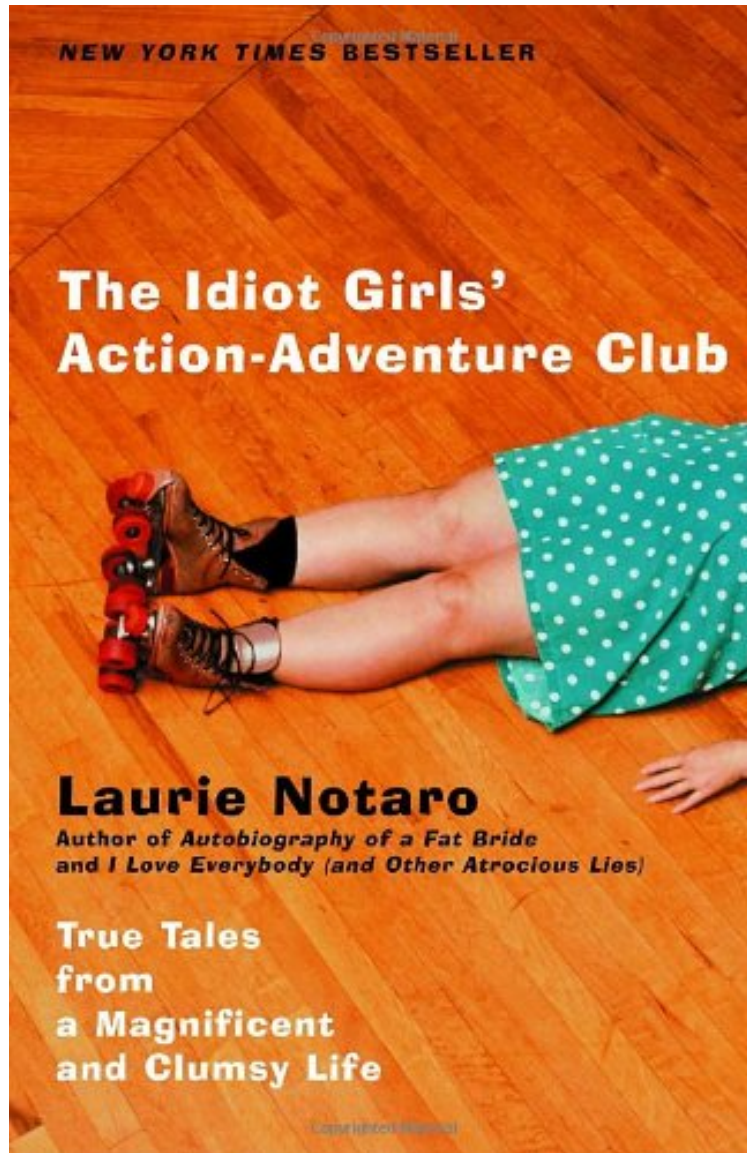


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Magnificent and Clumsy LifeBy JRodThis book was a quick read and I took it with me to read on my walk back home after dropping my son off at school in the mornings. As I read through the book I found myself laughing out loud CONSTANTLY-only a few loud laughs escaped during my walk readings since I was afraid of looking crazy on the street...When I read the story about the "free bread" at the fancy restaurant, I seriously thought I was going to pass out from laughter-I don't know if that's possible-but seriously!There were some moments of "reflection" when I asked myself, How much of this story is just pure embellishment?-but that only lasted a few seconds-about as long as I could hold back the laughter that was just creeping up inside me, and then all of a sudden I didn't care if I was POSSIBLY being "lied to".The only downfall for me was that many of the chapters/stories that were ridiculously funny, made some of the others look almost as if they lacked that "punch"(at least for me).But still, this book is great for those of us looking for a good time while reading and having a bunch of laughs.I'll be buying more books from this author!! 70 of 0 people found the following review helpful. You CAN go home againBy Tina KasanickyFor months my world has been spinning out of control around me and I just needed a quick, fun read and some quiet time with an old friend. I was sitting at Subway eating my 6" turkey and ham and reading this book when I laughed out loud and spit a piece of lettuce two tables over (sorry to the unsuspecting granny who received my gift in such a manner). I am reminded that you can ALWAYS count on Laurie Notaro to soothe the mind with a well-placed story about a hole in the crotch of her leggings...let's face it, life is just a series of events at which we can choose to laugh or cry. Somehow I've read all of Laurie's books except for this one, and going back to the beginning reminds me that yes, we can go home again. Cheers to Laurie Notaro for making me laugh until I cry (or spit food across a sandwich shop)!0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Still laughing and can't seem to stop!By demmeEach story funny,or sad or a little bit of both? Just the right mix of humor and pathos to be hugely enjoyable and entertaining. Laurie Notaro could be your best friend -sitting there at the kitchen table telling it like it is. She could be your sister sharing secrets no one else knows. This brand of funny is contagious and you will want to share the laughter and sometimes the honest little jabs of pain... in all humor there lies at least a little truth and I guess that's the funny part...if you don't learn to laugh (even at yourself) you might just have to cry. Loved the book...highly recommend it!

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER“I’ve changed a bit since high school. Back then I said no to using and selling drugs. I washed on a normal basis and still had good credit.” Introducing Laurie Notaro, the leader of the Idiot Girls’ Action-Adventure Club. Every day she fearlessly rises from bed to defeat the evil machinations of dolts, dimwits, and creepy boyfriends—and that’s before she even puts on a bra. For the past ten years, Notaro has been entertaining Phoenix newspaper readers with her wildly amusing autobiographical exploits and unique life experiences. She writes about a world of hourly-wage jobs that require absolutely no skills, a mother who hands down judgments more forcefully than anyone seated on the Supreme Court, horrific high school reunions, and hangovers that leave her surprised that she woke up in the first place. The misadventures of Laurie and her fellow Idiot Girls (“too cool to be in the Smart Group”) unfold in a world that everyone will recognize but no one has ever described so hilariously. She delivers the goods: life as we all know it.

From Publishers WeeklyThis collection of columns, originally written for the Arizona Republic, details Notaro's daring exploits and comical mishaps as she matures from wild teenager to disheveled adult. Her vignettes are humorous if unoriginal. "The Useless Black Bra and the Stinkin'-drunk Twelve-step Program" is a classic drinking story, complete with the lost friend who is eventually found in a neighbor's front yard wearing only a bra. This hard-drinking, chain-smoking approach to partying inevitably leads to some punishing hangovers; in one extreme case, Notaro is mistaken for a homeless person while en route to jury duty in "Going Courtin'." Not surprisingly, disregard for her appearance diminishes her chances of fulfilling her mother's dream and bringing home from the trial a "balding, sexually repressed twenty-seven-year-old attorney strangled in a Perry Ellis necktie." Notaro's QVC-addicted mother is predictably in opposition to and embarrassed by her daughter's bad-girl antics. In "Waking Angela Up," Notaro compares herself to Janeane Garofalo, and there indeed are clear similarities in the blunt self-deprecation that fuels both women's humor. Notaro, however, lacks the biting originality of her more famous counterpart. In "This Is a Public Service Announcement," Notaro rails against public restroom users, including "the hoverer" and "the talker." Her existing fans will agree with these sentiments, while new readers might simply shrug, thinking, "Who doesn't hate those characters?"Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.From Library JournalNotaro, who writes a weekly humor column for the Arizona Republic, has collected some of those columns into her first book. Notaro is "everywoman" not quite pretty enough, not the popular one, not good at holding a job or a man. She tells her stories about public bathrooms and high school reunions with a wicked edge that keeps us laughing at her and, of course, at ourselves. On the dreaded reunion: "It's time for your high school reunion!" the letter shrieked, and then went on to inform me that 546 of the people I hated most in the world were coming together at some lah-de-dah resort for the entire weekend to talk about the good old days." In "Suckers," she recalls the gym class where the girls got "the talk." "It was one of the darkest days of my life when that nurse, Mrs. Shimmer, pulled out a maxi pad that measured the width and depth of a mattress and showed us how to use it." Ahhh...the good old days. This is a great, funny read that

women will love. Recommended for most humor collections. Kathy Ingels Helmond, Indianapolis-Marion Cty.  
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