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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly
Mel wins a role in a production of Chekhov's Three Sisters and quickly becomes enmeshed in the lives and loves of her fellow cast members. She forms a strong friendship with Clare, the show's flamboyant designer. When Clare's relationship with the play's director is destroyed by an ambitious actress, Mel is shocked and angry. The show, of course, must go on: Mel manages to cope with her resentment, thanks to a combination of hard-won professionalism and the excitement of her own first romance. It is not necessary to have seen or read Three Sisters to appreciate the backstage drama that is the core of this novel. However, readers familiar with the play will appreciate the way in which its themes are echoed in the novel's action. Aspiring thespians will find much to relish in this engrossing depiction of the grit and glamour of the theater. A smattering of authentic British slang gives the dialogue an exotic sparkle. Ages 12-up.
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From School Library Journal
Grade 8 Up-- One of Geras's strengths as a writer may be her undoing in this novel--at least with Americans. Her works show a confident grasp of place and time that puts readers immediately into the scene. Both Voyage (1983) and Snapshots of Paradise (1984; o.p.; both Atheneum) have this immediacy even though the times and places are far from ours. But Happy Endings is so firmly planted in modern London that it almost needs translation, even though the story is involving and believable. Encouraged by her stage-struck mother, Mel auditions for a production of Chekhov's Three Sisters , lands one of the leads, and is drawn into theater life and the lives of her fellow actors. She also develops a sweet relationship with Mike, whose private life is complicated by an agoraphobic mother. As rehearsals move toward performance, the intensity affects the actors' personal lives. And Mel worries about them all. The tone of the novel is young sophisticate: friend Clare is a recent divorcee; director and ingenue sleep together; included is semi-racy, in-group slang. References to Brecht, discussions of acting styles and techniques, and general theatrical wallowing will probably be too much for all but devoted stage buffs. For them, the faithful recreation of the smells, sounds, tensions, and magic of the backstage experience should make up for the effort of trans-Atlantic translation. --Sally T. Margolis, Park Ridge Public Library, IL
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