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## Description :

Prsentation de l'diteurFast-paced, irreverent, and very funny,The Spellman Filesis likeHarriet the Spyfor grown-upsCurtis Sittenfeld, author ofEligible and American Wife Izzy Spellman is 28, single and works for Spellman Investigations, a family-run private detective agency. She might have a chequered past littered with romantic mistakes - but at least she's good at her job. Invading people's privacy comes naturally. To the

whole family. To be a Spellman is to snoop on a Spellman; tail a Spellman; dig up dirt on, blackmail and wire-tap a Spellman. But when Izzy's parents hire her 14-year-old sister to discover the identity of her new boyfriend, Izzy decides she wants out. Before they'll let her go, her parents ask her to solve one last case - a 15-year-old, ice-cold, missing person, impossible-to-solve case. But when a disappearance occurs far closer to home, Izzy's Impossible Case becomes the most important of her life. Hilarious. My enjoyment of *The Spellman Files* was only slightly undercut by my irritation that I hadn't written it myself. The funniest book I've read in years!

Lauren Weisberger, author of *The Devil Wears Prada* *The Spellman Files* is hilarious, outrageous, and hip. Izzy Spellman, P.I., is a total original, with a voice so fresh and real, you want more, more, more. At long last, we know what Nancy Drew would have been like had she come from a family of lovable crackpots. Lisa Lutz has created a delicious comedy with skill and truth. I loved it! Adriana Trigiani, author of *Lucia*, *Lucia* and *Big Stone Gap* From Publishers Weekly Cracking the case can get complicated and outrageously wacky when a family of detectives is involved, but Lutz has a blast doing it in her delicious debut. Isabel "Izzy" Spellman, a San Francisco PI who began working for Spellman Investigations at age 12, could easily pass as Buffy or Veronica Mars's wiser but funnier older sister. Izzy digs TV, too, especially *Get Smart* (an ex-boyfriend's ownership of the complete bootlegged DVD set is his major selling point).

Now 28, Izzy thinks she wants out, but elects to take on a cold case while dealing with 14-year-old sister Rae, a nightmarish Nancy Drew, and parents who have no qualms about bugging their children's bedrooms.

At times the dialogue-heavy text reads like a script and the action flags, but these are quibbles. When Rae suddenly disappears, Izzy and her family must learn some serious lessons in order to find her. Can the family that snoops together stay together? Stay tuned as a dynamic new series unfolds. 150,000 first printing. (Mar.)

Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Audiofile Ari Graynor narrates this debut novel, telling the story of 28-year-old Isabel Izzy Spellman, who is struggling to stay sane while working for her family's private detective agency. It's difficult to imagine a better fit than

Graynor for recounting Izzys madcap adventures, romantic disasters, and attempts to locate her missing sister, whose unhealthy habit of recreational surveillance has gotten her in trouble more than once with the police. With normal behavior in her family including going through other people's trash, snooping outside hotel rooms, trailing men in San Francisco's Tenderloin district, and doing background checks on all of her future ex-boyfriends, Izzys story is one funny adventure after another. Graynor's aplomb, dynamism, and sassiness help make this first novel a laugh-out-loud treat. S.E.S. Winner of AudioFile Earphones Award

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