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From Library Journal

Gabriel's Gift is lighter entertainment, for though it concentrates on a fractured family, the reader knows throughout that it is only a matter of time before all will be reconciled. This is very much a comfy chair of a book, with colorful, witty characters enduring only minor shakeups in their lives before resuming their previous paths. There's Rex, an ex-glam rock star, now underemployed and recently evicted from the house by Christine, who's had enough of Rex's inactivity and worries about his impact on their son, Gabriel. Gabriel has a bear of a nanny to watch him as well as a gift that allows him to create real things just by drawing them, though this twist curiously remains largely unexplored. Gabriel's love for his dad and mum, a little bit of serendipity, and some responsibility on Rex's part (i.e., a job) helps to bring the family back together. The tale seems patchy but pleasant enough, especially for fans of the author. Marc Kloszewski, Indiana Free Lib., PA

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Review

Jane Mendelsohn *The New York Times Book Review* Kureishi is a fluent, socially observant writer whose sentences move with intelligence and wit.

About the Author

Hanif Kureishi won the prestigious Whitbread Prize and was twice nominated for Oscars for best original screenplay (*My Beautiful Laundrette* and *Venus*, which starred Peter O'Toole). In 2010 Kureishi received the prestigious PEN/Pinter Prize. He lives in London.

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