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Based on Evan Handler's hit off-Broadway play (called by *The New York Times* "laceratingly funny and self-revealing"), *Time on Fire* is a remarkable memoir of illness and survival, love and hope—shot through with anger, humor, and piercing eloquence.

Evan Handler was twenty-four and already an accomplished actor when he was diagnosed with acute leukemia and told that his chances for survival were slim. Resigning his role in Neil Simon's *Biloxi Blues*, Handler checked into New York Memorial's Cancer Center and began a bizarre, sometimes uproarious five-year journey in and out of hospitals—"a raucous rump through Hell"—only to face an equally arduous return to the life he left behind.

Time on Fire is the story of Handler's passage into a twilight world: a place of lonely, haunting despair lit by moments of exultation and hilarity; a world where the truly horrible and the hysterically funny not only coexist but seem to become the same thing. Told with the trenchant humor of a survivor, it takes a wry, unflinching look at the absurdity of fighting for life in a place where death is what is most expected, and a health care system on the brink of madness. It is the story of refusing to succumb to the pressures of conformity that threatened his recovery and of the fierce struggle to find the road back to health—at all costs.

From the comic accounts of his trip to a Madison Avenue sperm bank ("Nothing but the best address for my progeny") and his experimentation with psychic healing, to the portrayal of the unraveling effects of his illness on his family and girlfriend, Handler records with astonishing precision the full emotional range of his experience. The result is a bracing, achingly poignant account of his determination to steal time and reclaim life. Glowing with uncommon insights and uncompromising honesty, *Time on Fire* is a testament to the bravery and the endurance of the human spirit.

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