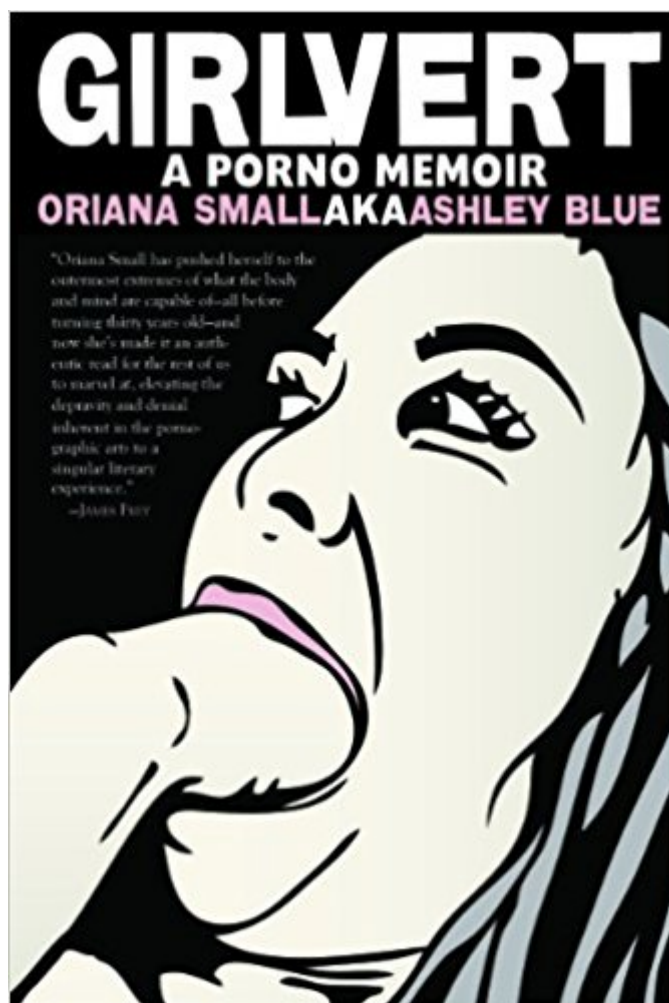


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Synopsis

Proclaimed "girl-pervert" Oriana Small, AKA Ashley Blue, a veritable artist at heart, weaves through the intricacies of a decade in and out of the adult film industry, love, drugs, and her own firebrand of what it means to live ecstatically. From accolades to agony, Girlvert illuminates the surreality of a life lived beyond all comprehension.

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Customer Reviews

Definitely not what I'd usually read or go for but really interesting nonetheless - this book does have some pretty graphic gritty parts to it but I couldn't seem to put it down. I was really captivated and enthralled with what Oriana's next decision would be and where life would take her, when she would find redemption and peace and all her choices along the way. I have mixed feelings about the sex industry and that's partly why I choose to pick this book up. I wanted a first person perspective of the industry and had heard good things about this memoir. I'm still not sure how I feel about the industry as a whole but I do think this book provoked a lot more feelings of compassion for sex

workers than I was expecting. They are after all people too. This book wasn't any kind of study into the industry like I was expecting it to be but was more of just one woman's brutally honest story and experience and I'm happy this book was that instead. I feel like I learned more and had a better reaction and could keep reading because of that. I couldn't stop talking about all the shocking, sad and crazy parts of this book to my boyfriend and read through it so fast! It's a very real glimpse into another's life that I can tell was written with full honesty which was refreshing. Four out of five!

Oriana Small writes honestly about her experiences in her 20s as a star of gonzo porn (just think any sexual act that is painful or gross and frequently both.) But what struck me about the book were her relationships with men who were obviously using her. She seemed to want to please these parasitic guys, because she "loved" them. Then again, she was quite young and she remembers more about her 20s than I do about mine. But sometimes I just wanted to shake her. She seemed to put up with all of their bad behavior. She does a ton of drugs, which seems not uncommon among porn performers, and burns through a ton of money, finally resorting to anal creampie (which is gross but funny in an awful sort of way) porn. Snail's account is honest and unintentionally sad, though she never sees herself as a victim (I do think she's damaged, however.) An engaging read, though not for the squeamish or prudish.

Oriana Small, the author of this memoir with the porn name Ashley Blue, was a porn movie character called Girlvert who performed full-time in the adult industry over a period of six years. Ashley had a recurring role as the Girlvert character, an angry, abusive, young girl who forces other girls into rough sex in the course of her career. At the height of her career, she won the best female performer of the year in 2004. Cheryl, her mother used to have multiple partners. She shares her experiences with swinging, drugs, alcohol and partying in the course of her career while stressing the fact she considers porn to be an art form and has never regretted getting involved in it. As a lifer who still works in porn she points out that she has moved on to become a writer with a steady partner after the years she spent in the adult industry. What I like about the book is that it challenges all the prejudices and stigma that exists in certain circles about porn.

An amazing look at the porn world of LA in the 70 and 80s. No shame. No shaming. Miss Small's writing is perfect. Reads like a novel. All "expose" books by male and female XXX actors are so boring--"..and he did this" and "then she sucked..". This is not that crap. It's not prurient. It's a killer read.

I've read a few pr0n related biographies over the years and most of the elements of the stories seem common. This author doesn't really introduce anything too new or amazing to the world about which she writes. However, it is most interesting to read her journalistic approach. She matter-of-factly describes her experiences on shoots or interacting with the people who produce the material. She also talks about the business like it is a job; I've always wondered about how the performers separate their work from their lives....or do they? I applaud her being willing to be so open and honest about her life, warts and all, as she says. Be warned; if you are comfortable with very graphic descriptions of sex, this is not the book for you.

This was an entertaining read and gives you a pretty detailed look at what goes on in the porn world when the cameras aren't rolling. I would warn you of some crude language but there'd really be no point because (hopefully) you are fully aware that this book was written by a pornstar. She was known for doing some of the harder stuff in adult films, and just when you thought she couldn't possibly write something as bad as the last sentence, she does. I am glad that it all worked out for her, though.

I had no idea who "Ashley Blue" was, and kind of randomly stumbled upon this book, and I'm glad I did! This book is an emotional rollercoaster ride through a subculture that I know very little about, I found myself rooting for the author and hoping that there would be a happy ending for her. This book was very well written, Oriana has a way with words, and a dry sense of humor..I honestly could not put this book down! I hope to see more from this author in the future, and if you're debating on reading this, go for it, but be advised, it's a wild ride!

I am a reader with a fascination for quiriness in the books I read. This one hit the spot.I never watch porn but I am curious how people cope in this industry. It was fabulously written,I genuinely connected with the writer and was enthralled by her career .Sex acts, which are impossible for me to imagine are performed with such ease and a pot and vaseline,total strangers are let in to the most secrete zones....and yes, I am 54 and tried anal sex for the first time. Not bad.Thank you Oriana

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