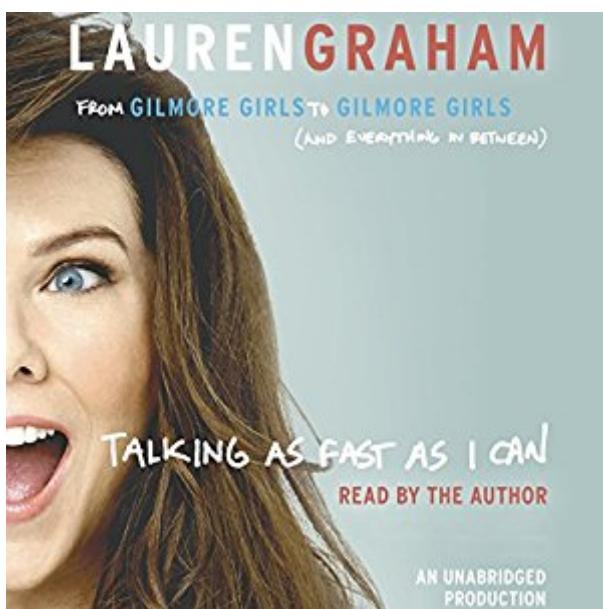


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Talking As Fast As I Can: From Gilmore Girls To Gilmore Girls (and Everything In Between)



Synopsis

In her first work of nonfiction, the beloved star of Gilmore Girls and Parenthood recounts her experiences on Gilmore Girls - the first and second times - and shares stories about life, love, and working in Hollywood. This collection of essays is written in the intimate, hilarious, and down-to-earth voice that made her novel, Someday, Someday, Maybe, a New York Times best seller. "This book contains some stories from my life: the awkward growing up years, the confusing dating years, the fulfilling working years, and what it was like to be asked to play one of my favorite characters again. You probably think I'm talking about my incredible achievement as Dolly in Hello, Dolly! as a Langley High School junior, a performance my dad called 'you're so much taller than the other kids.' But no! I'm talking about Lorelai Gilmore, who, back in 2008, I wasn't sure I'd ever see again. Also included: tales of living on a houseboat, meeting guys at awards shows, and that time I was asked to be a butt model. A hint: all three made me seasick." (Lauren Graham)

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Customer Reviews

I wasn't originally going to review this book. The reasons being, to quote Chandler Bing, "are threefold": a. I love, love, love Lauren Graham; b. the book has some weird tangents that I can't in good conscience avoid mentioning c. I would never be able to bring myself to publicly critique this woman, who is an absolute genius, if I had truly negative things to say about the book (after all, I could never compromise my "reviewer's integrity"). Talking as Fast as I Can starts off extremely strongly, particularly if you listen to the audio (which highlights her acting abilities, including her

singing...an added treat). The story begins as a memoir, discussing her upbringing and her jaunt into the wonderful world of acting. So far, so good. Lauren is self-deprecatingly hilarious and an extremely talented all-around artist, which includes a strong aptitude for writing. (Say what you will about the subject matter of the book, but Graham can write). Through the first section, about her early days as an actress in graduate school and then in a theater troupe, I was pleasantly engaged, with two thumbs up. At that point, one of my thumbs started to waiver. The book, admittedly, takes some unexpected turns in the content department as it teeters between advice column, anecdotal essays, and personal stories, mostly out of chronological order. While it's fine to jump around in time - and it's fine to have a mixture of styles - the combination of styles and time periods is somewhat chaotic here. While I found the writing interesting and fun to hear, I was leaning towards not reviewing the book at this point... lest I not be able to give my girl, Lorelai, five well-earned stars. Where Lauren starts to draw me back in is around the section that she discusses the importance of women lifting each other up and goes into a tale that focuses on giving advice to a younger generation. I will admit that, again, I wished I was reading more of a memoir, but her authenticity in this portion of the book is palpable. Lauren was twice a guest in the final season of "The Rosie O'Donnell Show," and she struck me then, in 2002 - as she did Rosie and later Ellen - as a true, down-to-earth, funny, kick-butt kind of gal (or something that sounds cooler than that but equally awesome). From those days forward (though I didn't get into Gilmore Girls and obviously Parenthood until much later), I knew I was a fan of Graham. Towards the back-half of the book, I started to recall that feeling: that she was my pal, decoupageing in the craft corner with Rosie. When I knew, definitively, that I could give this book five stars (and mean it) is in the final section when Lauren discusses the Gilmore Girls revival. She is such a "real" person, and her account is so personal and touching. For fans of the show, this section alone makes Talking as Fast as I Can a must-have. Lauren is gracious and humble with an unbelievable work ethic and a positive attitude. Her stories might be slightly disjointed, but they're uplifting; they're positive; they're the kinds of life affirmations that so many of us need right now. Lauren is confident, self-aware, and legitimately nice... with a large dose of humor thrown in... and she's exactly the kind of role model - a person focused on the work before the glitz, glamour, fame, or fortune - that we should all be looking to for advice in today's world... a world filled with reality shows and Caviar dreams. Sure, maybe her book is a little quirky. I like quirky. Quirky is a good thing. So thank you Lauren for giving us a slice of your life and for pouring your heart into your characters that have touched so many of us over so many years. Thank you for being appreciative of your audience and for offering us guidance, taking us under your wing through this writing in a way that only you can. Copperboom.

This memoir SOUNDS like it was written by Lorelai Gilmore! Graham's writing is quick, and often bounces from topic-to-topic in a way only Lorelai could pull off successfully. Although this was a bit distracting from time to time, I really enjoyed reading about Lauren Graham's experiences, both on GG and in other parts of her life. She managed to add everything - some humor, some touching moments, and her overall flair. I would recommend it for any GG fan.

Can I just say...I want Lauren Graham to be my best friend! She is amazing! I couldn't get enough of Gilmore Girls and I have been buying the whole collection of episodes to have forever and ever! LOL. From the very first page you feel as if Lauren is actually speaking to you! Her writing voice as I call it is amazing! It's like I am back in Stars Hollow all over again, and boy do I hope there are more and more episodes! Lauren talks about everything from her early days of acting when she wasn't sure if she was destined for Broadway or destined to be on the big screen! She refers to exes that she has dated (and the act of being single in Hollywood, which is rare!) and her bright future as an author and screenwriter (she is really going places!) Her experience on Project Runaway will have you dying of laughter and her bonding experience with Ellen is too funny for words! I won't give away every little detail, even though I could go on and on... LOL I will say that she talks about the reboot of Gilmore Girls and you will want to buy a copy and read it for yourself! Run and get a copy TODAY!

I loved this book! I consider Gilmore Girls the best show ever and love Lauren. They don't make shows like this anymore and Gilmore Girls is in a class all its own. This was an intimate look into Lauren's world and this funny well written read was marvelous.

I LOVED LOVED LOVED this book!!!!!! Not just because I also love Gilmore Girls and Lauren but her book was genuinely good!! She is truly a great writer, you can practically hear her speaking as you read this. I will be reading it again! It was full of humor, emotion, and good life tips. I teared up one minute and laughed out loud the next. Seriously great job Lauren!

Just finished the book. My heart fills full and broken all at the same time. My life was changed the moment I started watching Gilmore Girls going through the same motions of life as Rory and I was sad when it ended (or so I thought). When the show came back I felt part of something special. People were just starting to watch it to see what all the fuss was about but I was part of so many that already knew. This book was the final piece for me, the final good bye, and Lauren doesn't skip

a beat. It really is like some people have mentioned, as though she's in a room talking to about her experience. Thank you Lauren for writing this, it was absolutely beautiful. This may not be for everyone, especially if you have no clue about the magic of the show, but if you're a fan and have road the wave of the show then this book is for you. Enjoy!

Been following Lauren Graham's work since the early Gilmore Girls days, and she is very satirish(if that is how you say it). I love how I could be reading a paragraph and she would throw a random joke into something serious. Its more a fun read than life-changing, but that is okay, because everyone needs a laugh now and again.

Could not put this down, read in about 4 hours. Laughed the entire time! Gave it to my mom to read (huge Gilmore Girls and Parenthood fan) and she said the same thing!

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