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In between ridiculous mistakes and egregious oversights, Ariel Horn explores whether jobs will ever give life meaning — and where meaning comes from in the first place. With candour, wit and embarrassing naivete, *Help Wanted, Desperately*, a hilarious first novel by a recent college grad, ultimately touches on what it means to have potential — and how we find happiness in who we are, not what we do.

Alexa Hoffman never expected to fondle crotchless panties in the middle of an interview. And under no circumstances did she ever anticipate that in her quest for a job in New York City, she would ultimately try to become an earthworm breeder, a phone sex operator, and a deodorant sniffer all over the course of one week.

Desperate to avoid moving back in with her parents, Alexa haphazardly signs up to become an English teacher for \$100 a month on the third world island of Majuro, though she has no real interest in actually working there. Eager to move to New York City and avoid Majuro at all costs, Alexa makes a vow: it's Majuro or Bust and she's got only seven months and three weeks to find and secure a job in New York City.

As the clock furiously ticks closer to her imminent trip to Majuro and Alexa's desperate search for employment grows increasingly more bizarre, Alexa finds herself falling deeper in love with her boyfriend Jared, and deeper into an endlessly disastrous situation that forces her maniacal job search into new and uncharted waters, murky with possibility, love, and the confusion born from missed opportunities.

### Help Wanted, Desperately Details

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## From Reader Review Help Wanted, Desperately for online ebook

### Charmagne Mckinney says

Great book that I can definitely relate to right now! Its about a yound lady about to graduate from college and isn't sure what she wants to do with her life. I must admit though, If you can't relate to this situation this book might be quite dull. There is a bit of repetitiveness through the story but I still liked it. It only took about 2 days to read and I may read it again!!

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### Leah says

not sure on rating this - it was an enjoyable, quick, entertaining read and i even laughed out loud more than once. but it seemed very trite and cutesy and "been done" to me. it's possible i'm too old and grumpy to appreciate "just graduated, finding myself" type books/ages!

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### Michaela says

Some parts were cute she was desperate for a job and applied for some weird ones I didnt like that she lied in all but one interview

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### Katie Cooper says

I just picked this book up from the shelf while working at the library, so I hadn't read any reviews of it before reading it. I did really enjoy it though and was pleasantly surprised to find some parts laugh out loud funny! I hardly ever laugh out loud when I'm reading, but I did several times while reading this book in an empty apartment. As someone who doesn't know what she wants to do, job-wise, I could relate all too well to Alexa, the protagonist. She's a senior in college who's trying to find a job, any job. It's all pretty hilarious. Her boyfriend, Jared, is awesome and one of the coolest guys I've ever read in a book. I wasn't sure what to expect when I started this book, but I'm really glad I read it!

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### Kim says

A good book. A light and quick read. Alexa Hoffman is a character that you can relate to if you have ever tried to figure out what you want to do with your life. The book got into a couple of small parts that kinda dragged by but all in all a good book. I wasnt too thrilled with it but it was a funny and light book just what i needed then.

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### Kerrikoala says

Yes, I would rather read a book about a young woman looking for a full time job than look for one myself.

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This one had a decent amount of humor, but I was hoping to learn a little more from it. The MC seemed to do/say a lot of things that I wouldn't do/say during her interviews and job search, so that didn't help. (I know it's fiction, but the back of the book said that events in the book were based on the author's own job search. I guess I was viewing it as fictional commentary on the job search process, so I expected there to be something I could take away from it.) I also found her relationship with her boyfriend a little prudish. I didn't need anything graphic, since this isn't a romance novel, but all they do is kiss and snuggle, and that's kinda odd for a non-religious chick lit book. Also wasn't too wild about the ending.

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### **Jeff says**

This is not my usual book, but the fact that it seems based in reality and that it was definitely funny at the start led me to read this. While I have to say the neurosis gets a bit tiresome as the book goes on, there are a lot of funny situations here. A good pass-the-time easy read.

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### **Tracey says**

Very neurotic book. The characters ramble on, parts of the book should have been either scaled back or cut out to make it shorter and less painful to read. I don't think I'm going to go back to read it beyond the 20 pages I attempted to read. Maybe in a better mind set?

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### **Kim says**

not good

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### **Ananda says**

It was a light read, definitely not high brow literature but it was definitely funny. Just not the funniest thing I've read. It's about a woman who is graduating from college, and needs a job, but she doesn't know what she wants to do with her life. I can definitely relate.

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### **Jess Moss says**

I can't believe I just read chick-fic. I just lost all my street cred haha. Still, it was light and entertaining when I was sick in bed. Not well written, but there were amusing moments. The author was just out of college. If she has written other books, maybe her style has improved.

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### **Chiny says**

A good book about a girl named Alexa Hoffman who is in her fourth year of college and is in desperate need

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of a job in New York to avoid being sent to Majuro, an island in the Pacific, where she would teach the less fortunate children, with the occasional threat of the various diseases that the island has to offer! yikes!

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### **Elise says**

Oh dear. Perhaps perhaps perhaps I would have enjoyed reading this book at age 22 while waitressing in Our Fair City. But this is no book for a grown woman to spend time on. Just a collection of random, mildly entertaining anecdotes about crappy job interviews, with some unearned love story stuff thrown in.

And I WANTED to like this book so much!

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### **Rachel says**

Alas, this book might be a little interesting to someone who is 21 and just graduating college, but even that seems doubtful. Couldn't read past chapter 3. Reminds me of the time I couldn't think of what to write for an 8th grade English class assignment and just transcribed part of my diary.

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### **Dana Evans says**

Funny and entertaining.

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