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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Anonymity is tough to maintain when you want to do a book tour. Such is the case with Steve Dublanica, a seminary dropout and laid-off psychiatric worker who, in 2004, started www.WaiterRant.net, blogging as The Waiter. His brutal observations on waiting tables at an upscale restaurant he called The Bistro (outed as Lanterna Tuscan Bistro in Nyack, N.Y.) are expanded in this entertaining audio. Dan John Miller is pitch perfect not only as the Waiter—who devolves from woebegone rookie into jaded veteran—but also as his customers, co-workers, bosses and brother. Miller's vocal interpretation dovetails seamlessly with the material. He shines when the Waiter is dishing it out, but even more so when he's taking it. Miller's performance is enthralling during passages in which he reveals his crippling self-doubt, overwhelming sense of underachievement and acknowledgment that he's become somewhat of a jerk. *An Ecco hardcover (Reviews, Apr. 28). (Aug.)*

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This anonymous work renders in book format a popular blog produced by a veteran waiter toiling in metropolitan New York's high-pressure restaurants. Typical of bloggers' output, this is a highly idiosyncratic, little-edited, narrowly conceived work; nevertheless, it's readable, fun, and, for those unfamiliar with the sphere of personal service, highly instructive. Unlike the suave servers of Europe's finest restaurants, American waiters rarely find a lifelong career path and present meals only on the way to some other unrelated profession. Customers can reflect human behavior's extremes, and waiters confront both rudeness and parsimony. In these pages, waiters frequently engage in mutually destructive behaviors with chefs and abuse one another on a personal level. And waiters' near-total reliance on voluntary tipping can quickly corrupt both the tip's giver and its receiver. This tell-all is likely to spawn notoriety for the people who run the front of the house just as Anthony Bourdain's journals did for kitchen staff. --Mark Knoblauch

Review

"...amusing and informative...along with the stories, some of which are hilarious, Dublanica provides useful advice for the customer...Waiter Rant is as delightful as it is irreverent." (Washington Post Book World)

"Writing a best-seller is a big deal, and the Waiter deserves a 20% tip for serving up such a fun summer read." (Forbes.com)

"Anyone that has ever eaten in a restaurant is going to want to grab [this book]." (Matt Lauer, The Today Show)

"For enlightenment on how to handle such situations, I reached out to The Waiter. You know, the New York City-based guy who created the wildly entertaining Waiter Rant blog, which is now a cannot-put-it-down book." (Seattle Post-Intelligencer)

"...here is my unabashed recommendation: If you eat out with any regularity, read this book!" (Chicago Sun-Times)

"Waiter Rant has all the fixings for fun....What Anthony Bourdain's tell-all about life in the kitchen did for Hollandaise sauce, Waiter Rant will do for side salads." (Los Angeles Times)

“Lucky for the reader, The Waiter has kept his eyes open and is willing to gossip about what he has seen from the other side of the menu.” (Tampa Tribune)

“...funny and touching.” (Chicago Tribune)

“Fortunately, The Waiter (who has since outed himself as a chap called Steve Dublanica) does more in this book than get even; he provides thoughtful insights into how the restaurant business works.” (Bloomberg News)

The front-of-the-house version of Kitchen Confidential; a painfully funny, excruciatingly true-life account of the waiter’s life. As useful as it is entertaining. (Anthony Bourdain)

“Extremely funny, no-nonsense and insightful.” (New York Times Book Review)

“The main attraction here is [Dublanica’s] acerbic, biting and often hilarious accounts of life behind the scenes at the front of the house.” (Wall Street Journal)

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