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When Oregon native Suzanne Hansen becomes a live-in nanny to the children of Hollywood über-agent Michael Ovitz, she thinks she's found the job of her dreams. But Hansen's behind-the-scenes access soon gets her much more than she bargained for: working twenty-four hours a day, juggling the shifting demands of the Hollywood elite, and struggling to comprehend wealth unimaginable to most Americans, not to mention dealing with the expected tantrums and the unexpected tense—and intense—atmosphere in the house where she lives with her employers.

When the thankless drudgery takes its toll and Hansen finally quits, her boss threatens to blackball her from ever nannying in Hollywood again. Discouraged but determined, Hansen manages to land gigs with Debra Winger and then Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman. Attentive, welcoming parents with a relaxed attitude toward celebrity—looks like Hansen's fallen into a real-life happy ending. But the round-the-clock workdays continue, rubbing some of the glitter off L.A. living, and Hansen's not sure how much longer she can pretend to be Mary Poppins. Even bosses who treat her like family can't help as she struggles to find meaning in her work while living in a town that seems to lack respect for nannies and everyone else who comes in the employee's entrance—but without whom many showbiz households would grind to a halt.

Peppering her own journey with true stories and high drama experienced by other nannies to the stars, Hansen offers an intriguing, entertaining mix of tales from the cribs of the rich and famous. *You'll Never Nanny in This Town Again* is a treat for everyone who is fascinated by the skewed priorities of Tinseltown, for anyone who has wondered how high-wattage supermoms do it all, and for readers who love peeking behind the curtains of celebrity, all of whom will devour this unparalleled—and unabashedly true—account of one girl's tour of duty

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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

"Misadventures in nannyhood" is how Hansen, an Oregon teen who'd trained at the Northwest Nannies Institute, characterizes her amusing account of several years as live-in drudge to the stars. Readers of James B. Stewart's *DisneyWar* are already acquainted with her first employer, Michael Ovitz, then still the superagent commander of the CAA talent agency, and parent, with his wife, of three children. Hansen isn't a flippant writer; she doesn't try to score easy shots; and she cites her own inexperience and shyness, but it becomes increasingly clear through her account (backed up by the diary she kept) that the portraits drawn by other writers—of a cold, shrewd, controlling man—are accurate. Still, there was glamour, which at first made up for the grueling 24/7 workload and a curious chintziness. However, Hansen lasted just over six months. She later found work with the charming Debra Winger and left only because it became clear that the doting Winger didn't really need a full-time nanny. Her next and last nanny job was with the wonderful and thoughtful Rhea Perlman and Danny DeVito and their three kids. Hardly backstabbing, this entertaining book possesses a sincerity other nannying tomes lack.

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Review

"Filled with juicy little tidbits that will be enjoyed by anyone who loves to read about the bad behavior...of the rich and famous." —*LA Times*

"[A] story that Hansen tells with real comic energy, sparing no unlibelous detail." —*Boston Globe*

"After the publication of Hollywood nanny Suzanne Hansen's memoir, former employer and hardballing Uber-agent, Michael Ovitz might swear bitterly: *You'll Never Nanny in This Town Again.*" —*Vanity Fair*, January 2006

"Think *The Nanny Diaries*, but juicier—and it's all true! Suzanne Hansen's tell-all book about her real-life adventures in Tinseltown babysitting (she was the nanny to the kids of super-scary super-agent Michael Ovitz) will have you howling with laughter—and rage." —*Marie Claire* magazine

"Veterans of the serving class ourselves, we thought we'd seen it all, but *You'll Never Nanny in This Town Again* offers an intriguing peek into the never-before-revealed family lives of Hollywood's elite. Hansen's memoir poignantly proves that truth can be more powerful than fiction." —Leanne Shear and Tracey Toomey, authors of *The Perfect Manhattan*

"A funny, absorbing true tale that will once again leave readers wondering why anyone would want to work in the insane asylum that is Hollywood." —Robin Lynn Williams, author of *The Assistants*

"Funny and engaging enough to be a novel, that *You'll Never Nanny in This Town Again* is true takes it to another level—a stunning exposé of our culture's impossible expectations of mothers." —Ariel Gore, author of *The Hip Mama Survival Guide* and *The Mother Trip*

"A jolly holiday with Mary it most certainly was not. At 18 years old, long before Nanny 911, Suzanne Hansen left the Willamette Valley of Cottage Grove to pair her au with late-'80s Hollywood excess... Hansen's just-released tell-all *You'll Never Nanny in This Town Again* chronicles her caregiving escapades

with Debra Winger, Danny DeVito and Rhea Perlman, and especially the Ovitz clan." —*Portland Monthly* magazine

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"Just when you think you've heard everything about the behind-the-scenes world of celebrities, along comes *You'll Never Nanny in This Town Again*, a humorous yet down-to-earth account of the vagaries of warped Hollywood parenting. Author Suzanne Hansen's experiences as an L.A. nanny expose the absurd—and yet achingly funny—differences between the rich and famous and the rest of us." —Andrew Breitbart and Mark Ebner, authors of *Hollywood, Interrupted*

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