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What if you could see inside the head of the guy you love? Know his every thought? Feel his every dream and fantasy? The mystery girl who's *Inside the Mind of Gideon Rayburn* can. She tells us the intoxicating story of her beloved Gideon, an adorably clueless boy who flukes his way into New England's fanciest prep school.

Gideon's naïve compared to the wolves at Midvale Academy, especially Cullen and Nicholas, his charming, morally ambiguous roommates. They welcome Gid by trashing his music and betting big on when he'll lose his virginity. Will he lose it with the cute and feisty Molly McGarry? Or Pilar Benitez-Jones, the most beautiful girl Gid's ever seen? Gid actually likes Molly and hooking up with her might be possible. But winning Pilar would be legendary. Gid is torn--he wants to prove himself to his roommates, but he also wants love.

Through it all there is one hysterically funny girl sharing every thought in Gid's conflicted little mind. But who is she?

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Kayla says

I really enjoyed reading this one. Being a girl, I understood and related to the plot. It was an interesting interpretation of the 'inside' of Gideon's mind.

I would recommend this to anyone who is looking for a simpler read. It brings a lot to the table; love triangles, mystery, and humor. The surprise ending is just a bonus.

Jessica Lawlor says

Ever wonder what it would be like to be inside the mind of your crush? The narrator of Inside The Mind Of Gideon Rayburn by Sarah Miller (her identity is a secret until the end of the book) knows just what it's like. When Gideon Rayburn is in the car on the way to his first day at Midvale Academy, our narrator hears a voice inside her head that's definitely not hers. She isn't sure why, but she has just entered the mind of Gideon Rayburn.

Throughout the book, our narrator begins to have a crush on Gideon. He is the perfect guy for her; sweet, caring, a little insecure. Gideon becomes roommates with two of the most popular guys at school, Cullen and Nicholas. Cullen and Nicholas convince Gideon to start drinking, smoking pot and hanging out with their group of friends, all of whom comprise most of the popular kids on campus.

Cullen and Nicholas decide to challenge Gideon to a little bet. If Gideon can sleep with the girl of their choosing by Halloween, they will give Gideon a car. Gideon is a little skeptical but accepts the bet. Cullen and Nicholas choose Molly McGarry, a cute, but unassuming girl in their grade. Gideon is worried about how he will get Molly's attention, especially when he finds himself falling for Pilar, the most gorgeous and exotic girl at Midvale. Can Gideon win the bet, fall in love and maintain his growing popularity?

It took me a long time to get into this book, but once I did, I was hooked.

The most interesting part of this book was getting to hear the story from both the perspective of Gideon and from the perspective of the girl in his head, who was slowly falling for him. I loved hearing the witty banter between the three main male characters, especially since I don't read many novels with males as the focus. The dialogue between the three male roommates definitely sounded accurate, and it was interesting to "get in the head" of Gideon.

What didn't I like about the book? Well, it was very slow-going. Several times in the first hundred pages, I wanted to just put down the book and give up. I didn't think the story was going anywhere and I was sick of reading about Gideon, Cullen and Nicholas getting high and drunk.

However, I'm definitely glad that I didn't put the book down because the ending was worth it and the sequel (review later this week!) was absolutely amazing.

Michael says

It's interesting to read "Carter Finally Gets It" and "Inside the Mind of Gideon Rayburn" within the same time span. Both novels attempt to get inside the mind of a teenage boy and find out what makes him tick. I imagine this is a valid concern for many teenage girls, trying to figure out what makes certain guys tick and why we act that we do. And while each novel concludes that guys are driven by one thing, it's interesting to see how differently each novel approaches that driving factor.

With "Gideon" the feeling I got was that guys are motivated only by one thing--sex. And that's it. The insight into the guy's mind is that teenage boys think about sex A LOT. They think about the ways they could possibly have sex, where they could have sex and who they would like to have sex with. And that drives just about everything they do in trying to win over and impress girls.

Honestly, the story doesn't go much deeper than that and, in the end, it becomes a bit repetitive by the halfway mark of the book. What will keep you reading is the curiosity factor over which of the characters is the first-person narrator with the all access pass to Gideon's mind. There were times I felt like skipping ahead to find out, but I kept thinking I might miss some pivotal moment or some character development. Alas, that never quite happens.

On the other hand, you've got "Carter Finally Gets It," a story about high school freshman Will Carter and his journey through his first year of high school. Carter and his fellow male friends are clearly motivated by lust for their fellow females, but most of them would clearly have no idea what to do with a willing female should they get one. In fact, Carter and his crew really have no clue as to who they really are and instead put on airs and try to be the stud they all think they should be. The results are humorous and realistic. Carter starts off the book in a romance with his home ec partner from the previous year who has blossomed a bit. Helped by his older sister's advice, Carter is able to at first woo her but allows his early small successes such as holding her hand, kissing her and getting to first base to cloud his judgment and boost his ego. Before you know it, Carter is trying to have his cake and eat it too instead of just being the guy that he liked being and that most people liked him being.

It all catches up to him in a realistic way and then the rest of the novel finds Carter finally "getting it" and figuring out who he is. Yes, by the novel's end Carter is still a hormonally imbalance waiting to happen, but there's been some growth and learning by Carter along the way. There's also been a couple of nice laughs that are grounded in the character. As I said in my review of "Swim the Fly," the tone is similar to the early "American Pie" movies where you had some crude humor but it was balanced by some heart. That's the case with "Carter" and while the book isn't necessarily perfect, it's still an interesting and enjoyable enough read.

Krista (I remember you, Min) (Critical) says

I MIGHT have been able to get past the fact that all the male characters in this book are actually female...and then it hits me that the main female character? Is more like a man than the actual guys.

She actually claims that girls HATE IT when men apologize to them. Okay, whatever you say. Plus, she refers to everything as "gay," which was so freaking annoying. I really wanted her to die. I mean, her idea of

showing affection for a boy is insulting him, sneering at him, and acting all superior.

Kellee says

i liked this book as much as i disliked it. i think its impossible to write a guys mind if you are a woman. we just dont think alike.

Kendra says

Pretty stupid and I'm not sure anyone should be inside the mind of a teenage boy (certainly not me who will someday have a teenage boy - yikes!)

Els says

Okay, inside the mind of Gideon Rayburn. Yep, we were definitely inside it, kinda, sorta, maybe.

Im not sure if there's a purpose to this book or not but if the purpose is to help girls understand boys then this book has failed at its job. Everything written in this book I knew already, I don't know if its just because I'm best friends with a few boys and I have a boyfriend so I talk to boys a lot or if it was just a pants book and didn't serve its purpose but I learnt nothing.

Another thing, it was written by a girl!!! It should've been called "inside the mind of a girl who thinks she knows what Gideon Rayburn is thinking". Much more fitting, don't you agree? I could understand the book more if it was written by a boy but since it was written by a girl it sorta changes things since that's what she thinks boys think about.

I didn't like the fact that every person in the school that Gideon went to was beautiful, that annoyed me. And the fact that there were only what, two people that couldn't be classed as beautiful annoyed me as well. I didn't like being introduced to everyone by the Gideon or whoever was thinking, I don't even care, saying how gorgeous they are and that they have perfect teeth, guess what! I do not care!

The book was predictable, I knew what was coming up every time I turned the page. The ending was dull as well, and although it is what people would've wanted, I actually wanted a different one. I dunno, maybe he catches the train up to Molly's and accidentally falls onto the tracks and then dies? Sounds way more interesting!

Anyway, I didn't like this book that much, thought it was a bit suckish. I'm going to get a coffee now so adios.

Su says

I have a habit of reading the books I don't even like just for the sake of finishing them. It's a stupid habit, I

know, and this was that kind of book. The idea of being inside someone's mind, reading their thoughts, especially if that someone's your crush sounded interesting to me but the execution was weak. The book wasn't even about the girl who was inside Gideon's mind at all. It could have been written from Gideon's POV and would still be all the same. I didn't like any of the characters at all. Yet I continued reading the whole thing. I do blame myself for that.

Elizabeth says

It's an okay book, but you're better off reading something else; *Inside the Mind of Gideon Rayburn* revolves around teens obsessing over who is or isn't a virgin and making sure they have enough time to get high before class.

kingshearte says

Although the premise here tries to make it more, ultimately, this book is really just a boy's coming of age story. The whole told-from-the-perspective-of-the-girl-inside-his-brain thing? Eh, it didn't really work for me. For one thing, despite the endorsements from a couple of (female) authors, who claim that reading this book is just like actually being in a guy's head!, I'm not sure I buy that. Leaving aside the fact that even if you could get into one guy's head, that's not necessarily an accurate picture of what goes on in all guys' heads, what we have here is two women praising the accuracy of another woman's portrayal of something they can have no actual knowledge of. Now, if a male author had endorsed the book, all "This was like reading my own journal from when I was in high school," then maybe I'd buy it. But this is really just what one woman thinks might go on in a teenage boy's head. Which is fine, I guess, but it's not exactly earth-shattering.

(view spoiler)

Ultimately, the book had some cute moments, but I didn't think it was anything particularly special. If I want a good teen boy story, I'll stick with my John Green.

Kate (VerbVixen) says

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Characters: Gideon Rayburn-newbie at prep school and overall nice guy. Unknown female narrator who sees what Gid sees and hears what he thinks, remains anonymous until the end of the book. Molly McGarry-the girl that Gid is supposed to sleep with to win "the bet". I really got into Gideon and Molly's story. I rooted for them. I wanted to hit him when he got distracted by other girls and say, "No you moron you're supposed to be with her!".

Plot: While the plot is conventional- Gideon, a virgin, starts a new prep school and his roommates and he make a bet to lose his virginity. While the plot may not be new, the format certainly was! The narrator is a female who sees all of what goes on in the mind of the male protagonist. Genius. My real question is, how accurate of a depiction of the teenage male brain can this be if the author is female? Diluting that depiction

by filtering it through a female narrator helps a bit, but sometimes I wonder if Gids more of a girl than Molly is. However, for originality of format alone this book is amazing.

Writing: Some of the things Gideon says, Dear me. I don't know a boy on the planet that would say that. I do however love how sassy Molly is.

Ending: I kind of saw this one coming, but I am so so so very glad it ended how it did. I am looking forward to reading the sequel. There are so many questions to be answered!

Soundtrack Song: Ari Hest, "Upstairs"

Overall: A+ Way to think outside the box!

Jennifer Wardrip says

Reviewed by Amanda Dissinger for TeensReadToo.com

Ever wondered what exactly is going on in the mind of a teenage boy? Then *INSIDE THE MIND OF GIDEON RAYBURN* by Sarah Miller is the perfect book for you.

This is a captivating story about a girl at a prep school in Massachusetts who suddenly finds herself experiencing all of the thoughts, feelings, and sights of Gideon Rayburn, a new student at the school. She faces all of the problems Gid faces, from the embarrassing to the sweet to the sexual to the anxious.

Then Gid's roommates, the popular and handsome Cullen and Nicholas, make a bet to see if Gideon can actually achieve his manhood by sleeping with a girl by Halloween. The girl is Molly McGarry, who's cute and funny, but not who Gid really wants. His ultimate desire is in the form of Pilar Benitez-Jones: very beautiful and very confident. As Gid tries to decide which girl is right for him, the reader gets to take a trip through his mind, and see how a real, live, hormone-charged 15-year-old boy really thinks.

INSIDE THE MIND OF GIDEON RAYBURN has an intriguing premise, and is very entertaining and hilarious. It takes a very creative idea, a story from the viewpoint of a girl inside a guy's mind, and makes it believable and worthwhile. Readers will enjoy guessing exactly who and what is inside the mind of Gideon Rayburn, while going on a quick, witty journey of thinking like a boy, if only for a few hours.

Sharon says

Only because I hate to DNF books I continued on with the book and will read the 2nd book of the series. Blame my OCD on this. I couldn't get into the story at all. It was too confusing with Molly being in his head and who was saying/thinking what.....was that Gid or was it Molly. Cullen was just an annoying jerk. Sometimes I thought Nicholas was ok but then he'd do something mean and he went straight back to Cullen level. It wasn't difficult figuring out that Molly was the one in Gid's head. Here's hoping the second book is better.

Jenn says

I don't really know what to say about this one. I read the first fifty pages and trust me, that was really hard to do. I don't really understand the premise: A girl, a real person who is somewhere in the story, can be inside this guy's mind (hear what he's thinking, see what he's seeing etc.) all the time, yet also function and live her life normally. I don't know...I mean, I love using my imagination while reading, but this just doesn't make any sense.

I think another part of the reason I didn't like what I've read is because 10-15 pages is just about the guys drinking, smoking pot, and talking about sex. Okay, maybe this is what guys really do...MAYBE. But 15 year olds? Maybe it's just wishful thinking, but I don't know about that.

I went and looked at others' reviews of the book...evidently a lot of other people liked it. I wanted to continue and try and finish...I just can't do it. Too many other good books on my shelf to waste my time with something like this.

Jennifer says

Have you ever wondered what the opposite sex was thinking? Well in this book, a nameless girl (you have to figure out who she is throughout the book) gets inside Gideon Rayburn's head, she can hear and see what Gid is thinking and see what he's doing. Gideon's new at a Connecticut Prep School called Midvale Academy, where he meets his two roommates and friends, Cullen and Nicholas. Cullen and Nicholas are popular, handsome, and wealthy-everything Gideon is not. To help Gid "fit in", they make a bet with Gid to have sex with a girl of their choice by Halloween. The girl they pick is Molly McGarry, a girl who isn't like other girls at Midvale. Gideon takes the bet to up his "coolness factor" and because after all, he is a virgin.

I found this book very funny but also found it to be a bit too risk-ay for middle school or even high school. I am a 22 year old woman and at times in this book I felt uncomfortable reading. I found this book to be a somewhat spin off of the teen movie- "She's all that". Although it deals a lot with sex, drugs and underage drinking, the story line is very fast paced and funny. I even laughed out loud a couple times. I rated this 3 stars because it was an okay book but the other factors (Sex, drugs, underage drinking) was a bit overwhelming at times for the 16 year old characters.

Characters:

Gideon: a 16 year boy who takes his roommates up on a bet to lose his virginity

Cullen: Gid's roommate who is handsome and very wealthy, has no problem in the girl dept. they seem to flock to him

Nicholas: Gid's other roommate who is also handsome and very wealthy. The strong silent type.

Molly McGarry: the girl who Gideon must have sex with in the bet, Molly says what's on her mind and doesn't care what others think.

Pilar: The object of Gideon's affection, a beautiful girl who continues to lead Gideon on throughout the book
