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Description:

From Publishers Weekly Handler, *Sex and the City* star (Charlotte's bald, tubby husband) and author of the cancer-survival memoir *Time on Fire*, struggles to grow up in this collection of autobiographical essays. Handler has issues to rehash, including his bitterness over the years lost to illness, complaints about medical care he received, showbiz wrangles and, above all, his testy relationships with women. This last topic provokes both showy self-reproach and sly self-exculpation; [m]y progress toward maturity might have been lethargic, he allows, but it's inaccurate to state... that anything was 'my fault.'Â Not the breakup with uncommunicative fiancée Patricia; or the rift with Abbey Leigh, a sexual dynamo given to screaming rages; or the jealous fit his future wife, Elisa, threw when he innocently mentioned another woman's breasts. Handler has funny stories to tell

(one mega-agent suggested he package his bout with leukemia as an amusement park ride) and desultory thoughts to dispense (Do I think there's a God? I don't know). Unfortunately, his egotism often robs him of perspective, as when he jumbles together Elisa's abortion with his small-claims lawsuit over a botched floor refinishing. As Handler parades, bemoans—and excuses—his erstwhile callow self-involvement, his confessional drips with it. (*May*)

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Review □ In *It's Only Temporary*, Evan Handler confronts the ambiguities of life backward, forward, and in between. With hilarious honesty he reflects on the realization that we can start over again. *It's Only Temporary* is a heartfelt book for all of us who are getting younger and older at the same time. □

□ Amy Tan, author of *The Joy Luck Club*, *The Bonesetter's Daughter*, and *The Kitchen God's Wife*

□ In a series of wonderful essays, Evan Handler gives himself up to us - warts and all. To our amusement and bemusement we share in his emotional growth as he struggles to mature. I not only laughed along with him but felt that I too had grown a little along the way. Who could ask for more? □

□ Lewis Black, comedian, *Daily Show* correspondent, and author of *Nothing's Sacred*

□ Evan Handler's new book is simply wonderful. He pulls you inside his life, and you come out his very close friend. □

□ Neil Simon, Pulitzer Prize winning playwright/screenwriter of *Lost In Yonkers*, *The Odd Couple*, *Brighton Beach Memoirs*, and *The Goodbye Girl*

□ Evan Handler is a man who's looked into the abyss and laughed. His book, *It's Only Temporary*, made me laugh along with him. He covers love, lust, showbiz, triumph, and despair □ and he manages to be both funny and inspiring about all of it. It's an important book that I think can help to spread goodness around the world. Something we desperately need. □

□ Lance Armstrong, seven time Tour de France Champion; Founder, The Lance Armstrong Foundation

□ Evan Handler is not only a fine actor, he's a damn good writer. *It's Only Temporary* is wise and funny and as righteously indignant as it is endearingly self-effacing. In what may be a literary first, the book actually left me wanting more. □

□ Meghan Daum, author of *My Misspent Youth* and *The Quality of Life Report*

□ Evan Handler's unsparingly honest stories about life, love, and his own shortcomings are hilarious to read and oh, so easy (and fun!) to relate to. By the end you will be left with the surprising but unmistakable feelings of hope and redemption. *It's Only Temporary* is truly an inspiration, particularly for anyone who's out there looking for love. □

□ Liz Tuccillo, co-author of *He's Just Not That Into You*

□ Change is good - that's the credo Evan Handler reinvigorates with the hard won wisdom of this hard luck story. Handler's prose style is disarmingly funny and smoothly conversational. He writes like a guy who's just happy to be here, and a little pissed off at you if you're not. As he has worked hard to shape himself into a good actor, life has shaped him into a good man. The cover photo is worth the price alone. □

□ David Duchovny, actor, director, screenwriter --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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