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“*Trigiani is a master of palpable and visual detail.*” (*Washington Post*)

“If you’re meeting her work for the first time, get ready for a lifelong love affair.” (Kathryn Stockett, author of *The Help*)

“Delightful, energetic. . . . Trigiani is a seemingly effortless storyteller.” (*Boston Globe*)

“The author’s impeccable research and lush writing style recreates a plausible day-to-day look into the actress’s life as a staunch Catholic living and working in Hollywood... Eminently readable and richly imagined, Trigiani’s latest will thrill her fans and surely collect new ones.” (*Publishers Weekly*)

“Trigiani re-creates the golden age of Hollywood with the same rich, sumptuous detail that distinguished *The Shoemaker’s Wife*. Her ability to breathe life into the luminous cast of characters will captivate readers, then have them scouring Netflix for film classics of the 1930s. A tinsel-trimmed treat.” (*Library Journal*)

Trigiani gives heart to the facts and fiction of Hollywood, and in doing so she brings life to characters we’ve only known from the motion pictures, TV screen and radio. Her book is fiction, but the story is universal.  
(*Clarion-Ledger* (Jackson, MS))

### From the Back Cover

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#### About the Author

Adriana Trigiani is beloved by millions of readers around the world for fifteen bestsellers, including the blockbuster epic *The Shoemaker's Wife*; the Big Stone Gap series; *Lucia, Lucia*; the Valentine series; the Viola series for young adults; and the bestselling memoir *Don't Sing at the Table*. Trigiani reaches new heights with *All the Stars in the Heavens*, an epic tale from the golden age of Hollywood. She is the award-winning filmmaker of the documentary *Queens of the Big Time*. Trigiani wrote and directed the major motion picture *Big Stone Gap*, based on her debut novel and filmed entirely on location in her Virginia hometown, to be released nationwide on October 9th, 2015. She lives in Greenwich Village with her family.

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