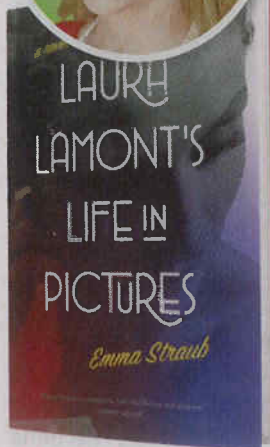


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Born in 1920s Wisconsin, Elsa flees to Los Angeles as a teen and is reincarnated as Laura Lamont by a powerful studio exec who molds and then marries her. Movie stardom follows, along with complications both personal and professional. Straub makes masterful use of the golden age of Hollywood to tap contemporary questions about the price of celebrity and a working mother's struggle to balance all that matters.