

# Mania

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Mania is a dystopian novel set in a parallel America. It follows Pearson Converse as she navigates the new world order of 'Mental Parity', in which everyone is considered to be equally intelligent and calling someone stupid (the S-word) is considered unacceptable. In particular, the story follows Pearson's relationship with her friend, Emory Ruth, a professional pundit who privately mocks Mental Parity while advocating for it in the media.



**Does Mania successfully satirise the cultural issues we face today or is it too far-fetched? Why?**

**What do you think of Pearson and Emory's friendship? Was it a real friendship? For both of them?**

**What was your reaction to the counter-revolution at the end of the book?**

**Rate the book out of 10 and explain why you have given it that score.**

