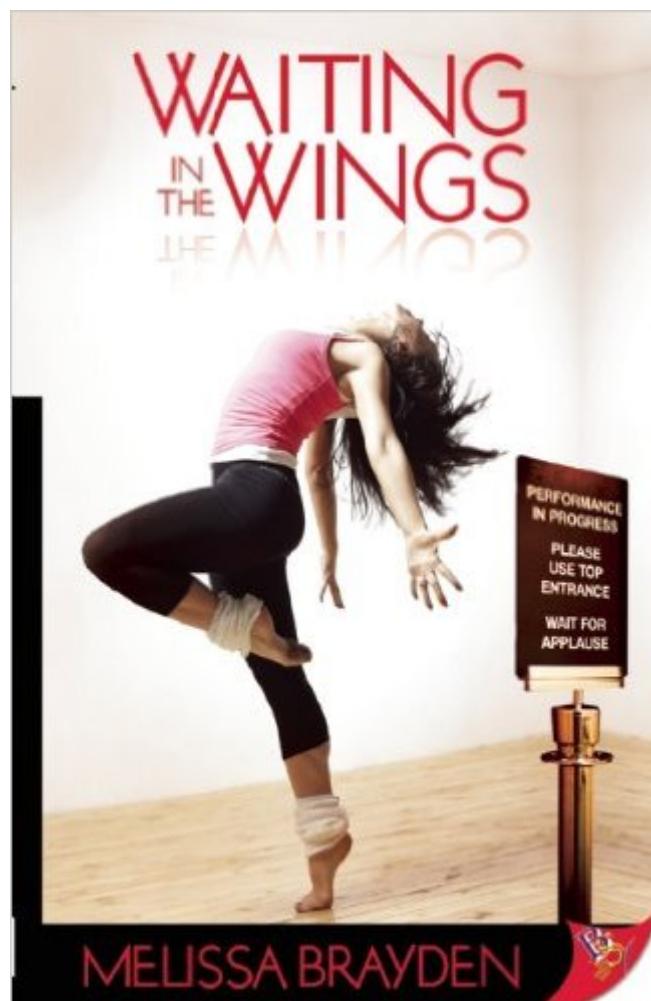


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Waiting In The Wings



Synopsis

If you don't get lost, there's a chance you may never be found. Jenna McGovern has spent her whole life training for the stage. She's taken dance classes, voice lessons, and even earned her performance degree from one of the most prestigious musical theater programs in the nation. At graduation, she's stunned when a chance audition lands her a prime supporting role in the hottest Broadway touring production in the country. In more exciting news, Jenna discovers acclaimed television star Adrienne Kenyon is headlining the production. Jenna settles easily into life on tour and has a promising career laid out in front of her, if only she plays her cards right. She's waited for this opportunity her entire life and will let nothing stand in her way. The one thing she didn't prepare for, however, was Adrienne. Her new costar is talented, beautiful, generous, and the utmost professional. As the two women grow closer onstage and off, they must learn how to fit each other into a demanding lifestyle full of unexpected twists and difficult decisions. But is Jenna ready to sacrifice what she's worked so hard for in exchange for a shot at something much deeper?

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I love books where characters are doing interesting things that I'm not intimately familiar with, and they're doing them well. In this case, it's the world of Broadway performance, but where the performance is merely a back-drop for the emotional lives of the characters as they sing and dance and live their dreams. I was quite pleased with the author's choices in this area. It seems that too

often stories set on stage or in Hollywood get caught up in the politics and drama and inside jokes inherent in the industry, but Melissa Brayden stubbornly keeps the focus on her characters and it's wonderful. The book centers around Jenna, who saw a musical live as a child and set her life's path from there. She graduates, auditions, and gains a best friend all in a whirlwind, joining a successful traveling production, headlined by child star Adrienne and a former idol of Jenna's, in place of another woman who isn't quite working out. She's living her dream, and it's like the surprising icing on the cake when she and Adrienne strike sexual sparks and form a relationship. But it's hard to maintain a relationship among the pressures of auditions, traveling shows, and offers from agents and productions. Adrienne and Jenna are left to prioritize career and relationships, following their lifelong dreams, and reassessing what those dreams might be. My only quibbles might be that the turning points in the story relied a little bit too much on miscommunication as a plot device. And there was perhaps not quite as much emotional vindication as I prefer. Still, overall this was a really enjoyable novel. I loved the little details about performing, and performance anxiety and coping with stage productions, and what makes a person stand out in a crowd of performers.

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