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Freda Lippi comes home one afternoon to find her apartment overrun by the police and her ventriloquist husband, Alberto, his dummy, and her parrot, Pierino, gone without trace.

Though distraught about Pierino, her true soul mate, Freda feels nothing short of exaltation at the thought that the husband she despises may never return.

From there, she chronicles the surreal events of the days that follow with flashbacks to her own tragic life that explain why she married Alberto; from the horrific accident that devastated her world as a teenager, to the life-changing cruise around the Mediterranean with a sinister but hilarious one-armed companion; from the funeral parlor where Freda works by day as an embalmer, to the seedy cabaret where she performs at night, unleashing her repressed passions.

Cabaret: A Roman Riddle Details

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MÉYO says

A quick read weird enough to keep the reader hooked to the book but not as warped or imaginative as Prior's other offerings.

Filipa says

Uma historia bastante divertida!!

Jovana Vesper says

I've enjoyed this book so, SO much, it's simply wonderful! It is incredibly funny and witty with one of a kind characters who are so lively they could jump out of the book; to say the least you could easily find them in your own surroundings, amongst your friends, neighbors and family.

The story is fast paced, and the comedy of absurd is at its highest but the star of the show is definitely perspicuity and flash of wit of the heroine. She is marvelous.

The title says clearly - its a riddle, almost nothing is solved but you can find hints of clues if you pay attention (a postcard under the mat!) yet nothing can prepare you for the crescendo of the last chapter, last pages, last hoot out that will leave you desperately looking for more.

Pandele Ana maria says

o carte funny! nu este o capodopera, se citeste foarte usor, dar are pasaje poznase si intreaga carte te distreaza pur si simplu :)

Eilish says

Unnecessarily weird, and ultimately pointless. Nothing is ever really resolved and you hate all of the characters, they are quirky but in the worst kind of way.

Brenda says

fun, sensual, funny--love Lily Prior!

Filipa says

Acima de tudo, um livro muito divertido :) Uma leitura descontraída!

Ladiibbug says

I just love Lily Prior's bizarre novels -- magical realism, surrealistic, or whatever they are!

She infuses her wild stories with humor, surprises and absurdity. My only complaint is that as of now I have only one unread LP book. Hope she's writing more!

Alice says

A fast, funny read, perfect for a distracting commute

Christina! says

This is one of my favorite books, and I'm not sure why.

The story doesn't always make a whole lot of sense (why is the Detective always in disguise?!, is the dummy female or male!!, and what about that ending??), and you should be prepared to finish the book with a lot more questions than answers.

Still, the story isn't like anything I've ever read before, and the writing is absolutely lyrical and beautiful. Basically this story is about a 20-something woman trying to find herself in Rome, Italy, during the 60's. She does so with the help of - ...inspite of? - her intense and somewhat crazy sister, her husband, a lovestruck detective, her aunt and uncle and, among a dozen others, an obsessed lesbian.

Jaidee says

2 "surrealistic slapstick that was mostly semi-shitty but occasionally scintillating" stars!!

I am at a loss for words..

20 percent was campy, entertaining and kind of funkind of like this

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DVBiZ...>

80 percent was more like this however....(make sure you have the volume on the lower side)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S8_-N...

That's all for now folks. XOXO Jaidee
