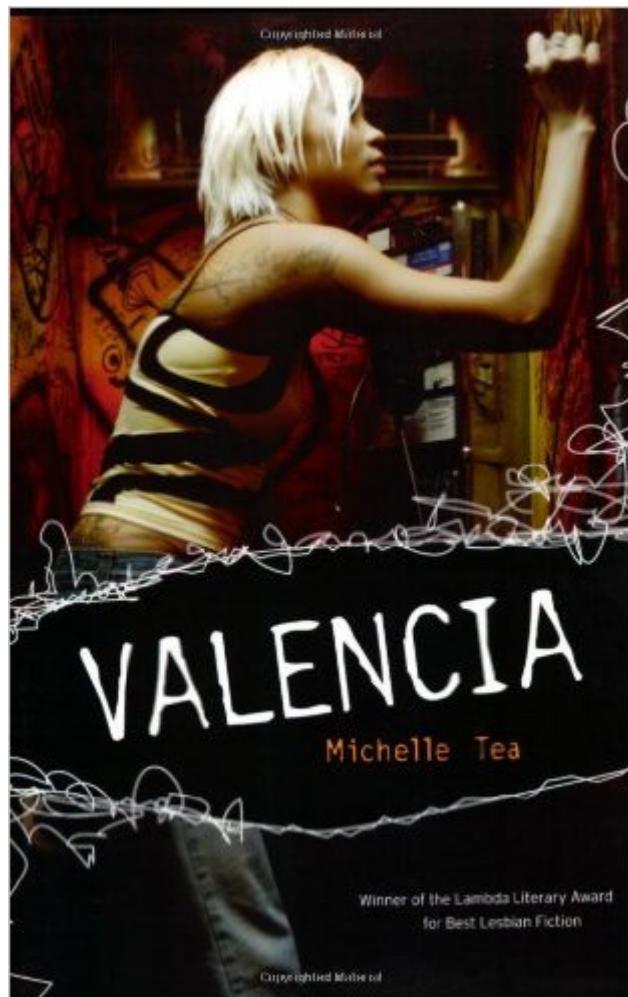


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## Synopsis

Valencia is the fast-paced account of one girl's search for love and high times in the drama-filled dyke world of San Francisco's Mission District. Michelle Tea records a year lived in a world of girls: there's knife-wielding Marta, who introduces Michelle to a new world of radical sex; Willa, Michelle's tormented poet-girlfriend; Iris, the beautiful boy-dyke who ran away from the South in a dust cloud of drama; and Iris's ex, Magdalena Squalor, to whom Michelle turns when Iris breaks her heart.

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## Customer Reviews

I have purchased this book last year, I have been trying to borrow it from a public library for a few years now so this is why I had decided to buy it. I have read "Rose of No Man's Land" by Michelle Tea several years ago, and I enjoyed it. Now with "Valencia", I say it is more of a fictional like memoir if this makes sense. It is very fantastic in its story, which can be so absurd that it comes off as hilarious. I was cracking up laughing out loud at parts that were meant to be funny as well as not. Author Michelle Tea is entertaining as a fictional writer but for a memoir, no. Even if the things written in "Valencia" are all facts, it still comes off as a wild and in your face, "I did this, you did not" prove it antics; actually a little similar to former television show with Johnny Knoxville called Jackass. My opinion: this is fun for the first hour but as it continues it becomes highly ridiculous and losses my attention quickly so I had to put the book down, then read it the next day or two. This book definitely provides the reader an escape from their daily routine and go into a "world" unknown (unless you have had similar experiences as Michelle Tea) however after this, you go right back to

your day to day life. While I had finished reading the book, I would say I was slightly inspired to give myself time to write my own experiences for the pleasure of it then I gave up that idea; the ending of this book is confusion which may be why I did not care to write my story. My opinion: I feel life is much more than 15 minutes of fun and exaggeration, it involves all things from boredom to sadness to excitement. Anyways I enjoy writing short stories for fun for myself so I will stick with that.

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