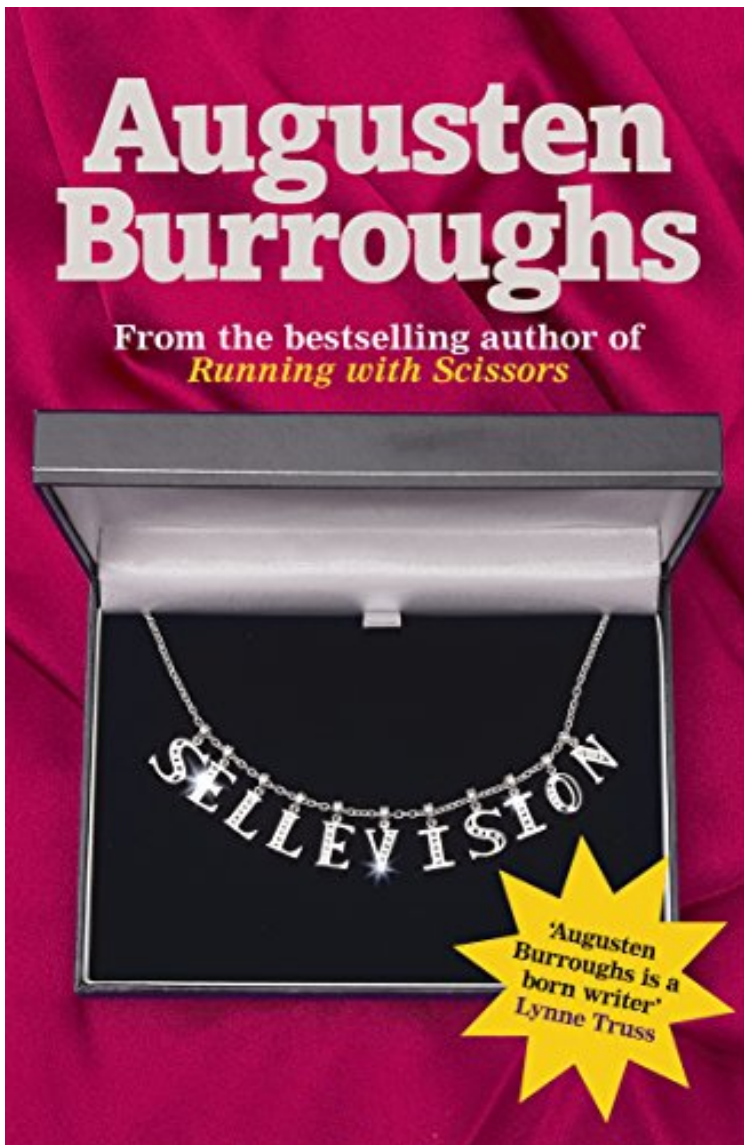


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Description : Description du produitDarkly funny and gleefully mean-spirited, Sellelevision explores greed, obsession and third tier celebrity, in the world of a fictional home shopping network. Welcome to the troubled world of Sellelevision, Americas premier retail broadcasting network. When Max Andrews, the much-loved and handsome (lonely and gay) host of Slumber Sunday Sundown accidentally exposes himself in front of sixty million kids and their parents during a Toys for Tots segment, Sellelevision faces its first big scandal. As Max fails to find a job in television, another host, the popular and perky Peggy Jean Smythe is receiving sinister emails about her appearance from a stalker. Popping pills and drinking heavily, she fails to notice that her husband is spending a lot of time with the very young babysitter who lives next door. Then theres Leigh, whose affair with Sellelevision boss Howard Toast is going nowhere, until she exposes him on air; and Bebe, Sellevisions star host, who finds Mr. Right through the Internet if she can just stop her

shopping addiction from taking over.

Presentation de l'diteur'Sellelevision' is America's premier retail broadcasting network, and presenter Max Andrews is the jewel in its broadcasting crown. But when the handsome (and lonely and gay) Max accidentally exposes himself in front of sixty million kids the channel faces its biggest scandal. No-one at the network will emerge untarnished as a result of Max's gaping bathrobe during the Slumber Sunday Sundown slot....comLight and funny, with a bitter aftertaste, the action of Sellelevision takes place behind the scenes (and on the set) of a successful television shopping network, where a feminine role model, Peggy Jean Smythe, the married, Christian mother of three, begins receiving suspicious e-mail from a viewer who insists that Peggy's hairy earlobe is obscuring her presentation of jewelry during the broadcast. When Peggy fails to respond to the e-mail, but silently waxes her lobe, the cruel notes escalate, until Peggy believes herself to be suffering from a hormonal crisis that has given her a mustache, a gruff voice, and the manner of a lumberjack. Meanwhile, one of her cohosts, Max Andrews, has been fired for accidentally exposing himself during a children's special, and learns just how undesirable a commodity a penis-baring ex-Sellelevision host can be on the job market. The book is an unusually smooth read for a first novel, with six or seven truly inspired lines. --Regina Marler From Publishers WeeklyThis gleeful satire of America's 24-hour, shop-till-you-drop culture lacks the depth and razor-sharp wit of Burrough's more established works (Running with Scissors, Magical Thinking, etc.), but the audio's colorful characters, brought skillfully to life by Miles, ensure that it's an entertaining ride. Initially, the choice of a female narrator surprises since the story opens with Sellelevision host Max Andrews getting booted from his position after accidentally exposing his penis during a "Toys for Tots" shopping segment. But as the audio meanders through the lives of hosts Peggy Jean Smythe, Trish Mission, Leigh Bushmore and Bebe Friedman, it becomes clear that Miles is well suited to the task. She adopts an appropriately prissy tone for the devout Peggy Jean while at the same time playing up the sleaziness of Peggy's husband, who's on a mission to seduce the nubile teen next door. Miles also does a fine job capturing Bebe's New York twang, mile-a-minute chatter and spontaneous laughter. Although Burroughs's characters often seem as disposable as the RemoteControlLotion and Moisture-Whik Panties sold on Sellelevision, this audio, like a good soap opera, still manages to hook listeners. A Picador paperback (s, July 31, 2000). (Dec.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.