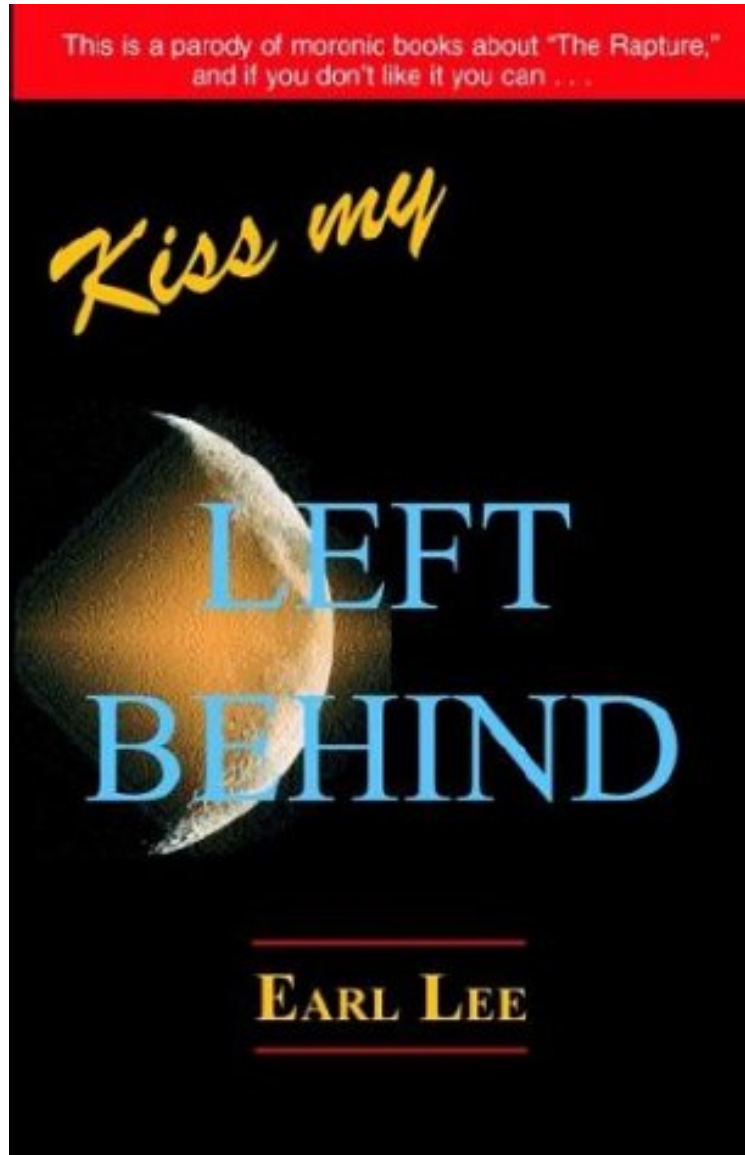


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Morally DebasingBy J. CraneI thought this was to be an atheistic spoof on the Left Behind series. I read as much as I could stomach hoping it would get better but by the beginning of the second chapter I closed the book and threw it away. It was nothing more than literary porn and a total

demoralization of women.47 of 55 people found the following review helpful. Funny writing in its own rightBy david martinI haven't read any of the books in the "Left Behind" series so I was doubtful that I would enjoy this satirical take on the genre. But it turns out that the author's writing in "Kiss My Left Behind" is good enough on its own to hold the reader's interest. Lee has a deft touch with humorous writing and a strong narrative style. Even without prior knowledge of the details of the "Left Behind" books, I found that characters (caricatures?) like airline pilot Ramrod Steel and flight attendant Hadshe Dunhim were funny enough to hold my interest and keep me laughing.Lee's satirical take manages to skewer both fundamentalist Christianity and George W. Bush in a fast-paced, entertaining read. Since I haven't read the satirical target, I've only given this book four stars. If I had, however, I suspect it may well deserve five.43 of 55 people found the following review helpful. Too serious, too subtle, too many clichesBy CustomerIf I had read the Left Behind series, I might find this work to be a hysterically funny twist on the details of those books. I haven't read the series, though, and I suspect most of those who have read the series would find this work more offensive than funny. As a result, the "in jokes" for people who've read "Left Behind" are largely wasted, leaving a work that is far too much like my doubtless twisted notion of the thing it's parodying to be funny.It also far too often descends (ascends?) into explicit rational criticism of fundamentalist theology (heck, all Christianity) and the American right in general. Even when I mostly agree with it, rational discourse is not funny. If you want to preach, write some nonfiction. If you want to make a parody, let the reader supply the commentary from the situations.Far too many characters were simple illustrations of various stereotypes of hypocritical religious figures, and the anti-religious arguments were too overworked to justify the book's existence as anything other than the parody it wanted to be.Really, when you think about it, the "Left Behind" series itself could be viewed (in a "Mommy Dearest" sort of way) as an unintentional satire of the Book of Revelations. A common technique in satire is to take as an ironic premise the concept that everything in the source material is absolutely true, then show the absurdity of that concept by following it to its ridiculous extreme. For those who don't believe that the Book of Revelations is literally true, the actual Left Behind series could fit those criteria handily.All of this means that for those who won't find this work too offensive to be funny, it's essentially a parody of a satire, and as such, really needs to be absurdly over the top. "Kiss My Left Behind" does not deliver comedy at that level.Overall, though, the book is not terrible as plain old fiction, and is much shorter than "Left Behind", so I can't say I regret buying it. I just wish it had been funnier, or at least less preachy.

Kiss My Left Behind is a parody of the popular genre of "End Times" novels written by many Christian authors, including Tim LaHaye, Jean Grant, Mel Odom, and Jonathan R. Cash. In this book the characters struggle with their own obsessions and desires, and don't have much time left over to fight the Antichrist: Nickelay Dubyah, ruler of the former Soviet Republik of Texrectumstan.