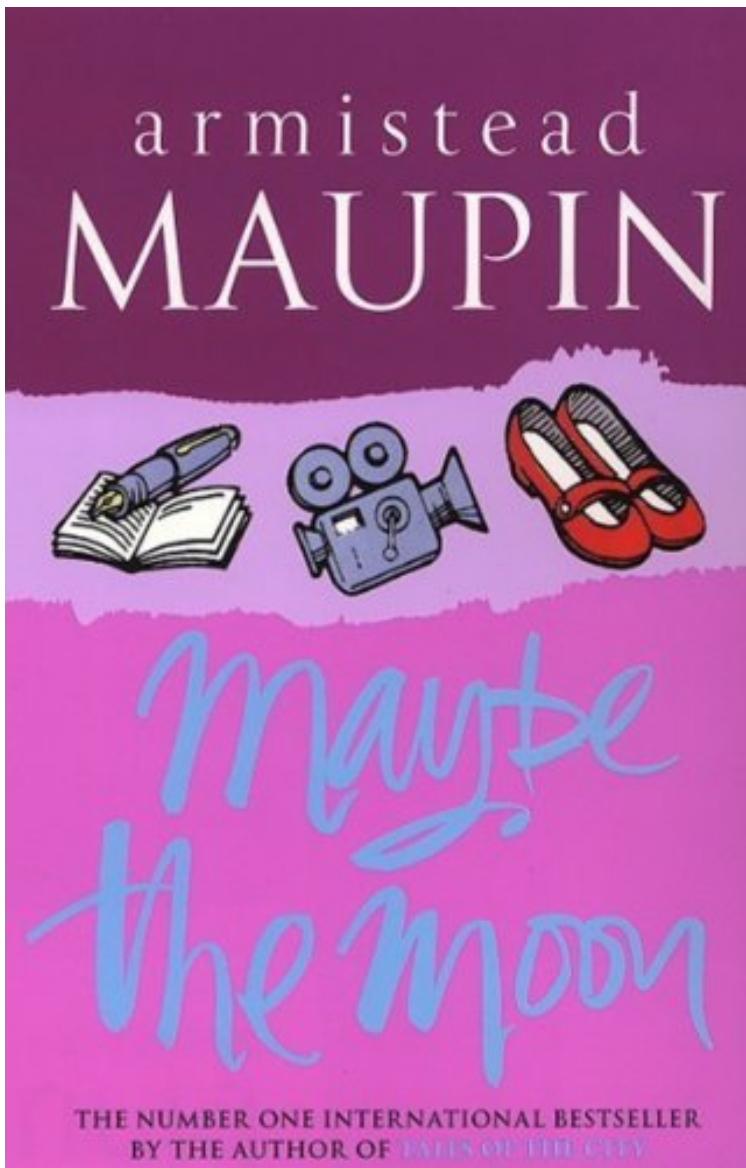


(Free pdf) File size: 72.Mb

Maybe The Moon



Par Armistead Maupin
*Download PDF | ePub | DOC |
audiobook | ebooks

Dtails sur le produit Rang parmi les ventes : #279388 dans eBooksPubli le: 2012-03-13Sorti le: 2012-03-13Format: Ebook Kindle

(Free pdf) Maybe The Moon

Par Armistead Maupin : Maybe The Moon before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Maybe The Moon:

Download

Read Online

Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurMaybe the Moon, Armistead Maupin's first novel since ending his bestselling Tales of the City series, is the audaciously original chronicle of Cadence Roth -- Hollywood actress, singer, iconoclast and former Guinness Book of Records holder as the world's shortest woman. All of 31 inches tall, Cady is a true survivor in a town where -- as she says -- 'you can die of encouragement'. Her early starring role as a lovable elf in an immensely popular American film proved a major disappointment, since moviegoers never saw the face behind the stifling rubber suit she was required to wear. Now, after a decade of hollow promises from the Industry, she is reduced to performing at birthday parties and Bar Mitzvahs as she waits for the miracle that will finally make her a star. In a series of mordantly funny journal entries,

Maupin tracks his spunky heroine across the saffron-hazed wasteland of Los Angeles -- from her all-too-infrequent meetings with agents and studio moguls to her regular harrowing encounters with small children, large dogs and human ignorance. Then one day a lanky piano player saunters into Cady's life, unleashing heady new emotions, and she finds herself going for broke, shooting the moon with a scheme so harebrained and daring that it just might succeed. Her accomplice in the venture is her best friend, Jeff, a gay waiter who sees Cady's struggle for visibility as a natural extension of his own war against the Hollywood Closet. As clear-eyed as it is charming, *Maybe the Moon* is a modern parable about the mythology of the movies and the toll it exacts from its participants on both sides of the screen. It is a work that speaks to the resilience of the human spirit from a perspective rarely found in literature.

From Publishers Weekly: Though Cadence Roth, the heroine of Maupin's captivating novel, is only 31 inches tall (she is said to have held the title the World's Shortest Mobile Adult Human in the Guinness Book of Records), her impact on the reader's emotions is enormous. In choosing this diminutive woman to dramatize the role of an outsider, Maupin draws parallels between the way small people and others who are thought to deviate from the norm, such as gays, lesbians, blacks and Jews--are mocked and dehumanized. He does this skillfully and delicately, with humor and compassion, meanwhile telling a suspenseful story whose subtly foreshadowed ending delivers a dramatic clout. At 30, Cady is a has-been in Hollywood. A decade earlier, she had portrayed an adorable elf in a film that captured America's heart. But since there are few movie opportunities for dwarfs, her career as an actress and singer has skittered downhill. Cady chronicles her gutsy attempts to earn her livelihood in funny and poignant journal entries, her irreverent voice spiked with trendy movie-town lingo. She is offhand about the handicaps small persons must endure: what it's like to be patronized and treated like a child, to walk in a forest of legs, to be unable to turn on the shower or close the bathroom door--and to yearn for romantic relationships and a sex life. Under the clever patter and black humor, however, Cady fiercely and wistfully conveys her need to be viewed like everyone else. Maupin (*Sure of You*) surrounds Cady with other appealing outsiders: a black pianist, a gay writer, Cady's spacey housemate. But tiny Cady acts as a strobe light whose compelling gaze illuminates the depths of the human heart. 60,000 first printing; BOMC alternate; QPB selection; author tour. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.

From Library Journal: Cadence Roth is a heroine one will not soon forget. All of 31 inches tall, Cady played Mr. Woods, an E.T.-like character, in a hit movie a decade ago. Now 30 years old, she performs at birthday parties and bat mitzvahs, on the fringe of an industry that doesn't have much need for chubby dwarfs. In a strong and witty voice, Cady records daily life with her dizzy, star-struck roommate Renee, the physical challenge of turning on a shower, discrimination by people, and harassment by dogs. She begins a charming romance with a tall, handsome pianist and then, with her best friend, Jeff--a writer active in gay politics--she plots her comeback. Both a well-told story and a subtle fable about difference, this novel was penned by the author of the popular series "Tales of the City," of which *Sure of You* (LJ 9/15/89) was the final installment. Recommended for public libraries.- Brian Kenney, Brooklyn P.L. Copyright 1992 Reed Business Information, Inc.