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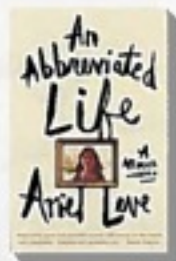


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*An Abbreviated Life* (Harper), an explosive new memoir from acclaimed journalist Ariel Levé, chronicles Levé's dismal childhood under the primary care of her riveting, glamorous, intellectual, and ultimately incredibly destructive mother. Levé takes care to shield her famous feminist parent's identity, but hews closely to the facts of her chaotic and traumatizing girlhood as she unspools the damage she still carries with her well into her forties. In the company of captivating memoirists Mary Karr and Alexandra Fuller, whose own haunted childhoods entranced

readers, Levé's writing seems to stem from an open wound, and the endless dinner parties, emotional manipulations, and screaming fits take on menacing proportions in her recounting. Written from Bali, where she lives in self-imposed isolation from her mother, Levé has found a romantic partner in a local diving instructor and is able to heal her own stunted inner child through parenting his own two girls—a happy ending she well deserves.

—Corson Codrins



**HELLO, LADIES!**  
Please allow our comedy issue mini hoc (who may bear a striking resemblance to Chris Hemsworth) to introduce himself.

"Hey! It's Kevin, the *Ghostbusters*' secretary, here to add the all too frequently overlooked male voice to this discussion of women in comedy."



Look for Kevin's witty asides and dazzling insights throughout the issue!

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