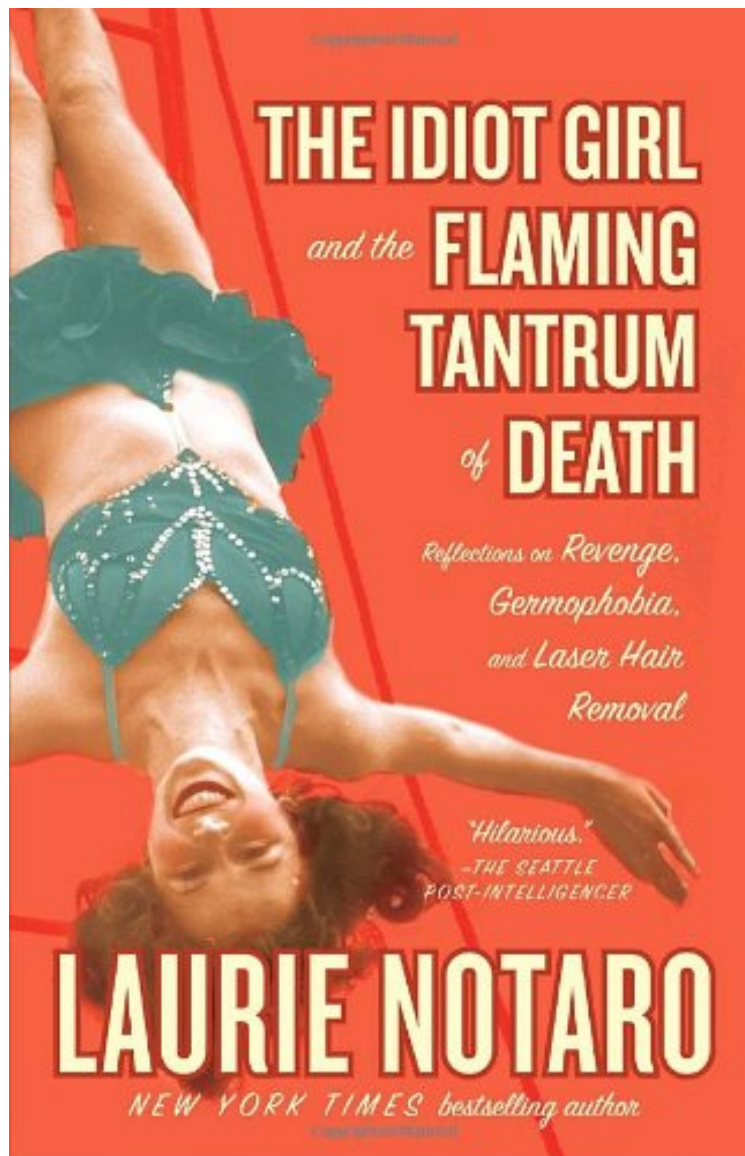


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2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Good, but (unfortunately) not greatBy DXHBefore I add my two cents here, let me begin by saying I am a HUGE Laurie Notaro fan. Love, love, love her! I live in Phoenix and have been following her since she was writing for a local publication. However, I do agree with other readers who say this is not her finest work. I bought this to read while on vacation, and I was really looking forward to it. While there were some funny parts-- and a poignant part about losing a pet-- I found it to be somewhat of a letdown. What's missing: the usual biting, laugh-out-loud hilarious kind of humor I normally find in her books. It's almost as if this was a random collection of half-hearted essays that didn't belong in any of her other books. Still, I remain a devoted fan. I would still buy her next book, and the next...0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Good for what ails you.By Kindle CustomerI love Ms. Notaro's books so much. There are always a minimum of three things in her memoirs that cause me to snort and giggle gleefully, resulting in the offspring retreating to his room and noise cancelling headphones. This has been a welcome respite in a fraught election year.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Idiot Girl the Flaming Tantrum of DeathBy Saray NagendraLove Laurie Notaro's books, this one is very funny. Reading in Doctor's offices laughing out loud gets some serious stares, but it's a wonderful way to pass the time. I'm looking for more of her hilarious books and stories.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLERLaurie Notaro has an uncanny ability to attract insanity—and leave readers doubled over with laughter. Need proof? Check out *The Idiot Girl* and *the Flaming Tantrum of Death* and try not to bust a gut. Join Notaro as she experiences the popular phenomenon of laser hair removal (because at least one of her chins should be stubble-free); bemoans the scourge of the Open Mouth Coughers on America's airplanes and in similarly congested areas; welcomes the newest ex-con (yay, a sex offender!) to her neighborhood; and watches, against her own better judgment, every Discovery Health Channel special on parasites and tapeworms that has ever aired—resulting in an overwhelming fear that a worm the size of a python will soon come a-knocking on her back door. In Notaro's world, strangers are stranger than fiction. One must always check the hotel bathroom for hobo hairs and consciously remember not to stare at old men with giant man-boobies. And then there are the lessons she has learned the hard way: Though it may seem like a good idea, it's best not to hire a tweaked-out homeless guy to clean up your yard. *The Plain Dealer* says that Laurie Notaro is “a scream, the freak-magnet of a girlfriend you can't wait to meet for a drink to hear her latest story.” With *The Idiot Girl* and *the Flaming Tantrum of Death*, Notaro proves she's not only funny but resigned to the fact that you can't look bad ass in a Prius. Don't even try.From the Hardcover edition.

From Publishers WeeklyIn her latest collection of essays, Notaro (*The Idiot Girl's Action-Adventure Club*) turns out a double-handful of chuckle-worthy vignettes, looking at episodes of panic on an airplane, spying on guests at a mountain resort, learning to live with the ex-con down the street and, of course, handling the numerous disappointments and betrayals of the human body. Notaro blends sardonic, often self-deprecating comedy with disarming sincerity, delving into weight gain and body hair issues without hesitation, but staying closer to home, hearth, and everyday life with husband and dog. Most of the time, her quips rise to the occasion, but occasionally fall flat (as in “Death of a Catchphrase”). Although the majority of Notaro's musings are light-hearted, she reveals an affecting serious side in her essay on a pet's death. With plenty of humorous insight into the everyday debacles of an average gal from Arizona, these entertaining essays should make satisfying, bite-sized beach reading. Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. “Hilarious.”—Seattle Post-Intelligencer “[Laurie Notaro] writes with a flair that leaves you knowing she would be a gal you could commiserate with over a bucket of longneck beers. If you need to laugh over the little annoyances of life, this is a book for you. If you need to cry over a few of them, *Flaming Tantrum* can fit that bill, too.”—St. Louis Post-Dispatch “A double-handful of chuckle-worthy vignettes . . . Notaro blends sardonic, often self-deprecating comedy with disarming sincerity.”—Publishers Weekly “For pure laugh-out-loud, then read-out-loud fun, it's hard to beat this humor writer.”—New Orleans Times-PicayuneAbout the AuthorLaurie Notaro was born in Brooklyn, New York, and raised in Phoenix, Arizona. She packed her bags for Eugene, Oregon, once she realized that since she was past thirty, her mother could no longer report her as a teenage runaway. She is the author of *The Idiot Girls' Action-Adventure Club*, *Autobiography of a Fat Bride*, *I Love Everybody*, *We Thought You Would Be Prettier*, *An Idiot Girl's Christmas*, and the novel *There's a (Slight) Chance I Might Be Going to Hell*. She is currently at work on a plan B (to take effect when her book contract runs out), which includes selling hot dogs at Costco, selling hot dogs from a street cart, selling hot dogs at high school football games, or being the stop sign holder for road construction crews. At press time, she is still married, and she has an adorably disobedient dog that wears sweaters and loves chicken strips. (Clearly, Notaro has no children.)From the Hardcover edition.