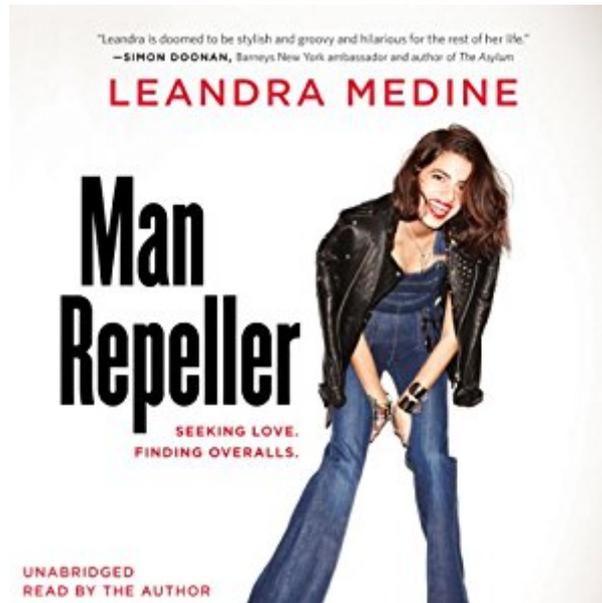


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# Man Repeller: Seeking Love. Finding Overalls.



## Synopsis

Silk parachute pants. A gold lamé jumpsuit. Ankle boots with fringe. Were these fashion-forward items sending men running in the opposite direction? Maybe, but Leandra Medine never cared. Slipping into drop-crotch shorts and a boxed sequin blazer in the dressing room of Topshop in downtown Manhattan, a brokenhearted Leandra had an epiphany. Looking in the mirror, she suddenly realized she didn't have a boyfriend because of the way she dressed. And the more she thought about it, the more she realized that such outfits said a lot about her life-romantic and otherwise. Now, in her first book, the acclaimed blogger and fashion darling recounts her most significant memories through the lens of her sartorial choices. With her signature sass, blunt honesty, and some personal photos, Leandra shares details of the night she lost her virginity right down to the pair of white tube socks she forgot to take off, as well as when and why she realized her grandma's vintage Hermès ostrich skin clutch could hold much more than just keys and a cell phone. Through it all, she proves you don't need to compromise even your most repellent qualities to find your way into that big white dress (and an organza moto jacket). See? You can have your yeti and wear it, too. Showcasing the singular voice that has won Leandra millions of fans, this book is a collection of awkwardly funny experiences, a sweet love story, and above all, a reminder to celebrate and embrace a world made for women, by women.

## Book Information

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## Customer Reviews

The Man Repeller was probably the first hugely popular fashion blog. I was an intermittent reader at best because, even though her aesthetic didn't appeal to me, the concept of embracing your

personal style even if it repels men was kind of funny. This is not a style guide, but rather a fashion biography of sorts where Medine uses articles of clothing as chapter titles and jumping off points to tell the high points (mainly surrounding love) of her life thus far. Her sometimes wacky "I Love Lucy" style anecdotes that take her from her first crush in elementary school to joining the adult job market are at once endearing and annoying in a Carrie Bradshaw kind of way. Medine's clear devotion to fashion are what kept me reading long after I decided that I couldn't relate to her at all.

I love this book. I love her wittiness and humor. I love the clever and fresh approach she has on fashion. I wanted to become a fashion blogger at some point but played with the idea but, She really made me seriously consider the notion. This is a classic for sure. I also received it super fast.

Thanks

Im undecided. While I think this book is not worth it's almost \$18 in Kindle edition, I had fun reading it. I don't agree with most Leandra's fashion choices on Man Repeller, I still check the blog and laugh at her jokes. I think it's a crime to pay \$500 for a pair of shoes and God-knows-how-much for a Chanel bag, but I still enjoy pictures of well-thought outfits featuring both. What broken heart a girl will get from realizing a regular paycheck cannot buy her either those shoes or that wedding dress, will be healed quickly by the fairy-tale love story of her going after the man she loves. Have fun and decide for yourself if you like the book.

Leandra is so unique because, while she thrives in an industry with a tendency to take itself too seriously, her love of fashion goes beyond image-building, snootiness or pure self-indulgence. Clothes are her medium and she interacts with them as an artist -- you can tell by how she connects feelings and memories so directly with her favorite pieces. Plus she's a great storyteller, unafraid to poke fun at herself and funny as hell.

I'm a huge fan of Leandra's blog. So, when the opportunity came to review her book, I jumped at it. While parts were funny and relatable (which is why I love her blog), the book left something to be desired. Unfortunately, I can't pinpoint exactly what "something" is, but I can say that you'll enjoy many of the anecdotes and empathetically cringe at times. I don't think the book is worth buying for more than 4.99 on Kindle though. I received a free copy in exchange for an honest review.

I enjoyed this book a lot more than I thought I would. It was less a "how to girl boss" type book and

more of just an interesting/entertaining collection of stories. It's well done and I appreciate her sense of humor and writing style.

I didn't know much about her before this book. Now I think she is brilliant and hilarious. I saw her out once while I was reading it and didn't have the guts to tell her (mostly because I had just read intimate details about the loss of her virginity) but I wish I had told her I think she's a genius.

I've never been hugely into the Man Repeller blog, but the concept of this book appealed to me so I gave it a try on Audible. Her reading was endearing and even the parts that I couldn't relate to were interesting and funny. I appreciate the way the book is formatted where each life event is tied to a particular item of clothing, very different from other young women's memoirs I've read recently. There were parts that were so funny they had me in tears, and there were parts that just made me cry. Really a great book, and I think if you're a woman in your 20s or 30s with a real interest in fashion you'll be able to relate to a lot of the author's experiences.

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