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A Theatergoer's Resource

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Lady Day at Emerson's Bar & Grill

By Lanie Robertson

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Deidrie Henry on Becoming Billie Holiday

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Plot Summary

The time is 1959. The place is a seedy bar in Philadelphia. The audience is about to witness one of Billie Holiday's last performances, given four months before her death. More than a dozen musical numbers are interlaced with salty, often humorous, reminiscences to project a riveting portrait of the lady and her music.

Featuring iconic songs like "God Bless the Child" and "Strange Fruit," *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill* is an all-access pass to Billie Holiday's final concert. With humor and hopefulness, the legendary singer takes us on a journey through the highs and lows of her tumultuous life, interspersed with exuberant renditions of her beloved repertoire.