

**IN THE 1980s**, women aren't supposed to be funny. But when a group of college improv performers gets the chance to join a new late-night show, it's young comedian Lillian Martin who's the breakout star.

*The Midnight Show* would go on to air every Friday night, live from New York, and revolutionize the landscape of TV and comedy forever. First, though, it would change Lillian's and her friends' lives. For some of the cast, lifelong friendships are made; for others, ever-changing romantic pairings test the group's bond, while meteoric fame—and the drugs, parties, and mounting ambition that come with it—leaves its mark.

Lillian, in particular, seems destined for bigger things—until the winter night in Lower Manhattan that she vanishes, leaving nothing behind but questions.

Forty years later, her disappearance still remains unsolved. When a budding journalist writing a retrospective on Lillian begins asking questions, she stirs up decades-old drama—as well as tightly held secrets that some comedy legends would much rather keep buried.

Wildly funny, dangerously truthful, and vibrantly told through a variety of media—compiled interviews, articles, and transcripts—*The Midnight Show* takes readers behind the scenes of the cutthroat world of 1980s comedy and challenges whether the rush of getting a laugh is all it's cracked up to be.

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