

Role Models

John Waters

"How did somebody from a quiet Baltimore neighborhood grow up to become the outlandish, brilliant, and insane John Waters? Two words: *Johnny Mathis*."

—AUGUSTEN BURROUGHS, author of the *New York Times* bestseller

Running with Scissors

Here, from the incomparable John Waters, is a paean to the power of subversive inspiration that will delight, amuse, enrich—and happily horrify listeners everywhere.

Role Models is, in fact, a self-portrait told through intimate profiles of favorite personalities—some famous, some unknown, some criminal, some surprisingly middle-of-the-road. From Esther Martin, owner of the scariest bar in Baltimore, to the playwright Tennessee Williams; from the atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair to the insane martyr Saint Catherine of Siena; from the English novelist Denton Welch to the timelessly appealing singer Johnny Mathis—these are the extreme figures who helped the author form his own brand of neurotic happiness.

Role Models is a personal invitation into one of the most unique, perverse, and hilarious artistic minds of our time.

John Waters is an American filmmaker, actor, writer, and visual artist best known for his cult films, including *Hairspray*, *Cry-Baby*, *Pink Flamingos*, and *Cecil B. DeMented*. He has appeared on *The Daily Show with Jon Stewart*, *Real Time with Bill Maher*, *HBO First Look*, and VH1's *Behind the Music*. John's previous books include *Shock Value* and *Crackpot*. He lives in Baltimore, Maryland.



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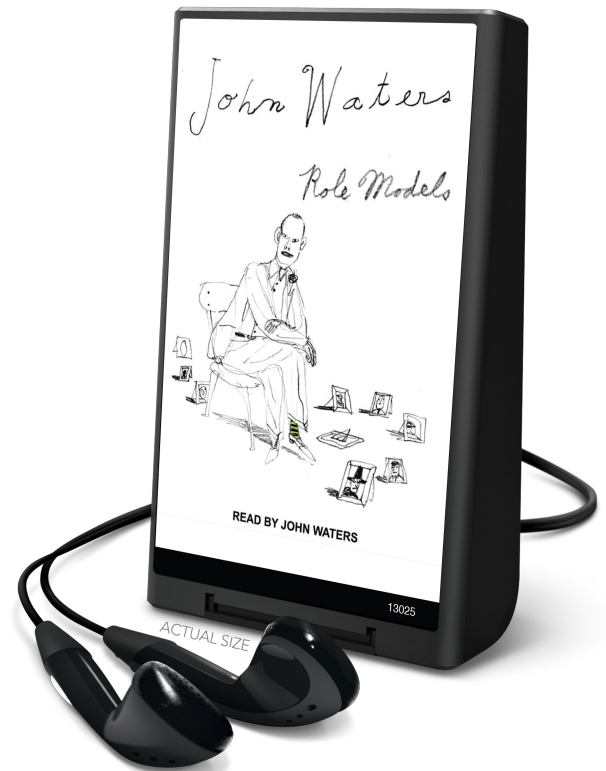
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