereas they think their lives are stagnant. at the fifteenth of December 1979, Richard's female friend Karen takes valium and swiftly falls right into a coma that lasts round sixteen years. whereas she is suspended in one other world, the others need to attempt to get through with out her, and later care for her go back in a brand new and frightening world. I was once fairly having fun with the 1st sections of this ebook for the main part, after which it obtained to the 3rd and ultimate section. issues simply acquired very very bizarre very quickly, virtually a bit too fast for my liking. even though it was once a very fascinating concept, and one i didn't anticipate to occur whatsoever, I simply felt it used to be a bit jarring. What additionally grew to become progressively more obvious within the latter a part of the booklet was once the schedule that Coupland pushing, which frankly started to grate on me a bit. i do not like overly preachy books, and even if i cannot determine if this used to be Coupland's personal reviews of the realm and life, it stumbled on a section too strongly for my liking. i discovered the finishing to be a piece meh and disappointing. Overall this is often most likely my favorite Coupland booklet i have read, yet his books regularly consider like they're a little missing in places. i am not yes what this is. perhaps it really is his frequently unemotional variety of writing (a little much less powerful here) or his behavior of depicting individuals with lives that are likely going nowhere, yet i locate it demanding to hot to him. i'll nonetheless proceed to learn his paintings although simply because there has been much to love during this book. I simply did not love the place it ended up.

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