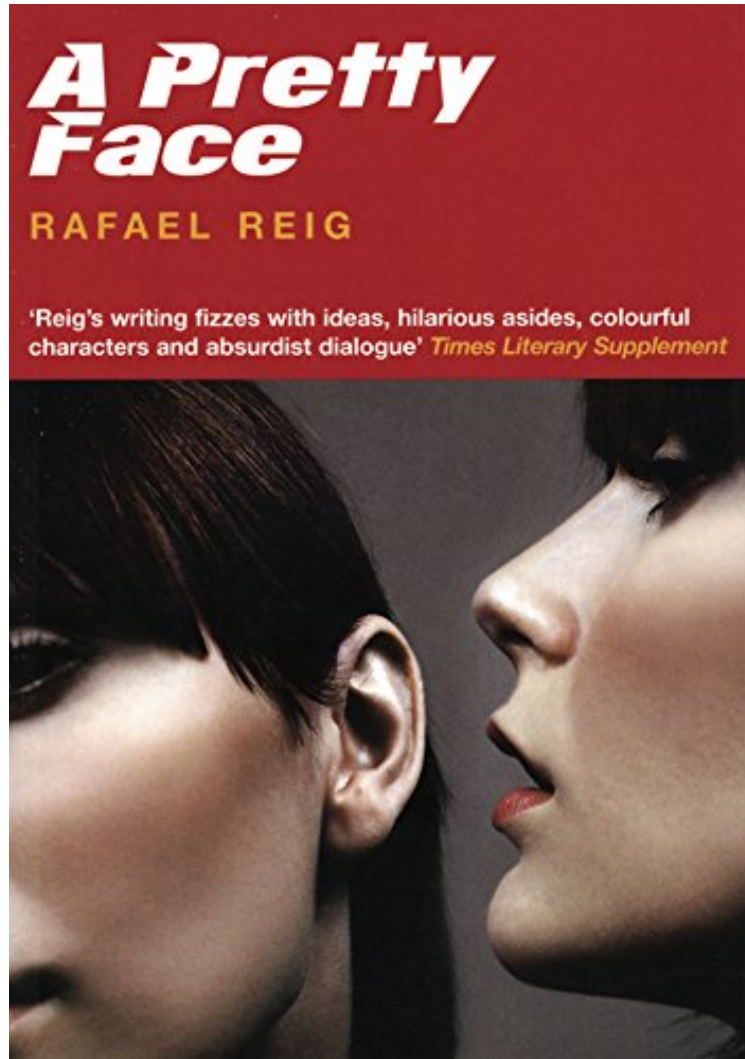


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**Rafael Reig : A Pretty Face (Paperback Original)** before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised A Pretty Face (Paperback Original):

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. A superbly written blend of fantasy, mystery, and unconventional conventions By Midwest Book Review Deftly translated from the original Spanish by Paul Hammond, "A Pretty Face" is an original metaphysical mystery by Rafael Reig set in a kind of alternate universe where in the city of Madrid in 1999 the oil mines have been drained dry, the Spanish Communist party has succumbed to an American army coup making Spain a part of the USA and Anglo the official language. The rich reside in the safety of gated communities, the poor survive where ever and how ever they can. Drug addicts live in fear of genetic engineers who are testing a

neuroprotein called K666 which they think might even put an end to death. The story is narrated by Maria Dolores Equibar's tormented ghost after she is murdered. The daughter of the doctor who discovered K666, and with the help of an imaginary sidekick Benito (a randy, one-eyed teenage hero from her series of successful kids novels), Maria's ghost slowly unravels the tangle of events which led to her own violent demise. "A Pretty Face" is a superbly written blend of fantasy, mystery, and unconventional conventions making it a fast paced, unexpectedly conflated, terrifically entertaining read. Also very highly recommended is Rafael Reig's previous sci-fi/detective/western/literary romance/comically detailed novel "Blood On The Saddle".

"[Rafael] Reig delights in keeping his readers on their toes. For such a brief book — it can be read in one afternoon — it covers a lot of ground, and all of the elements come together at the end. Reig is playing around in A Pretty Face — and inviting his readers to play along."—NPR.org "A wonderfully absurd little existential novel."—The Independent on Sunday "Rafael Reig's manic inventiveness appears to know no bounds. . . . Enjoy the humour and intellectual breadth."—The Times (London) Children's author Lola Eguibar is dead. With the help of her teenage character Benito, she sets out to investigate her own murder. Set in a surreal Spain that is part of the United States, where everyone speaks Anglo and the world has exhausted its supply of oil, this is a remarkable blend of crime, science fiction, and satire. Rafael Reig was born in 1963. He lives in Madrid, where he combines university teaching with his writing activities.

From Publishers Weekly A ghost narrates Reig's whimsical speculative novel, set in the same alternative Madrid as Blood on the Saddle (2006). After a thug fires a bullet into the head of 35-year-old María Dolores Eguibar Madrazo, a children's book author who writes under the name Lola Lios, her ghost seeks to find out why she was murdered. Might there be some connection with her ex-husband, Fernando Eguilaz, a famous scientist who's been hard at work synthesising neuroprotein K666 (discovered by Lola's psychiatrist father) as a potential cure for death? Lola's most popular fictional character, Benito Viruta, provides solace as she muses on what was, what might have been and what is. To really live you have to learn to die, she concludes. Reig conjures an extraordinary ending that's as elusive as a butterfly's kiss. (Dec.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. From Booklist The author of the cult favorite Blood on the Saddle (2006) returns with another offbeat, quirky novel set in a sort of alternate-reality version of Spain in which the country is now part of the U.S. It begins with the murder of the story's narrator, Maria Dolores Esquibar, a popular author of children's novels. Understandably, Maria Dolores would very much like to find out who killed her. Because her killers made her turn over some documents before they shot her, she suspects her murder had something to do with the neuroprotein K666, an experimental serum that could reverse the course of diseases like Alzheimer's and Parkinson's, not to mention stop death itself in its tracks. But does this mean her ex-husband, the developer of K666, could be behind her murder? And can an eccentric private eye named Carlos Clot, who likes his whiskey a little too much, get to the bottom of things? Part mystery, part science fiction, part fantasy, the novel is wholly original—and completely entertaining. It may remind some readers of the works of Richard Matheson. --David Pitt "Rafael Reig's manic inventiveness appears to know no bounds.... Enjoy the humour and intellectual breadth."--Marcel Berlins, The Times "[A] wonderfully absurd little existential novel."--Independent on Sunday 'A brilliant and original author.'--Daily Sport "Crisp, fresh and utterly compelling."--Gay Times "Brilliantly ludicrous."--SFX