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Eclipse Fever is as complex as Abish's avant-garde masterpiece, the PEN/Faulkner Award-winning *How German Is It*. Set in Mexico today, in a high-gloss world of intellect and society, *Eclipse Fever* explores the reaches of corruption and the limits of power in politics, in business, in culture. A constant course of suspense and psychological tension underlies its concern with art, emotional attachment, and the differing needs of men and women. The people whose lives interlock: Alejandro, one of Mexico's most respected literary critics; his estranged wife, Mercedes, whom he longs for and suspects of openly conducting an affair with a celebrated American writer; Bonny, the writer's 17-year-old daughter, a runaway, who is made witness to a sequence of calamitous events that culminates in murder; Preston, an American industrialist, and his sexually frustrated wife, Rita; and Pech, the unscrupulous art dealer who is the source of Preston's illegitimate collection of pre-Columbian artifacts. As the lives and emotional fates of these people press together, as they buckle and collapse, the novel holds up a mirror to the moment in which we live: the end of a century, the end of a millennium, the perils, the temptations, the hysteria just below the surface. With the publication of *Eclipse Fever*, Walter Abish, already the recipient of great critical acclaim, establishes himself as a major American writer.

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I cannot convince anyone to read this book; but, I wish that someone I know would so I could talk about it with someone.

Velvetink says

Found this in an opportunity store (\$2) while waiting for my car rego check.

sean says

Read it recently on vacation. Now I'd like to see Mexico.

Brigitte says

A many-layered, rollicking tale about shady art dealings, desire and high society in mexico city.
