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Editorial Review

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Actor Graham (*Gilmore Girls*, *Parenthood*) turns to a new creative outlet with her breezy first novel set in the demoralizing if funny bustle of New York City's 1995 acting world. Twentysomething Franny Banks is destined to act, if she can actually land a decent audition and an even more decent part. Able to pay her rent since she snagged a coveted comedy-club waitressing job, Franny lives the typical life of a struggling actor as she tries to balance finding a good agent, going to auditions, making a splash in her acting class, and keeping her disliked if much-needed job while fretting over the looming self-imposed deadline of three years to make it on Broadway. Her roommates, good pal Jane and wannabe writer Dan, play her foils as she also deals with family issues and the very enticing James Franklin, from her acting class. A jaunty style and cutesy Filofax entries mark this as light yet enjoyable reading. Recommended for readers interested in a blithe, behind-the-scenes take on aspiring actors and their world. --Julie Trevelyan

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About the Author

Lauren Graham is an actress best known for her roles on the critically acclaimed series *Gilmore Girls* and *Parenthood*. She has performed on Broadway and appeared in such films as *Bad Santa*, *Evan Almighty*, and *Because I Said So*. She holds a BA in English from Barnard College and an MFA in acting from Southern Methodist University. She lives in New York and Los Angeles.

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