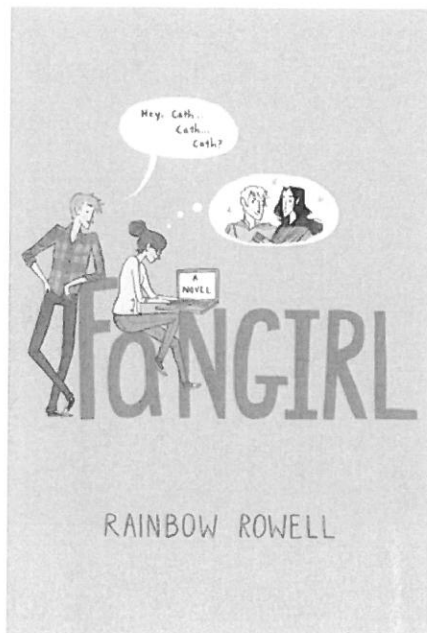


## Fangirl: A Book Review

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*Abstract: A review of Rainbow Rowell's novel Fangirl, the touching, humorous story of a fangirl trying to survive her first year away at college.*



Rowell, R. (2013). *Fangirl*. New York: St. Martin's Griffin. 448 pp

Cather (Cath) Avery and her twin sister Wren used to write Simon Snow fanfiction together. It was their thing, the way they coped with their family falling apart.

Now Cath and Wren are off to college, and to Cath's shock, Wren doesn't want to be her roommate. Instead, Wren has left Cath at the mercy of a grumpy roommate named Reagan and her boyfriend, Levi.

Abandoned by her sister, introverted Cath continues writing Simon Snow fanfiction, worrying all the while about their absentminded father, left at home on his own for the first time.

Just about the only thing that Cath enjoys about school is her writing class. After all, her Simon Snow fanfic, *Carry On, Simon*, is wildly popular, so it's clear she can write. However, it doesn't take Cath long to find out that fanfiction occupies a less-than-lofty position within the world of academia.

*Fangirl* provides interesting insight into the world of fanfiction, both in how it is received by the majority of people who are not part of the fanfiction world, and how those who participate in the writing and reading of fanfiction perceive it.

**Suggested audience: 14+**

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