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David Gershwin's summer is about to take a turn for the weird. When his dad's new patient Zelda tells him she's from outer space and on a quest to take Johnny Depp back to her planet, he knows he should run away screaming. But with one look from her mean, green eyes, David's hooked, and soon he's leaping across rooftops, running from police, and stealing cars just to stay by her side. He might not be a typical hero, but David's going to get the girl even if it takes him to the ends of the earth or beyond.

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Amy Eye says

Hot chicks from outer space with super speed & time bending powers - what 14 year old boy would not want to be making out with her? I mean, a real-live alien??? And she is hot, tattooed, has a killer body and wanders around in a bikini. This is not just a 14 year old boy's dream, but just about every male with a pulse has had this same fantasy. Only David doesn't just live this story in a fantasy, he gets the whole experience first hand, with YouTube video's to prove it. Zelda (our spicy alien warrior) not only has a cool name and expensive taste in stolen clothing, she has a mission. She must find her chosen one, and like three quarters of the species with XX chromosomes, Zelda wants Johnny Depp.

It's an exciting ride full of car chases, almost disintegrations, broken noses, and warrior women blowing things up. As a woman I really enjoyed this story, I'm sure any guy would be more than thrilled to get lost in Zelda's race to get to Johnny Depp before it's too late.

Erika Hernandez says

I received this book as a gift because everyone knows I love Johnny Depp. This book was a funny, silly, entertaining quick read.

Jackie says

How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend is one of the most outrageous, laugh-out-loud books I've read in a long, LONG time. Think *Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy* meets *The True Meaning of Smekday*...two of my very favorite books, by the way. When David's father, a famous therapist, is 'fixing' Zelda, all sorts of mayhem and mischief starts. Zelda is a wacky, one-track-minded, brutish woman, who is on Earth (from her planet Vahalal) to find her 'chosen one' and mate. Of course, there are no men on Vahalal, since they are dumb, worthless, smelly, and crude. Clearly, Zelda thinks, as does all of Vahalal, that men are only good for one thing.

When Zelda is on a murderous trek to find Johnny Depp (Zelda's chosen one) and transfer her green key tattoo to him (in order to re-enter Vahalal), David is smitten and enlists help from his step-sister, Malou. Together, the three of them, escape authority figures, encounter some maverick Vahalalian rebels called Valks, and generally cause an uproar throughout France with side-splitting humorous escapades that will have the reader wondering just how far these alien women will go.

This is one of the best books I've read this year! Kudos to Gary Ghislain, on his debut YA novel. I hope, hope, hope he is planning to write more.

Thank you to LibraryThing Early Reviewers, Gary Ghislain, Chronicle Books and Lara Starr for this highly engaging, quirky, and outrageously readable book.

Chiara says

This book was a very fun and easy read with female characters I really enjoyed and a male protagonist who was funny at moments but annoyed me a lot.

Pam Victorio says

I was given this book on a tour of Chronicle Books in San Francisco that I took with Lenore and several other bloggers. I was immediately drawn to the book because of its great hitchhiker-esque cover and fabulous title.

I began reading *How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend* at a theme park. I finished half of the book in the few hours at the park taking in the looks of disbelief that someone could have fun reading in a place with so much to do. I don't do coasters people. However I think the carnival music and massive amounts of people floating around me on the super warm spring day added to the ambiance of reading this book.

How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend is everything you think it will be from the title. We have fourteen year old French David who is schooled in the ways of love and mental illness staying with his dad at his house in the countryside when Zelda shows up. Zelda is very violent and believes she is from another planet and needs to find her mate (who turns out to be Johnny Depp of course) before time runs out and her key to her home planet is lost forever.

At first David thinks she is interesting although crazy and he spends his time trying to get her to admit she is just another chick in love with Johnny Depp. As time goes on however David begins to believe Zelda's claims and becomes her Pudín (helper sounds like Pudding) and the book takes off at a break-neck pace to the conclusion.

We meet some incredibly interesting characters along the way. David's Mom who is the atypical French Dragon Woman stereotype who is incredibly violent to her boyfriend and David himself. David's step sister who was thrown out of the house at sixteen by Dragon Mother. Aliens from Zelda's planet who failed and lost their key home.

This book is fast paced, fun and a great comedic sci fi for younger readers. I can't wait to buy a finished copy and read it all over again.

Travelling Sunny says

Adding this to my TBR list is a moral imperative. I mean, look at that title. Just... **LOOK AT IT!**

UPDATED AFTER READING:

Oh, Gary, Gary, Gary! I am soooooo not your target audience! I used to be, but - hey, I totally give you points for knowing EXACTLY who your audience is and what they want!

So, to Gary Ghislain's target audience, I say - go forth, Earthlings! Read the book of Zook. You will love the crap out of this thing. It's completely preposterous, hilarious, inappropriate, provocative, insane, fast-paced, easy-peasy, science-fictionish-without-being-overtly-nerdy, fun. It's like Dude, Where's My Car meets Adventures in Babysitting.

In fact, now that I've said that, I know what my issue is. THIS WOULD BE SO MUCH BETTER AS A MOVIE! THIS MUST BE MADE INTO A MOVIE SOMEDAY! IT WILL SELL A BAZILLION TICKETS! Think of it: Johnny Depp plays HIMSELF! Special guest star: Helena Bonham Carter as Zelda! YES!

Gary - me thinks you need to find an agent that will pitch this in Hollywood. And, when you do, I want to come to the premier with you. So I can "sample" Johnny Depp. LOL!

M says

So I picked up this book solely because of the title. How do you *not* read a book with a title as bizarre as this? I guess we'll see if the book is as interesting...

Isis says

So, let's say I'm really an alien from Vahalal. And my mission is to find Johnny Depp because he is my "chosen one" and so I stalk him and plan to abduct him and keep him locked in a tower. If that's the case, can I "sample him" too? Am I allowed to French kiss him in Paris? Because if he's down for that, then call me Zelda!

Cynthia Varady says

To read the full duel visit DuelingLibrarians.net

Gary Ghislain's novel How I stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend is an high adventure coming of age story with fourteen year old David Gershwin and the mysterious Zelda at its center. Living outside Paris with his mild-mannered psychiatrist father, David becomes enthralled with his father's latest patient, the widely beautiful and extremely dangerous Zelda. With waves of blond hair, mean green eyes, and delusions of alien origins, David never stood a chance against Zelda's wiles.

Finding himself trapped between his overbearing mother and subdued father, David makes the brash decision to help Zelda, crazy or not, find her "chosen one" so she can transport him back to Vahalal, the planet she claims to be from.

Unlike most coming of age novels I've had the pleasure of reading, this one is refreshingly from the point of view of a male character. I loved reading about David's feelings for Zelda. How he was confused by them and excited by her strangeness. Usually we read stories about girls infatuated with bad boys. How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend takes this trope and reverses it, giving us a new twist on an old story. Plus we also get a mystery; is Zelda a mentally ill girl with delusions caused by past traumas, or an alien from a

distant planet populated with Amazonian-like women?

Ghislain creates a wonderful cast of characters. David begins his journey as the child who wishes to keep his at odds parents happy at all costs, and by the end, we see him transformed into a confident young man.

David's almost step-sister Malou is someone I have not only known, but driven with, and lived to tell the tale about. And of course, Zelda who is a mystery unto herself. She is strong, capable, violent, and sexy. I can see tweens and teens of all genders enjoying this book.

How I stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend is a fun, action packed coming of age story I found completely enjoyable. I liked the action, the romance, the mystery, the characters, and the trek through the streets of Paris. A little on the violent side at points, I would recommend reading it with younger tweens, but other than that caveat, I say, read away.

Raina says

I'm still not entirely convinced this isn't translated. It's set in France, the author seems to have lived his entire life in France, and the feel here is distinctly foreign. In, I guess I should say, the best way possible.

At the opening of this book we meet David. David is the son of an (in)famous and powerful psychologist. David's father is Such a powerful psychologist in France that he is able to keep patients at his house. Which is how David ends up meeting Zelda, an apparently deranged patient who's been giving the cops trouble. Zelda claims to be from another planet.

(view spoiler)

Not that I didn't enjoy it. This reminded me a lot of Daniel Ehrenhaft's Drawing a Blank: Or How I Tried to Solve a Mystery End a Feud and Land the Girl of My Dreams, but with a European (read: French), high art, less-kookily edgy edge. I swear, like, half the reason I read this was that Jillian Tamaki did the illustrations, and the cover's pretty much it on that front (ok, Tamaki + the killer title).

This is a heightened universe. All of the secondary characters are wacky, and mostly obnoxious (as they're supposed to be). David himself is not particularly memorable, standing in as the traditional everyteenageboy.

So yeah, I liked it. I'm not head-over-heels, but I'd go there. At least once.

Galateea says

O.o i can't even... Just.. look at the title. Look at it. Have you looked? Yep i had to look several times and then read the book to convince myself that i do not need new glasses. Yes.Completely. Yes. I am speechless. Yes, i am. I am going for a drink now.

Amanda Bell says

"How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend" is easily the most hilarious and fun book I've read all year. The author, Gary Ghislain, knows he's dealing with zany material, and he lets it ride through the whole book.

Interestingly, though, the book comes together as a great account of male adolescence and fantasy and plays upon the reader's understanding of sanity and the opposite.

The characters are quirky, and though our protagonist is a young boy, most of the central speakers in the book are tough females. David, our young narrator, is literally locked into a world full of powerful ladies, and he's happy to let them lead the way.

I have an immense appreciation for books which don't bother overdoing it in length. This book sails through the plot, and it's - much like its concept of space smashing - a fun and exhilarating ride. No time is wasted on getting to the entertainment.

I highly recommend this book to anyone looking for a pleasant change of pace in their reading material.

Note: This book was won in a Goodreads FirstReads Giveaway contest.

Amy Armstrong says

David is inexperienced with girls. When his father takes on a psychiatric patient named Zelda, meeting her is beyond out of this world. As it turns out, Zelda is from out of this world---from an Amazonian planet called Vahalal, to be exact. Why has she traveled across the galaxy to the relatively primitive planet Earth? She wants to bond with her soulmate who is none other than Johnny Depp.

Actually, she's not 100% sure Johnny is a match. She needs to "sample" men to be sure they are a match for her; her sampling method is French kissing them. Since the book is set in Paris, France, I guess that isn't so shocking.

While I don't think How I Stole Johnny Depp's Alien Girlfriend will offer much insight into the universe or humanity as we know it, (except for the fact that Johnny's appeal is truly universal), it is a delightful read. I couldn't put it down and I kept poking my husband in the middle of the night to read passages aloud because they were too good to keep to myself.

Toni (U.A.C.) says

Setting: Current Day France. David's dad is a well known psychiatrist; his mother is a highly regarded divorce lawyer. Story starts off with David at his dad's place in the country where he meets Zelda, who is being treated by David's father and tells David that she's an alien who's travelled to earth to find and bring back her soul mate. At an age (14) where he's realizing how awesome and terrifying girls can be, David is spellbound by this pretty, enigmatic, and slightly violent tempered girl whom everyone believes is utterly nuts. Not liking how interested in Zelda his son is becoming, David is sent by his father to stay with his mother right at the same time Zelda escapes her tracking ankle bracelet and is on the lamb (aka hiding in

David's mother's car). Soon David and Zelda are off running around Paris, with the help of his step sister Malou, trying to find Zelda's soul mate who turns out to be Johnny Depp.

I loved the title of this book and over all I really enjoyed it. It was cute and I liked the young characters, David, Zelda, and Malou. Not sure how I feel about the parents...do I dislike them or should I just pity them? Not 100% sure, but I'm leaning more towards dislike, especially the mother who comes across as emotionally deficit and an unfit mother.

The ending...well, it's a happy for now ending, but they're kids...I don't think a happily ever after would feel right either. Really, do you expect a 14 year old to get and keep the girl, ride off into the sunset and live happily ever after?

This book has David and Zelda engage in sexual intercourse (OFF SCENE) but it's there, so that's up to you if your children are mature enough for implied content.

Minakshi says

I won this book through Goodreads First Reads giveaway! The author, Gary Ghislain, sent me an autographed hard copy and sweets from France. Already promising :)

This novel is quirky, strange, sweet and very fun read. I ripped though the entire book in one sitting and actually laughed at loud at some parts early in the story. It gets a little too fantastic towards the end, but I think that's part of its charm.

The plot: David Gershwin is a 14 year boy spending his summer vacation with his famous psychiatrist father who runs a clinic/retreat for criminally insane teenagers in the French countryside. His Dad's newest patient is Zelda, a girl who showed up out of nowhere and is adamant that she is a 325 year old alien in search of Johnny Depp - her chosen one.

An excerpt from the back cover:

"It is him," she says, pointing at the screen, her eyes getting wider and greener.

"Oh, stop the act." I click on a picture where he's not dressed like Jack Sparrow, a nice black-and-white pictures from when he was younger. "Is that the guy you're looking for?"

"I must kiss him to be sure."

"Ha! Kiss him! Sure!"

Zelda is just like any other girl on earth.

She wants what they all want. She wants JOHNNY DEPP!
