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This story begins in logic and ends in love. It is an odyssey of ideas that will change your mind. It will also upset a lot of people. In fact, it's going to piss them right off. At least for a while. I can't help that. I've tried to keep it simple. The first item of interest is this: the world is ending. Not physically, but socially and politically. The world that is ending is the world of men, known also as the patriarchy, that old order of old farts who have ruled us in error for eleven thousand years. In the West, the old order has ended, or almost. But the corpse still lurches about, like a zombie that doesn't know it's dead. It should be finished off, and fast, lest it swell once more, vainglorious and cocksure. This book is also about vaginas. There is no easy way to say that, but just to say it. It's about psychology, power, and taboos. Taboos that demand silence, as murderers do. And it's about the biggest mistake so far in Human Affairs: leaving the hunters in charge of a world with no need of hunting.

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Elly Helcl says

Erm...umm...

I have been reading this book off and on for months. Let me just say this, while the ideas presented by the author are intriguing, they are also inherently flawed.

Why?

1. Women weren't delegated by men to be gatherer's and small game hunters for any nefarious reason. Women were gatherer's and men were hunters for one very simple reason. Children.

Women bear the children. For nine months out body is host to a little being. It doesn't make sense for women to be hunting large, dangerous game!

After giving birth, the mothers breasts are the sole source of food for her infant. Again, it doesn't make sense for a nursing mother to be out hunting dangerous game with an infant at her breast. Besides that, infants cry and would scare away anything she was hunting!

Women were the gatherers because they bear children. Why risk the life of your child to go hunting? It wouldn't make sense for the men or the women considering how few children survived beyond their first year back then!

2. Mermaids are a vaginal symbol. Yeah, maybe. But, this guy presents the idea like he is the first person on earth to have ever thought of that.

Yep. The jokes abound about Eve's vagina smelling, her taking a bath in the water, and that is why fish smell.

And a woman with the lower half of her body in the shape of a fish? Yeah...not that hard to figure out the connection.

I am surprised there aren't more references in history to mermaids and how it came about but it wouldn't surprise me for it to have been joke amongst men in the beginning. Especially sailors.

3. BTW...the mermaid symbol is the "supreme insult" and translates into smelly cunt according to the author. Do I need to say more? This is supposedly the turning point in history and that image was used to remind women that they were inferior?

The author claims he has blown the lid off of pandora's box. I think he has rattled more than a few screws loose.

Needless to say I DNF this book. I had had quite enough by the time I hit 54%. The book is written in such a way that if I HAD to finish it, I would/could have. BUT, I don't have a good reason to finish this book.

I just got tired of yet another man telling me that he knew more about my vagina than I do...or the history of it anyhow.

Penny Lindlau says

An interesting look at how patriarchal society may have developed and how we can get rid of it! Adopt that mermaid symbol and own it women!

Daniel says

There is no reason to go into detail. Shock #1 (please don't tell me this is going to be a series) is a terrible book. If it were fiction and the author were a main character with these ideas, the only logical ending would involve him ending up in an asylum.

This is just simply the ravings of a lunatic who believes he alone has discovered a great secret conspiracy that basically amounts to vaginas smelling like fish. That's it. I read this book from beginning to end - although I deeply regret the time wasted- and that's what it boils down to: men using the idea that vagina smells like fish to keep women subjugated.

Oh, and something about mermaids. I guess.

Erin says

Well that was interesting to say the least. As I started reading I wasn't quite sure what I had signed up for. However, I was intrigued enough to keep going. The author writes well and the content was bizarrely interesting and unique. Definitely another perspective to consider. Once I started reading I had to finish in order to understand what he was getting at with this "supreme insult" concept. Had I known better what the book was about initially... I probably never would have read it.

It is a fascinating concept, and whether I believe this "theory" or not is besides the question. I will never be able to walk into another Starbucks without contemplating this book!

Don says

Just arrived in the mail (supplied for review) and will be starting it tonight.

Completed.

The concept is interesting and I can see where the idea of the Mermaid came from after reading this (and

hence, I will never be able to view an image or symbol of them again without thinking of this book).

Yes, the jargon may be a bit much for anyone else other than a Mature Reader (male or female) and the Author does explain that the theory expressed within the pages may possibly have it's debunkers and critics, but it seemed quite solid.

I'm glad for having read SHOCK #1.

And to prove I did read the entire book, including the Appendix, 'Pink Taco' was listed twice as a somewhat crass and derogatory slang name.

Nevertheless, it all made scents to me (pun intended) and should be required reading in all Psychology classes.

Jennifer says

Hmm..where to start? This was probably the strangest book I've ever read. I'm not sure what truly prompted Flatt to write about vaginas, but it was an interesting read. I enjoyed the walk through history, which included both evolutionary and biblical references.

I didn't really see that the story needed the mermaid reference...at least not to be centered around it. I found the author a fantastic writer, with just enough humor at the right moments. And I have to be honest, I liked the bad jokes in the appendix.

I received this book for free in exchange for an honest review.

Jordan says

Umm... okay. What the heck did I just read?

I think most of the people who read the book description assume this is a work of fiction. It's not. It's a conspiracy theory, a stupid and vulgar conspiracy theory.

The entire book is about how humanity has repressed the true symbolism of mermaids (I won't give it away) because of a horrible insult given to a woman in the ancient past.

The book is actually somewhat well written. If Mr. Flatt were not insane he might actually go somewhere as an author.
