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Synopsis

(Applause Libretto Library). An emotionally powerful and intimate musical about two New Yorkers in their twenties who fall in and out of love over the course of five years. The show's unconventional structure consists of Cathy, the woman, telling her story backwards while Jamie, the man, tells his story chronologically; the two characters meet only once, at their wedding in the middle of the show. Jason Robert Brown won Drama Desk Awards for the music and the lyrics after the Off-Broadway premiere in 2002 starring Norbert Leo Butz and Sherie Rene Scott. The show has since been produced at almost every major regional theater in the U.S., and has been seen in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, Germany, Italy, Canada, Spain, and the UK.

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Customer Reviews

The recording of The Last Five Years is haunting - well nigh addictive. The two superb talents, Sherie Renee Scott and Norbert Leo Butz performing the words and music of Jason Robert Brown make the CD and MP3 indispensable. To read the words and lyrics by that wunderkind Jason Robert Brown puts the book in a premier location in my library. The next time Mr. Brown appears at the new cabaret 54 Below I will bring the book for an autograph.

I didn't notice this is lyrics only, no sheet music.

The Applause Libretto Library is important to have around, but if you thought Brown's musical was going to be more than just the songs, it ain't necessarily so. There's a few lines of dialogue, but nothing major-- just the lyrics. Also, Brown's introduction is candid.

Arrived as described.

Great show and now I have the book to fill in some of the missing pieces from the music. I highly recommend getting this book as it is also great for some monologues.

Delightfully witty songs. Lots of fun for people who like intimate theatre. Interesting two-character play -- he moves forward in time; she moves backward.

It was everything we wanted! Perfect condition and shipped quickly. Very happy and it will make a great Christmas gift!

THE LAST 5 YEARS is really a hard read..primarily because there isn't a libretto. (book) The play is told through two people, a man and a woman who fall in love. But I didn't anticipate that the book was told through music and lyrics, and I didn't really enjoy the full impact of the author's writing because I do not have the CD. It probably plays better than it reads...but this is a good play to consider for small theatre companies with a small budget and space.

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