

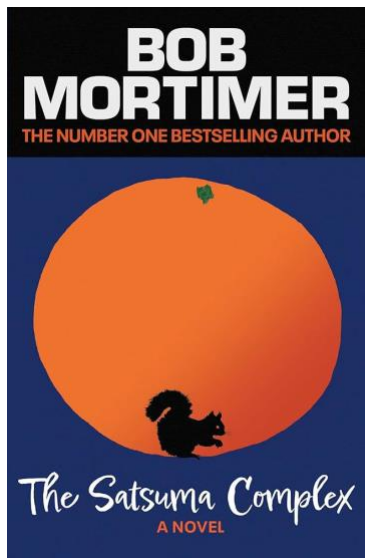


Book Talk

The Satsuma Complex

by Bob Mortimer

Number of pages: 295



Gary Thorn goes for a pint with a work acquaintance called Brendan. When Brendan leaves early, Gary meets a girl in the pub. He doesn't catch her name, but falls for her anyway. When she suddenly disappears without saying goodbye, all Gary has to remember her by is the book she was reading: *The Satsuma Complex*.

When Brendan goes missing, Gary needs to track down the girl he now calls Satsuma to get some answers. And so begins Gary's quest, through the estates and pie shops of South London, which finally brings some love and excitement to his unremarkable life...

A page-turning story with a cast of unforgettable characters, *The Satsuma Complex* is a brilliantly funny novel by bestselling author and comedian Bob Mortimer.

We recommend this book if you enjoyed Bob Mortimer's memoir *And Away*. If you enjoy *The Satsuma Complex* you might also enjoy the sequel *The Hotel Avocado*.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you think Gary is a likeable character?
2. Why do you think the author has included parts in the novel where Gary talks to a squirrel? Do you think the squirrel is really there or a figment of his imagination?
3. What does Emily think of Gary when she first meets him?
4. Why do you think Gary and Grace's friendship works so well?
5. What do you think Gary's role in the case was? Do you think the decisions he made helped or hindered the crime being solved?

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