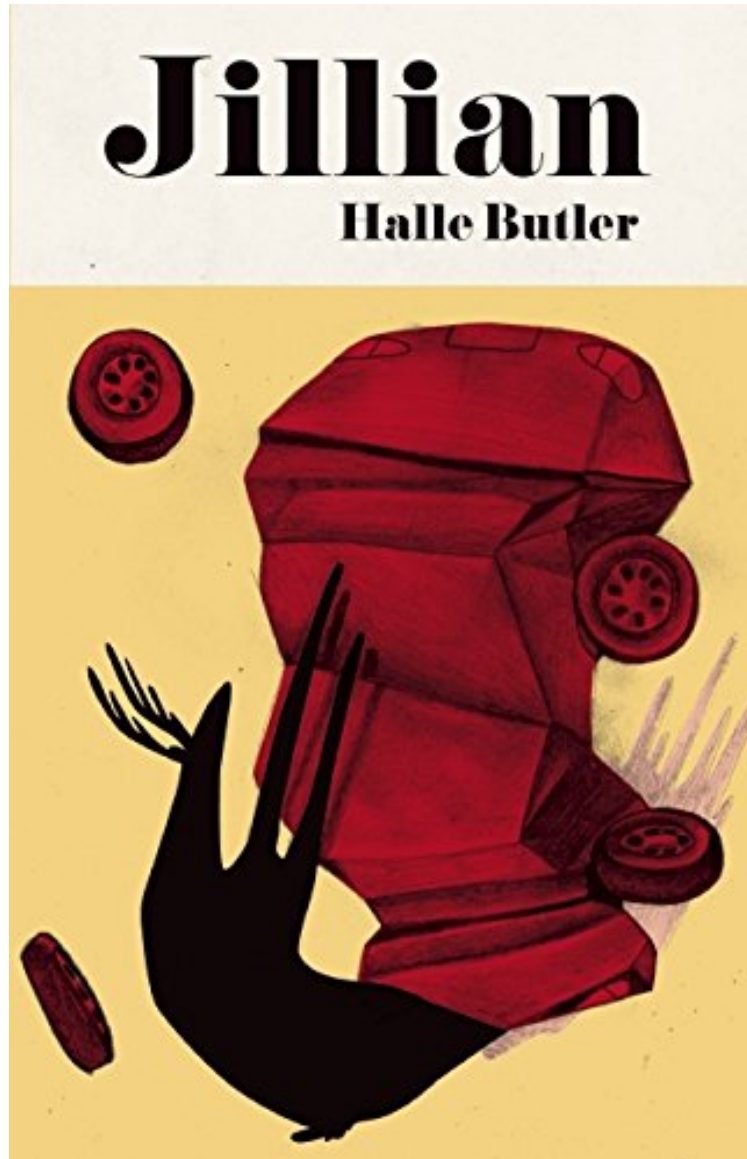


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Inside the Heads of Two Ordinary WomenBy g3 from the UPThis novel takes you into the heads of two women who work together and who both face enormous practical, personality, and psychological challenges in their young lives. These are ordinary people and reminded me of many women I have

known. Both have extensive internal conversations with themselves, know that their lives are screwed up, and struggle with how to get themselves on a better track. One of the characters is a negative, Debby Downer type, who hates her life and projects all of her self-criticism out onto others who she really thinks are more together and happier. The other is a chirpy type who comes up with a different solution for fixing her life on a weekly basis. Debby Downer spends a lot of energy being annoyed at the Chirpy, and the Chirpy spend a lot of her time pretending that the bad things happening to her (impounded car, long suspended driver's license, upcoming court hearing) are not happening and lying to others about what is going on. Downer medicates with alcohol by compulsively getting blind drunk and then maudlin every Saturday night; Chirpy gets a prescription for pain meds for her imaginary car accident, and uses them to rise above her problems. Downer worries about having no friends but has nothing but criticism for every friendly gesture Chirpy makes towards her. You know people like this. I know people like this. There are a lot of women who live on these exhausting mental treadmills. I thought this book was an excellent treatment of the interior lives of these women. There is no magical ending where both of them sort out all of their problems and life is good. Instead, the reader is left having a slight bit of hope for Debby Downer, who seems to be making some progress towards exhibiting a more positive view of life, and not much hope for Chirpy but an appreciation that despite it all, she seems to be doing an okay job of raising her son. I appreciated this realistic glimpse into the heads of ordinary women who internalize so much. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Perfect By Customer Incredible dark comedy. All I want is more. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Four Stars By SSDark and delicious!

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