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### **From the Inside Flap**

In Deborah Zoe Laufer's End Days, a suburban family is undergoing a spiritual crisis following the September 11th attacks. Sylvia Stein has turned to Christianity to save her disaffected husband Arthur and her rebellious teenage daughter Rachel. But as Sylvia races around preparing for the Rapture, Rachel is learning that there are more things in Heaven and Earth than are dreamt of in her philosophy.

An L.A. Theatre Works full-cast performance featuring:

Josh Clark as Jesus and Stephen Hawking

Shannon Cochran as Sylvia Stein

Dane DeHaan as Nelson Steinberg

Arye Gross as Arthur Stein

Kenneth Houston as the Bully

Kate Rylie as Rachel Stein

Directed by Michael Hackett. Recorded at The Invisible Studios, West Hollywood in 2010.

End Days is part of L.A. Theatre Works' Relativity Series featuring science themed plays. Major funding for the Relativity Series is provided by the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation to enhance public understanding of science and technology in the modern world.

#### About the Author

Shannon Cochran is an actress and director, whose work includes the First National Tour of the Pulitzer Prize winning play "August: Osage County", a film opposite Kathleen Turner called "The Perfect Family", and "Last Days", a radio play for the BBC. She has performed and directed with LA Theatre Works, an organization producing radio plays for NPR, for fifteen years.

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