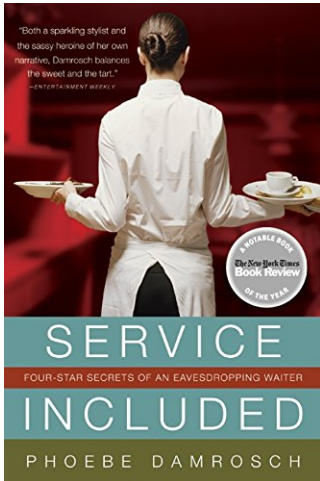


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## Description:

**From Publishers Weekly** A charming debut by a former waiter at the New York City restaurant Per Se slips in some high-end tricks of the trade. Vermont-bred foodie Damrosch was a few years out of Barnard College when she landed a job at chef Thomas Keller's Per Se. Fast-talking and prone to do her homework, in this case assiduously absorbing Keller's *French Laundry Cookbook*, Damrosch starts as a backserver, and her training is intensive: attending food seminars, memorizing the acreage of Central Park and learning how not to interrupt dining couples holding hands. In a few months, she's elevated to captain (a rare job for a woman), which entails navigating guests through the elaborate menus and essentially learning the subtleties of putting the guest at ease. Anticipating desire becomes Damrosch's role, as well as making sure *New York Times* food critic Frank Bruni has the best meal of his life. (Indeed, the place receives four stars.) She begins a romance with Andre the sommelier. Much of the latter half of this youthful, exuberant memoir is overtaken by their burgeoning affair, although the most delightful chapter, I Can Hear You, is full of

vignettes of Damrosch's real-life waiting, i.e., the delivery of the Fabergé egg as a marriage proposal, and the parade of celebrities she meets along the way. *(Oct.)*  
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**From** Damrosch details her brief, yet remarkably fulfilling, career as a waiter and lays bare for readers the intimate workings of restaurant table service. Damrosch's ascent through the ranks at chef Thomas Keller's Midtown Manhattan's Per Se offered her a unique glimpse into high-end dining. Demystifying the hierarchy of captains, waiters, and busboys, Damrosch gives the uninitiated a crash course in those management and organizational issues that keep food streaming in perfect synchronization from kitchen to table. Although maintaining perfect service is a good restaurant's habit, success flows equally from good publicity. So Damrosch describes the frenzy produced in the kitchen by every sighting of a critic in the dining room. Without naming names, Damrosch also offers tales of overbearing, self-involved celebrities and their dining foibles. Tips on how to earn a waiter's respect (don't be a no-show; don't send back an entrée that you've nearly finished) pepper the text. Knoblauch, Mark --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Damrosch, former waiter at the New York City restaurant Per Se, details her career as a waiter, describing the intimate workings of restaurant table service at its best. Tales of critics and celebrities spice up the memoir with a few tips on how to earn a waiter's respect sprinkled throughout. The art of the day job -- Food porn -- Mosquitoes on toast -- Fire! - . - Four-star mistress -- Being frank -- No bones about it -- The fault, dear Bruni -- Not in the stars -- Underlings -- I can hear you -- City love -- Service included -- A few more tips -- Afterword: My dinner with Andr © -- Per s Find many great new & used options and get the best deals for Service Included : Four-Star Secrets of an Eavesdropping Waiter by Phoebe Damrosch (2007, Hardcover) at the best online prices at eBay! Free shipping for many products!  Please do not steal your waiter's pen. Please do not say you're allergic when you don't like something. Please do not send something back after eating most of it. Please do not make faces or gagging noises when hearing the specials--someone else at the table might like to order one of them. After reading this book, diners will never sit down at a restaurant table the same way again. Product Identifiers. Publisher. Service Included is not the best book I ve ever read or one I ll return to again and again, but it was a fun book and I learned a lot about food and high-class restaurants. I certainly would recommend it to anyone interested in food and dining. If you liked this review of service included, you might also like these books  April 14, 2020 at 7:03 am. [ ] Service Included: Four-Star Secrets of an Eavesdropping Waitress [ ] Reply. Leave a Reply Cancel reply.