

Chapter 1 : Fell (Fell, #1) by M.E. Kerr

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The plot is ludicrous at first and just gets worse. There are the usual two love interests, the seductive treacherous woman and the good-hearted whiny girl. This single book was about three bucks on the Kindle, which is why I got it, but as yet another reviewer here says, it ends on a total cliffhanger and the second book picks up immediately afterwards. All three books are quite short. Surely there is a way to tell the story of someone whose unjust imprisonment turns them against the country which fears them so much, its political crimes create the very projection it used to justify such imprisonment in the first place -- but this really, really is not it. I thoroughly enjoyed it. Fell is a young man, from a shady past. He lives with his mom and sister in a small New York town. There, he dates a rich girl, but eventually breaks up with her after getting into a car accident with her neighbor, Woodrow Pingree. After a series of events, Mr. Pingree strikes up a deal with Fell. To swap schools with his son Ping, and change his name. I found it at a used bookstore. Had subtle hints of suspense and humor, but lacked the thrill and entertainment to want to continue the series. Seemed almost typical and bland in a poor-kid-attends-rich-school plot line. What lacked in plotline, was made up in the ending. Definitely made me reconsider an earlier option. I liked it enough to buy it for my father for a birthday gift. The prep school premise and main character were appealing and the Seven thing was awesome. May 29, Ellen Thielen rated it liked it This was a different take on a mystery. It was mostly a story of a young mans struggle with girls, school, and family. But, now I need to read the next one Everything I know about beguiling men comes from Delia Tremble. Still love this book after twenty years.

Chapter 2 : Marijane Meaker - Wikipedia

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A, ; Southampton College, Ph. Dutton publisher , New York , NY, assistant file clerk, ; freelance writer, " . Volunteer writing teacher at Commercial Manhattan Central High, Several books published under the pseudonym M. Also author of foreword to *Hearing Us Out: Is That You, Miss Blue?* *Me, Me, Me, Me, Me: I Stay Near You: Blood on the Forehead: What Became of Her?* Contributor, under pseudonym M. Kerr, to *Sixteen*, edited by Donald R. Kerr are housed at the Kerlan Collection, University of Minnesota. Also author of *A Guide to the Hangover*, as M. Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack! Marijane Meaker, who writes for young adults almost exclusively as M. Kerr, is among the most popular and highly respected authors of American juvenile literature. In addition to addressing serious issues, Meaker is known for creating coming-of-age stories and romances in which adolescent protagonists"male and female, straight and gay"face change, deal with the difficulties of relationships, and struggle to take charge of their own lives. Often celebrated for her understanding of human nature in general and young adults in particular, Meaker is lauded for the color and variety of her characterizations, which often feature offbeat or bizarre figures, as well as for her well-rounded portrayals of adults, a quality considered unusual in books for a teenage audience. Praised as a keen social observer, she often uses a satiric, ironic tone to describe contemporary American morals and mores, which she sees as filled with hypocrisy and corruption. Her books expose inhumanity and injustice in such areas as small-town life and organized religion while encouraging young readers to look beyond racial, cultural, and sexual stereotypes. Addressing such issues as mental illness, physical disability, substance abuse, anti-Semitism, and AIDS as well as the pain of adolescence, Meaker often structures her stories as first-person narratives relayed in a spare, direct prose style; the author also regularly includes quotations from sources such as the Bible, Shakespeare, and contemporary rock songs. Kerr, Aileen Pace Nilsen described the author as "in a class by herself. Not often does someone come along who is a true teacher and a good writer. Her father, Ellis Meaker, a mayonnaise manufacturer for *Ivanhoe Foods*, had a wide range of tastes in reading that he passed on to his daughter; Meaker was also influenced by the English teachers who encouraged her as well as the librarians "who," as she noted in *SAAS*, "had to pull me out of the stacks at closing time. The novelist recalled that her mother, a terrific gossip, "would begin nearly every conversation the same way: Her stories, Meaker recalled in *Me, Me, Me, Me, Me*, "came back like boomerangs, with printed rejection slips attached. As she wrote in her foreword to *Hearing Us Out: Voices from the Gay and Lesbian Community*, she was sent by her parents to ballet class to see if her homosexuality "could be corrected. In her foreword to *Hearing Us Out*, Meaker remembered: So formed by what others thought, "both my parents missed the chance to know my warm and loving friends"as well as to know me better. In *Me, Me, Me, Me, Me*, she described herself during her *Stuart Hall* years as "the out-of-line black sheep," but admitted that at the boarding school "there was something stimulating and amusing, and very like life, as I came to know it, in its regulated, intense, dutiful and peculiar ambiance. I wanted to make up my own facts. Dutton publishing company, while also continuing to send out stories. While writing adult novels and nonfiction titles, she also began taking classes in psychology, child psychology, sociology, and anthropology at the *New School for Social Research* in New York. In , she published *Sudden Endings*, a nonfiction book on suicide, as M. Meaker; in , she published a successful adult novel titled *Shockproof Sydney Skate*, a story featuring an adolescent protagonist, as Marijane Meaker. At the urging of a friend, she started to consider writing for the young-adult market. In , Meaker began volunteering as part of an experimental program in New York City, where writers went into high schools one day a month in order to interest students in writing. In one of her classes, she met an overweight African American girl named *Tiny* who, Meaker recalled in *SAAS*, "wrote some really grotesque stories, about things like a woman going swimming and accidentally swallowing strange eggs in the water, and giving birth to red snakes. I was thinking a lot about this. Kerr, a play on her last name. John, a

sympathetic classmate who shares a weight problem, and P. Pollack in the *School Library Journal*, and dubbed the work "a totally affecting literary experience. The title character is a religious mystic who teaches science at an Episcopal boarding school in Virginia; Miss Blue, an inspired teacher, becomes an object of ridicule—and, eventually, a campaign for dismissal—because her intense religious experiences are considered inappropriate by both school authorities and some students. The narrator, fifteen-year-old Flanders Brown, moves from mocking Miss Blue to respecting her former teacher, who suffers a mental breakdown as the result of the pressure. Kerr has done both. Gerhardt praised Meaker for producing "superb serio-comic writing that touches on nothing outside the ken or the conversation of young teens. How would you feel? In the *ALAN Review*, Norma Bagnall called the novel "an outrageously sad-funny book with humor and pathos consistently maintained throughout" that represents "M. Kerr at her very best. A sensitive, witty gourmet cook who possesses a talent for detection as well as a sharp eye for phoniness, Fell is drawn into the world of privilege when he is asked to impersonate the son of a rich neighbor at the elite Gardner school. After he is asked to join a secret campus society called the Seven, he learns about the intrigue and tyranny underlying the school and discovers that his benefactor has been arrested for selling nuclear secrets. In a review of the novel for *Booklist*, Hazel Rochman noted: Reviewers gave the novel a mixed reception, a *Publishers Weekly* contributor noting that "the spark that ignited Fell seems to have fizzled out. *Fell Down* is unique among the volumes in the series in that it includes two narrators, Fell and "the Mouth," a ventriloquist who tells his story through the voice of his dummy. When Bobby returns home as a hero after being wounded by friendly fire, his happiness quickly fades when injured army buddy Sanchez is openly treated with contempt by the manipulative Ned. *Voice of Youth Advocates* contributor Florence H. Munat praised Linger as "a sensitive and provocative book that reconstructs the emotional climate in the U. The book focuses on Rosalind Slaymaster, once looked down on due to her job in the local funeral parlor but recently returned to town as a wealthy woman. Problems arise when she falls in love with Patsy Duff, the attractive daughter of the local banker. Kerr was just now getting started. The story is told by seventeen-year-old Lang Penner, a young man who has already come out to his mother but is concerned about how his friends will react. Lang and his mom are living in the Hamptons for the summer, where his mother is working as housekeeper for reclusive rock star Ben Nevada. Writing in *Horn Book*, Roger Sutton commented: And, as usual, M. Kerr is right out in front. Splinter and describes life from the point of view of the dogs, cats, and other critters that have taken up residence there. Caron, writing in *Best Sellers*, stated that Meaker has written a "fascinating, yet timeless look at herself and others, which will not only delight her fans, but will no doubt increase their number. And she is quite as entertaining as they are. Incisive, witty, and immediate, the book is vintage M. Kerr, Meaker has written for young people under the name Mary James. At school, Shoebag, who has been named for the site of his birth, makes friends with Gregor Samson, a boy who also used to be a cockroach. When Gregor decides to remain human, he grants Shoebag his ability to revert back to roach form, and Shoebag is happily reunited with his family. A *Kirkus Reviews* contributor called Shoebag "a highly original story crammed with clever detail, action, insight, and humor, all combined with impeccable logic and begging to be shared. Watson in *Horn Book* commented that in a story that is "not as complicated as it sounds," Meaker "encourage[s] some creative thinking" with this "funny and thought-provoking" read. Again writing as Mary James, the author brings her cockroach-turned-human protagonist back in *Shoebag Returns*. In this story, Shoebag once again decides to turn into a boy so he can help Stanley Sweetsong, who finds himself the only boy at an all-girls school. A *Romance of the Fifties*. The affair took place between and , with the two authors even living together for six months in New Hope, PA. Known primarily for her psychological thrillers, Highsmith gained wide recognition with her first book, *Strangers on a Train*, which director Alfred Hitchcock adapted for a film of the same name. Highsmith also wrote several books featuring murderer Tom Ripley, two of which have also been adapted as movies. Kuda went on to note: Our stories are so rarely told, except for the rash of AIDS memoirs and scattered fictions, I thought it would be interesting to work on the story of Pat and me and the times. Kerr, the author also penned a writing guide for young adults titled *Blood on the Forehead: What I Know about Writing*. Along with writing tips, the author includes an introduction about how she became a writer and excerpts from her novels and short stories. Hazel Rochman, writing in *Booklist*, called the

guide "chatty and practical. Bud, the oldest boy, is sent to work in a mental hospital. Tommy does enlist for the draft but is deemed physically unfit. Jubal is too young for the service, but he observes the hardships his family faces even in a town where Quakers and Mennonites predominate. Although the families were friendly before the war, Jubal and Daria must now hide their relationship. Claire Rosser, writing in *Kliatt*, noted that the author "tells an important story of adolescents struggling with their own weaknesses during difficult times. Unable to relate to her mother, Jessica is shy and friendless but soon makes friends with a young German girl, Elisa, whose family has just moved to town. Eventually, Elisa moves back to Germany, and her letters to Jessica turn from warm and friendly to having an ominous racist tone as Germany begins its persecution of Jews. In the summer of , seventeen-year-old Annabel Brown finds herself in love with a handsome Colombian immigrant named Esteban Santiago. Esteban, however, is not sure that he wants their friendship to become more. Furthermore, the local Long Island community is cracking down on illegal immigrants. A *Kirkus Reviews* contributor noted that the author "crams enough plot for a dozen capers into this one, along with everything you want to know about gender reassignment.

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Fell is a suspense-filled love story of a young college student enmeshed in a relationship with the members of a mysterious club. First in a series by www.nxgvision.com Read More First in a series by www.nxgvision.com Read Less.

Meaker a mayonnaise manufacturer in Auburn, New York , where she also spent her childhood. She was an underdog -lover as I am. She was also this sensitive, intelligent writer whose words were lovely. I felt she was a champion of everyone who felt out-of-step with the world. I still feel that way. She was particularly interested in the idea of a pseudonym, that one could invent a new name, and a new personality with each name. Meaker asked her parents to send her to Stuart Hall School , a boarding school in Staunton, Virginia , when she heard that lesbian activity occurred frequently at boarding schools. I was suspended in my senior year for throwing darts at a dartboard decorated with the pictures of faculty members cut out of an old yearbook. She made frequent submissions to literary magazines and collected many rejection slips. Not a Novel , Meaker began her professional writing career by posing as a literary agent, whose "clients" consisted of her own pen names. Two books by Packer were loosely based on the Emmett Till murder and the aftermath of the investigation: Eager to continue their financial success, editor Dick Carroll asked Meaker to write a book with a lesbian theme. Her original story idea involved a romance between two students of a boarding school, but editor Dick Carroll asked her to change it to sorority sisters because the boarding school setting was too risky. We have to pass postal inspection. Paperback novels were rarely reviewed by mainstream literary reviews, but a Packer novel titled, *Come Destroy Me* was noticed by The New York Times crime-fiction reviewer Anthony Boucher. Meaker said, "I decided then and there that I would never write an ordinary story again; that if I was writing for paperback, I would write suspense because I wanted the reviews. Ann Aldrich[edit] Cover of *We Walk Alone* Meaker used the pseudonym Ann Aldrich for a series of five books published as paperback originals, but which were in fact nonfiction works. Meaker said of this series, "The Aldrich books were more like resource books. A lot of the mail I got was from people wanting to know where the bars were in New York, where they could live, where I had lived. You know, they wanted to know how to get to New York and how to get to these bars. Illustration by John J. In an interview with the Lambda Book Report in , Meaker reflected on the impact of her books as Ann Aldrich, saying, "I honestly never thought about anything except people like me buying the book. I never thought of us having any entitlement or any importance; it just never dawned upon me. Books by Ann Aldrich were not overly sympathetic toward lesbians as a group, and they caused some consternation when being discussed by the Daughters of Bilitis. Ann Aldrich and the contributors to *The Ladder* took potshots at each other in print, once a contributor to *The Ladder* accusing Aldrich of being Ann Bannon, but always stating she expressed self-loathing in her writings. She chose the pen name M. Kerr, as a phonetic play on her last name. She said of this direction, "I tend to write about people who struggle, who try to overcome obstacles, who usually do, but sometimes not. People who have all the answers and few problems have never interested me, not to write about, not to befriend. *Dinky Hocker Shoots Smack!* The story was inspired by a class Meaker taught by going into high schools and talking to students about writing. One overweight girl wrote stories Meaker characterized as "really grotesque"; when her mother, a local do-gooder, found out Meaker was encouraging her, she complained that Meaker was trying to get her daughter to "write weird. *Is That You, Miss Blue?* Kerr modeled the story on her own experiences in boarding school when she developed a crush on one of her own teachers. When he tries to get to know his estranged grandfather, he learns that the man was a Nazi who killed Jews at Auschwitz. How would you feel? Mary James[edit] In the s, Meaker added the pen name Mary James for a series of novels aimed at readers younger than the Kerr readership; it was not until , after the publication of the third Mary James novel, that the covers indicated that the author was also known as M. Meaker gave advice in an interview for any aspiring writer, from her own experience: Read, read, read, read Study your competition, see how they do it. Go away to college, or to work or whatever. See some of the world away from where you live. She said of meeting the expectations of her family and friends despite knowing she was a lesbian: She wrote about this relationship in the nonfiction memoir, *Highsmith*: Meaker explained her reasons behind writing

about their relationship: The internet is filled with stories of her meanness, and prejudice , and also of her introversion , of her being a loner. I met that Pat many years after we broke up. Her workshop experiences led to the nonfiction instructional book, *Blood on the Forehead: What I Know About Writing Awards*[edit] The Golden Crown Literary Society awards a Trailblazer Award each year to one author for groundbreaking works in the field of lesbian literature. Meaker won the award in and joined the likes of Ann Bannon, Sarah Aldridge, Jane Rule, Ellen Hart, and many others as guiding lights of lesbian literature. Edwards Award recognizes one writer and a particular body of work for "significant and lasting contribution to young adult literature". Meaker won the annual award in as M. Kerr, citing four books published from to The young-adult librarians called her "a pioneer in realistic fiction for teenagers. Her characters and plots often deal with ordinary teenagers who, faced with extraordinary situations and events, must make tough choices. Emphasis on Reading Award, *Fell Back*.

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The Books of Fell, which includes Fell, Fell Back, and Fell Down is a trilogy by M.E. Kerr following the unexpected and life-changing events in John Fell's life. John is a young working class man from Brooklyn living in a small, touristy ocean town after his father's death.

Chapter 9 : www.nxgvision.com: Customer reviews: M.E. Kerr Introduces Fell by M. E. Kerr ()

Fell sounds like Philip Marlowe as a teenager, but Kerr's first-person storytelling is still strong enough to pull it off. The plot is ludicrous at first and just gets worse. There are the usual two love interests, the seductive treacherous woman and the good-hearted whiny girl.