

How You Get Famous

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Synopsis

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A “funny, poignant, dishy, and even enlightening” adventure through a tight-knit world of drag performers making art, mayhem, and dreaming of making it big, this book is “the story of America now” (Alexander Chee, *The New York Times*).

In *How You Get Famous*, journalist Nicole Pasulka raucously documents the rebirth of the New York drag scene, following a group of iconoclastic performers with undeniable charisma, talent, and a hell of a lot to prove. In the past decade, drag has become a place where edgy, competitive showoffs can find security in a callous and over priced city, a shot at real money, and a level of recognition queer people rarely achieve. But can drag keep its edge as it travels from the backroom to the main stage?

A “joyful and scrappy” (*Esquire*) portrait of the 21st-century search for celebrity and community, *How You Get Famous* is “dripping in plush detail and drama” (*Mother Jones*) and “stitched together with great respect and love” (*The Guardian*). It’s the story of an aimless coat check worker who sweet-talked his way into hosting a drag show at a Brooklyn dive bar, a pair of teenagers sneaking into clubs and pocketing tips to help support their families, and eclectic performers who have managed to land a spot on TV and millions of followers—all colliding in an unprecedented account of a subculture on the brink of becoming a cultural phenomenon.

“If you like to have a good time, you want to read this book!” *BuzzFeed*

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