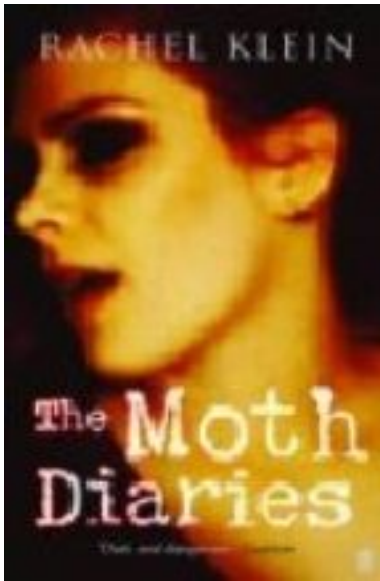


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Unfolding through the journal of a sixteen-year-old girl, *The Moth Diaries* is a compellingly brilliant portrait of obsession and fear set in the hothouse atmosphere of a girls' boarding school.

It is a world of too many books and too little reality, where ideas become passions and passions obsessions. The unnamed narrator believes with increasing certainty that a schoolmate is a vampire, subtly and secretly killing her best friend and roommate, and responsible for an escalating series of disasters at the school. As she watches her friend's growing relationship with Ernessa, she gradually loses her grip on reality, her paranoia fuelled by reading le Fanu's vampiric novel *Carmilla*. Is Ernessa really a vampire? Or has the narrator trapped herself in her own fevered imagination?