



every note of an almost-30 meltdown when his fiancée (Jacinda Barrett) discovers she's pregnant. Spurred by the relationship struggles of his friends Chris and Lisa (Affleck and Smith), he gives in to his feelings for Kim (Rachel Bilson). Inevitably, Michael must make—and live with—his final choice.

Staying rooted can be a tall order when hanging with the likes of Braff and Bilson. While shooting in Montreal, Smith soon discovered in first-hand the challenges of stardom. "Everywhere we went, there were people crowding around," she marvels. "It was interesting to sit back and watch that unfold." She may be friends with Hollywood's hottest, but Smith remains focused on acting, not fame. "It's not about becoming super-famous. It's about storytelling." □



I keep you riveted. Set in seedy 1940s Los Angeles, the novel by James Ellroy and it hails as a well in the past. Besides **Hilary Swank**, it isn't humour, what better combo than the gruff fits into the spate of testosterone-laced trucking-enforcement officer plagued by low hip. Problem is, he must go mano-a-mano wood like widgets off an assembly line. The very creepy rural community while looking for is now a woman. As the perplexed officer who suits him so well. **EGLE PROCUTA**

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