

Don't stand up The Worst Date Ever

Jane Bussmann's book examines what happens when a celebrity journalist more used to dealing with dumb blondes and the extreme vacuity of LA decides to go to Uganda to write a piece highlighting the terrible deeds of LRA leader Joseph Kony, brutal groomer of child soldiers.

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The reason for this bold act? Her showbiz career is in the doldrums – and she fancies 'conflict resolution expert' John Prendergast.

Bussmann, who has written for sketch shows and sitcoms, is biting funny whether as celeb observer or as fish hopelessly out of water – though occasionally on the grim Ugandan side of things, the jokes veer into bad taste.

Still, even in this dangerous part of Africa, she chases her stories, observes minute details and harangues key players until she gets good quote.

Some readers might not appreciate this light-hearted treatment of a subject as serious as Kony but as a juxtaposition of two very different worlds of journalism, it's fearsomely entertaining.

