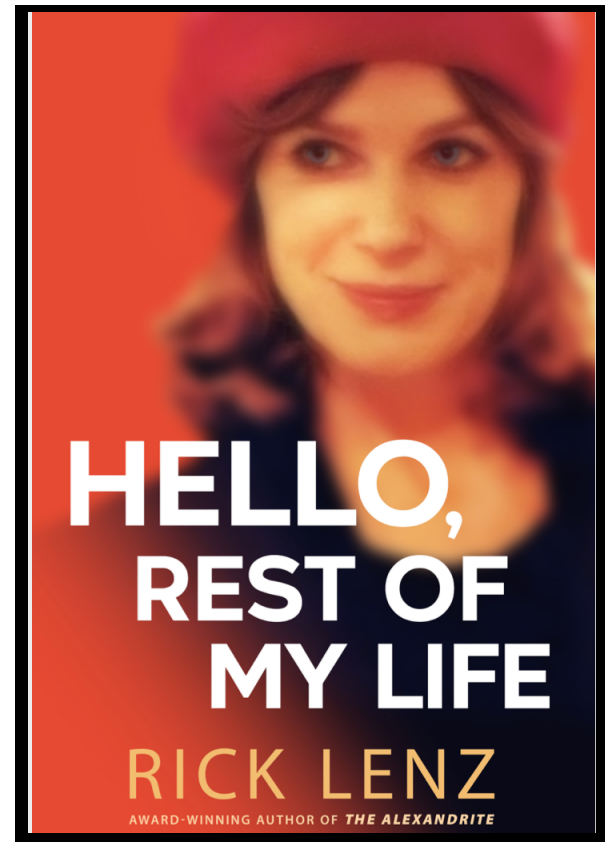


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When Danny Maytree, an ambitious young 1970s film actor, met Samantha on a blind date and fell in love, he decided he no longer cared about Tinseltown stardom. He still acted sometimes, but he became a writer too. Now married and in their seventies, they find a dog whose faded tag has the name "Tali" and a Beverly Hills phone prefix from fifty years earlier. Writing a time travel novel in 2021, Danny gets a call from a mysterious, velvet-voiced acting agent. He has a meeting tomorrow in Beverly Hills. Tali, in one of their singular "conversations," questions Danny's motives. Now, Danny is in Beverly Hills—not at the meeting, but in the elegant home where he lived in 1974, forty-seven years ago. He is twenty-seven again, bewildered, but with a second chance at his Hollywood dream. He doesn't want it, because Sam is not in this world. Unhappy in his new "now," he realizes his journey back to "Kansas" hinges on the magic of film. A sharkish agent helps him navigate Hollywood's rocky shoals. A worldly-wise teen and a New Age fortune-teller offer spiritual advice. And a sexy wicked witch throws a monkey wrench in his path.

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