

A Short Review of 'The Mars Room'

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The Mars Room

by Rachel Kushner

The Mars Room is a voyeuristic embarrassment of a book that stumbles so aggressively through its sensationalism of sex workers, trans and queer people, and incarcerated people that there isn't actually room left for a plot. I called it quits 50 pages in because I just couldn't take it. It was like listening to my 70-year old aunt from Danvers, MA explain how dangerous New York City is. I tried to *give* this away at a white elephant and no one wanted it. Brutal.

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In *The Mars Room*, Rachel Kushner provides excerpts from Ted Kaczynski's journals to draw parallels between the Unabomber and her character Gordon Hauser, the man that teaches an English class at Stanville Prison.

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