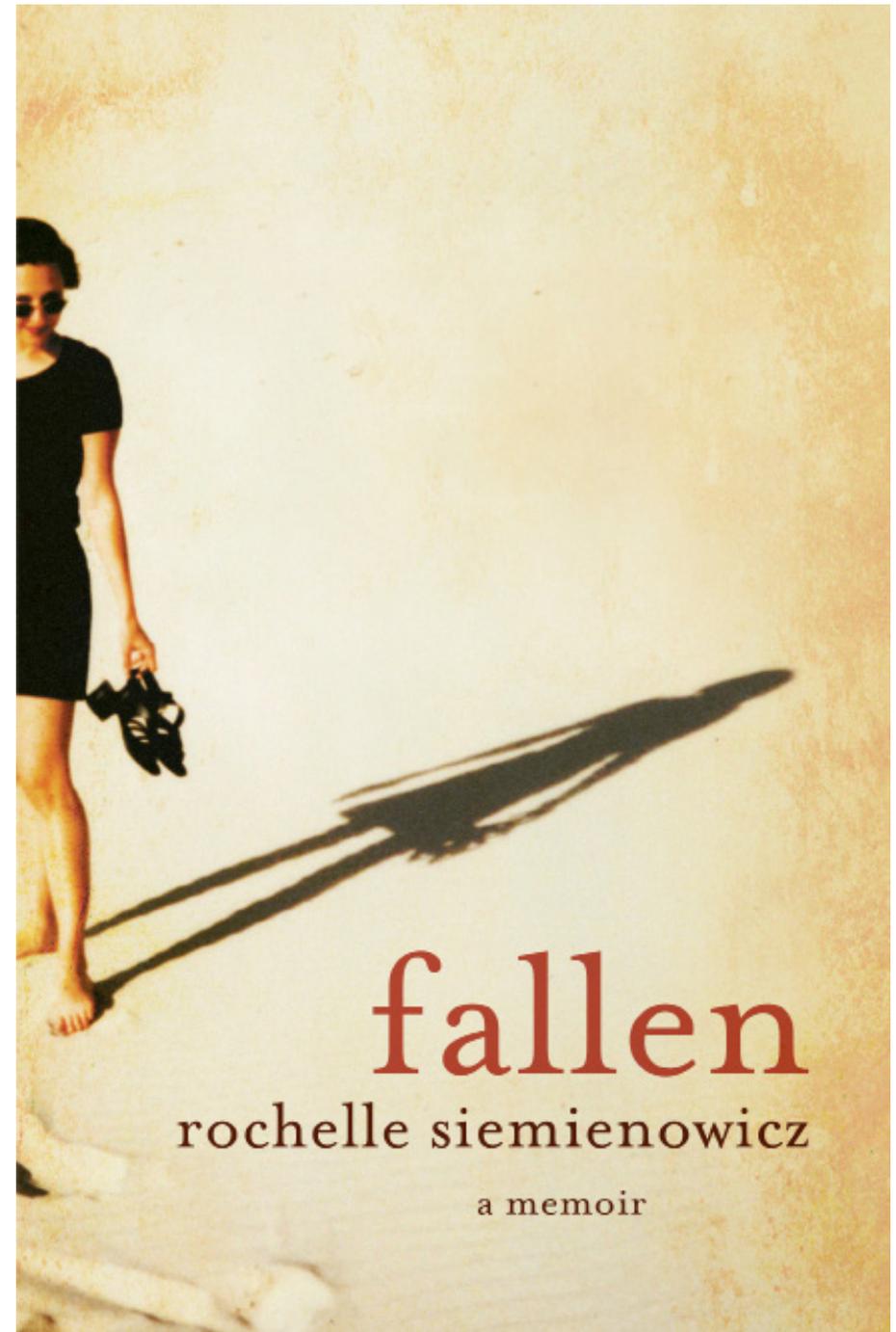




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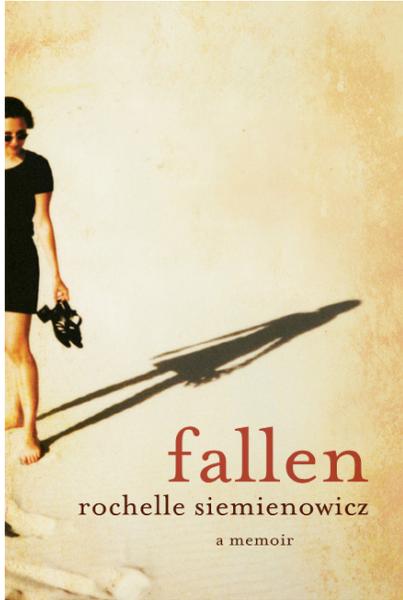
'I'm beginning to feel myself spread all over the nation, with loyalties and loves and lusts from the east to the west, and no idea what to do with them. I'm a girl with no qualities and no boundaries. With legs wide open and beating heart exposed. I'm appalled by myself, but also intrigued. How many tiny pieces of myself can I give away before there is nothing left?'

—Rochelle Siemienowicz



FALLEN: A Memoir

By Rochelle Siemienowicz



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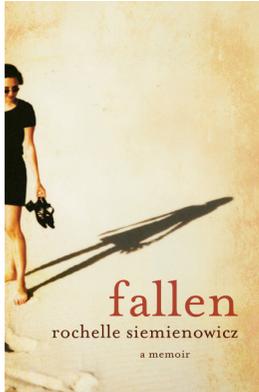
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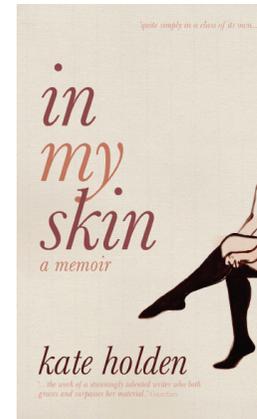


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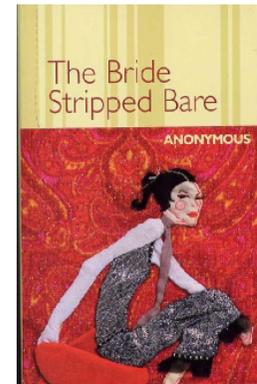
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