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Dear Rupert:

Enclosed is my book review of High Hearts. What a disappointment!

But I do have good news: I've finally had my genitoplasty! It hasn't been smooth sailing, as the left testicular implant had to be removed two times (once because he punctured it, the second time because it was breaking through the previous scars) and my surgeon wants me to wait another 6 months to really heal up before trying a third time to reinsert it. But my right ball and penis are great, and all sensation has been retained! This was only the second genitoplasty he has performed. He also did a urethral extention on me (the first he's ever done). The opening doesn't come out of the penis tip, but just below it. I'll have to wait until I get my left ball before I can practice on how to stand/hold myself in order to urinate standing up. Of course I am disappointed in the delay in being completed, but at least I'm on my way!

This week the movie The Mystery of Alexina, based on Herculine Barbin's Memoirs of a 19th Century French Hermaphrodite, opened in San Francisco. I'll write a review of that, too.