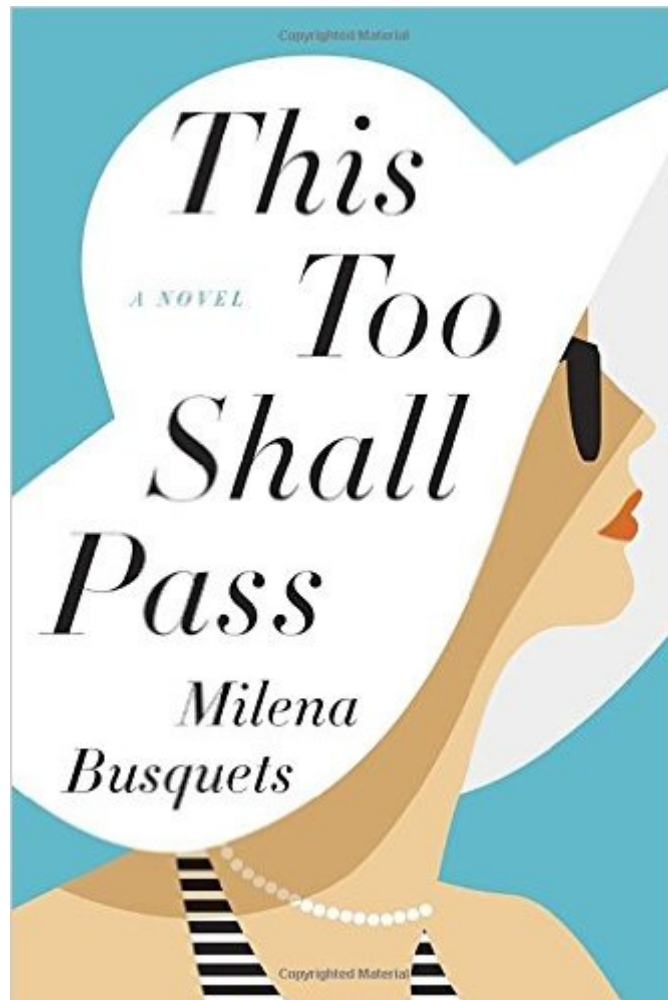


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This too shall pass | and it did pretty quickly. Have you ever felt the feeling of utter loss when people all around you are raving about this particular cheese in the market and when you taste it it feels like a block of stinky yellow underwear? And you find yourself standing with a handful of this goop and really wonder at the deeper questions of life like |. Maybe I am really an android and have artificial taste buds or that my brain has finally malfunctioned and too bad I can't get a

spare. Sometimes I don't understand how things stand in this zany world. I truly believe that to be sane one has to be a little insane. But then there are times when I wonder. I received this book from Blogging for Books for an unbiased review two days ago and I was pretty excited to jump right into it. There are encouraging reviews at the back, mainly the Harper's Bazaar's, "Full of subtle wisdom", which catches my fancy. Moreover, the cover promises wisdom through a chic contour of a woman in the sun, shaded by a white hat and I think how very fashionable and sophisticated. The book starts clean and crisp as it has promised from its onset, "For some strange reason, I never considered what it would be like to be forty." This book is a snippet into the life of a middle aged woman who has recently lost her mother. The whole premise is concisely written in its synopsis and seemed to offer a quirky refreshing look at how a permanent loss affects the person who has the most to lose. The story begins and begins some more, and I wait for it to develop and wait and wait and wait and then it is The End. Blanca is lost. I like lost characters with tragic flaws. But her flaws are not tragic, they are childish, which she seems to understand too.

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