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*Degree of Difficulty* is a work of fiction of about sixty thousand words. It's a book about what happens when the need to win begins to compete with the need to live.

Lily's coming of age takes place in the intense, high pressure world of elite competitive gymnastics. Her sense of self is based solely on her quest to claim the sport's highest prize. Over the course of the book, Lily is forced to come to terms with the limitations of her chosen life and explore who she is and who she wants to be outside of the gym. The theme of the book is what we gain and lose by choosing to devote ourselves fully to a single goal, and how one person weighs realizing a tremendously difficult dream versus having a more normative adolescence. It's like *Prep* meets *The Art of Fielding*, with insider-y gymnastics information based on interviews as well as years of covering the sport.

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