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For anyone who's ever walked out of a movie and said, "That guy was *all* wrong for that part," comes this first-of-its-kind look at how actors are chosen and careers are born.

Two of the top casting directors in the business, who most recently cast the new James Bond, *The Da Vinci Code*, and the summer blockbuster *Poseidon*, offer an insider's tour of their crucial craft—spotting stars in the making—in this lively memoir, full of the kind of backroom detail loved by movie fans and aspiring actors alike. Janet and Jane share the fascinating, funny stories of discovering and casting then-unknown stars like Julia Roberts, Tom Cruise, Leonardo DiCaprio, John Cusack, Matt Damon, Winona Ryder, Jennifer Connelly, Brendan Fraser, Virginia Madsen, Joaquin Phoenix, Meg Ryan, Benicio Del Toro, and the Harry Potter kids. Taking us from the first casting call through head shots, auditions, meetings, and desperate searches to fill a part, they give us behind-the-scenes access to the machinery of star-making.

Films Include:

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Friday Night Lights

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