Shrill: Notes From A Loud Woman
Hailed by Lena Dunham as an "essential (and hilarious) voice for women", Lindy West is ferociously witty and outspoken, tackling topics as varied as pop culture, social justice, and body image. Her empowering work has garnered a coast-to-coast audience that eagerly awaits Shrill, her highly anticipated literary debut. West has rocked the public in work published everywhere from The Guardian to GQ and heard on This American Life. She is a catalyst for a national conversation in a world where not all stories are created equal and not everybody is treated with equal respect. Shrill is comprised of a series of essays that bravely share her life, including her transition from quiet to feminist-out-loud, coming of age in a popular culture that is hostile to women (especially fat, funny women), and how keeping quiet is not an option for any of us.

Synopsis

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Customer Reviews

If Shrill isn't already on your summer reading list, you may need to shift your priorities. I mean, the book has been out for a week, so, seriously, get on it. When I attended Lindy West's first reading on her book tour for Shrill last week, she mentioned that she wanted think pieces about her work because with those, a person learns what works but also what they can fix. So, I thought about it and decided I'd try that approach with my little review that, admittedly, probably only two people will read (Hi Mom! Hi random person who thought this was something else!). So, here goes. In the first sections, the book is hilariously funny and I immediately worried because I wasn't sure how West could sustain that level of funny. Well, she didn't. Darn her, she took it at exactly the right moment down a more serious path. It was a perfect shift so she can't fix
that. But then she kept it a balance of serious and funny for several chapters and I thought, hmmm, is she going to lose the tension here? And whamo, just like that, salty drops of liquid burst from my eye sockets and yet again, sheâ€™d achieved a perfect transition and I was left sniffling as I dried the pages of her book. Canâ€™t fix that either. I am pleased to tell you, however, that I did find one problem. On page 177, second half of paragraph three, she writes â€“ Hari wrote for the show;â€‌ Well, Iâ€™ll have you know that by page 177, Iâ€™d forgotten who the hell Hari was. So there. Yeah, thatâ€™s it. Truth is, this book is excellent. I would like every woman I care about to read it because I think it will be a salve for her soul. And I would like every other person to also read it because I am certain they will learn something meaningful.

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