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[Book Review]
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My Forehead and Other Oddities

By Brent Furnas



It's not often you come across a book that is funny, heart-warming, reflective and un-put-downable all at once: but this is one such book. The story's hero is Henry Flexck, a short-haul pilot whose life soon becomes as impossible as his own surname. A horrifying secret about Henry, that he himself didn't know, is leaked to the world's press and he ends up hunted, haunted and most poignantly, lonely. The one person he wants to turn to isn't there for him, and it takes a kind (and pretty) stranger to open his eyes to human compassion again.

What Furnas has penned here is a tale that makes you think of your own vulnerability – the way you sometimes feel just a little bit different from others and occasionally like an

outsider. He successfully swings the story round to show that in the end someone loves you, someone 'gets' you and accepts you.

Even though the story verges on fantastical - which isn't a bad thing - you get the impression that the author doesn't take himself too seriously, that he's just writing the story for your enjoyment rather than to be clever, which makes it a pleasure to join him on the ride.

This is a beautifully written, warm, humorous book that leaves you satisfied and wanting for nothing – the characters are brilliant & believable, there are no clichés, the writing is simple without being intelligence-insulting, the story flows effortlessly and best of all there is a happy ending! ●