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Girl Walks Into A Bar . . .: Comedy Calamities, Dating Disasters, And A Midlife Miracle



Synopsis

The former SNL star recounts the adventures and unexpected joy of dating and becoming a mom when she least expected itâ at the age of forty-four. Anyone who saw an episode of Saturday Night Live between 1999 and 2006 knows Rachel Dratch. She was hilarious! So what happened to her? After a misbegotten part as Jenna on the pilot of 30 Rock, Dratch was only getting offered roles as â œLesbians. Secretaries. Sometimes secretaries who are lesbians.â • Her career as a female comedian at a low point, she suddenly had time for yoga, dog-sitting, learning Spanishâ and dating. Dratch reveals the joys and terrors of putting herself out there in a quest to find love and then becoming a mother in an undreamed-of way. With riotous humor, she recounts breaking the news to her bewildered parents, the awe of her single friends, and romance and coparenting with her baby-daddy, John. Filled with great behind-the-scenes anecdotes from Dratchâ™s time on SNL, *Girl Walks into a Bar . . .* is a funny book with a refreshing version of the happily-ever-after story, full of sensitivity, candor, and plenty of comic relief, as only Rachel Dratch can tell it.

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Customer Reviews

Not what I expected after reading every other comedian's memoir (Tina Fey, Michael Ian Black, Mike Birbiglia, Ellen, Paula Poundstone, Jane Lynch, Steve Martin...I'm addicted). I bought this mostly because I was curious about her romantic life and baby life, and she is someone whom the gossip mags basically ignore. Rachel Dratch satisfied all my curiosity with her candor, and she opened my eyes about why gossip mags ignore her. Because SHE IS A TOTALLY NORMAL PERSON! She is a talented and naturally funny person who has worked hard for whatever success

she has in the NY and LA world, and she's faced totally weird and unfair criticisms. I enjoyed reading about her private dating life and her journey to motherhood. This book didn't blow my mind as far as comedian memoirs go, but it didn't disappoint either. She has a unique voice and doesn't name-drop or emphasize the Hollywood part of her life.

i bought this book on my kindle and read it almost without stopping in one night/morning. incredibly smart and funny and down to earth and interesting and poignant all rolled into one. i laughed out loud every few pages-it's not just pleasantly amusing, it's well crafted and hilarious. complete with an important commentary on the limiting stereotypes of show biz, and the complicated tensions of being a single gal in her late 30s/early 40s, wrapped in a comedy candy bar of course. thank you, Rachel Dratch!

Many times, I got the giggles while reading this and thought I would have to leave the room or I would have woken my husband up. Obviously Rachel is funny but she is so relatable and admits to things that might be considered "oversharing" but that is what makes her so loveable. She is a true girl's girl - no wonder she has so many friends as you can tell from the many stories. She and I are the same age and I have never been a "baby" person but always felt I would handle it much like Rachel describes in the book. I have been a fan of hers since her SNL days, but even if you are not familiar with her, this book is so humorous on so many other levels that do not relate to SNL. I am even more of a fan now. Hope she writes more books!

I read this book over the weekend and when I finished it I got that warm and fuzzy feeling you get when you have a great Saturday out with an old friend. Rachel is funny and honest. Her book was such a great read. I loved the ending. She will be an amazing mother! I hope she writes a sequel.

First, I love Rachel Dratch!! She was always a favorite on SNL and super talented. I Was sad to see her kind of go away. I am thrilled to find she is at peace with that and happy with her life. The reason that I adore this book, other than the pluckiness of her life, is that Rachel herself reads the audiobook. This adds so much to the read. IT tends to feel more like a conversation between friends, man do I wish we were friends!! She is funny with just enough snark and sass to keep the read lively. I know she was reading her own book, but I think she could definitely do more voice over work. She was a delight to listen to and infused the read with emotion and energy. Things I am always looking for in a great audio read. The first section is about the major downer of her career,

that was 30 Rock. I really wish they had been able to keep her on as a different character each show. It would have been a really creative running gag. But sometimes the Hollywood machine thinks they know better. The next section goes through her childhood and journey through college, discovering improv and then the road that would take her to SNL. I would have loved more Second City and SNL war stories. I love hearing about that whole scene, and it was too brief for me. Finally, we get the the last act which is the meat of the story. What is Rachel doing now? What life changes occurred? This was another favorite part for me. It definitely encourages that feeling of chatting with a gal pal. I promise, I do not believe we are now BFF, but it is close! I hope we get to see Rachel again, she has such talent that it is bound to be appreciated in good time. I hope! As I mentioned. I listened to the audiobook. Rachel has a great read and plenty of energy throughout. The music transitions were a little weird. I have never been a fan of it in my audio listens. Loved it from beginning to end! Not sure if that was because of the material or the genuinely brilliant delivery! Either way I had serious happy vibes!

I've always had a soft spot for Rachel Dratch because she's not the "traditional" actress-type. Plus, she's always funny as hell and willing to go the extra mile for a laugh. She's relatable, I always thought, because she seems real. Turns out that I was right. Her memoirs have no tragic reveals about her life, no awful memories or life-changing tragedies, but Dratch comes across as a very nice person who happens to not have the beauty queen looks that Hollywood seems to demand. Seeing as how I'm also not of the beauty queen variety, I could relate to her struggles to get out of the "wacky lesbian/secretary/best friend" roles. Dratch writes with an easy humor that feels like a friend telling you a story. I finished the book in one evening because the pages just rolled by...plus her story--including her unexpected pregnancy at the age of 44--was so interesting and well-told. Highly recommended.

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