

Always Coca-cola - Alexandra Chreiteh

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The story of three different young women marks the literary debut of an amazing writer from Lebanon. Always Coca-Cola is the story of three very different young women attending university in Beirut: Abeer, Jana, and Yasmine. The narrator, Abeer Ward (fragrant rose, in Arabic), daughter of a conservative family, admits wryly that her name is also the name of her father's flower shop. Abeer's bedroom window is filled by a view of a Coca-Cola sign featuring the image of her sexually adventurous friend, Jana. From the novel's opening paragraph: When my mother was pregnant with me, she had only one craving. That craving was for Coca-Cola. First-time novelist Alexandra Chreiteh asks us to see, with wonder, humor, and dismay, how inextricably confused naming and desire, identity and branding. The novel's names and the novel's edgy, cynical humor might be recognizable across languages, cultures, and geographies. But Chreiteh's novel is first and foremost an exploration of a specific Lebanese milieu. Critics in Lebanon have responded in a storm, calling the novel an electric shock and finding that the problems of its characters reflect grave social anomalies. Read Chreiteh and see what the storm is all about. Author: Chreiteh, Alexandra Publisher: Interlink Books Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Always Coca-Cola Pages: 00121 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-11-01 SKU-13/ISBN: 9781566568432 Category: Fiction : Coming of Age

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