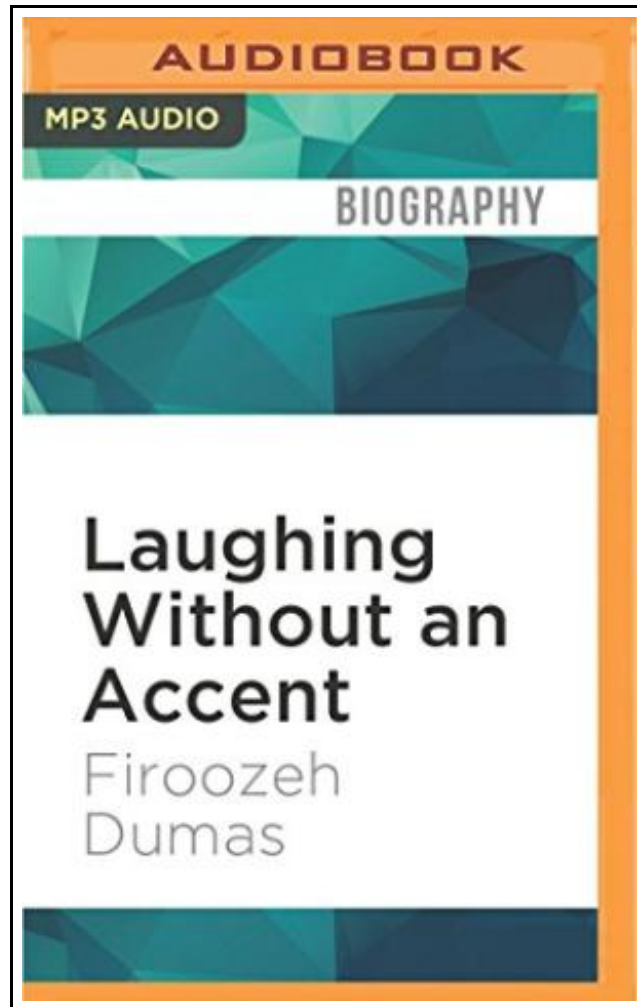# Laughing Without an Accent: Adventures of an Iranian American, at Home and Abroad

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