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# Golden Girls Forever: An Unauthorized Look Behind The Lanai



## Synopsis

New York Times bestseller The complete, first-ever *Golden Girls* retrospective, packed with hundreds of exclusive interviews, behind-the-scenes and never-before-revealed stories, more than two hundred color and black-and-white photos, commentary, and more. They were four women of a certain age, living together under one roof in Miami—smart and strong Dorothy, airhead Rose, man-hungry belle Blanche, and smart-mouthed matriarch Sophia. They were the Golden Girls, and for seven seasons, this hilarious quartet enchanted millions of viewers with their witty banter, verve, sass, and love, and reaffirmed the power of friendship and family. Over thirty years after it first aired, *The Golden Girls* has become a cult classic, thanks to fan fiction, arts and crafts, podcasts, hundreds of fan blogs and websites, and syndication. Now, *Golden Girls Forever* pays homage to this wildly popular, acclaimed, and award-winning sitcom. Drawing on interviews with the show's creators, actors, guest stars, producers, writers, and crew members, Jim Colucci paints a comprehensive portrait of the Girls both in front of the cameras and behind the scenes. Illustrated with hundreds of photos, including stills from the show and a treasure trove of never-before-seen and newly rediscovered photos, *Golden Girls Forever* includes:

- *Girls and Their Guests*: short profiles of the show's most famous guest stars
- *Why I Love the Girls*: Lance Bass, Laverne Cox, Ross Mathews, Perez Hilton, Zachary Quinto, Chris Colfer, Jason Collins, and many, many other celebrities share their love of the Girls
- *Exclusive interviews* with ninety-four-year-old Betty White; the famously private Bea Arthur and Rue McClanahan, before their deaths; and fan-favorite actors who appeared on the show
- *Harvey Fierstein's tribute* to his close friend, Estelle Getty

Bursting with fun facts, anecdotes, reminiscences, and insights, *Golden Girls Forever* is the ultimate companion to the show for fans old and new.

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## Customer Reviews

"I can't think of a better person to tell the story of the Golden Girls. Jim Colucci is not just a fan --he truly loves these ladies and everything they contributed to his other love, television. Jim, Thank You For Being a Friend, and for writing this book." (Melissa Peterman)

"The Golden Girls was a show that shouldn't have worked (four women over fifty living together? In the age of Baywatch?!) but ended up the closest thing to a perfect sitcom in TV history. And Golden Girls Forever takes an affectionate look at why it's so beloved..." (Wendi McLendon-Covey)

"For as long as I can remember, I have ended my day by watching The Golden Girls. Thanks to Colucci's Golden Girls Forever, I now have the perfect companion for my nightly binge. Jim's knowledge of and love for the show is the gift that keeps on giving." (Yvette Nicole Brown)

"Jim Colucci has given the die-hard Golden Girls fan an absolute, in-depth look into one of the most iconic shows on television. I, for one, can't wait to start my new book club and have this be our first read. And of course, we'll be serving cheesecake!" (Lesley Boone)

"It's wonderful to see Blanche, Rose, Sophia and Dorothy honored by a true pal and confidant like Jim Colucci. Those four amazing women deserve this book, and so do you!" (Rachael Harris)

Step inside a wicker wonderland with the complete, first-ever Golden Girls retrospective, packed with hundreds of exclusive interviews, behind-the-scenes and never-before-revealed stories and photos, and more. For seven seasons, this hilarious quartet enchanted millions of viewers with their witty banter, verve, sass, and love, and reaffirmed the power of friendship and family. Golden Girls Forever pays homage to this wildly popular, acclaimed, and award-winning sitcom in this comprehensive look back on the show. Drawing on interviews with the show's creators, actors, guest stars, producers, writers, and crew members, Jim Colucci paints a full-scale portrait of the Girls both in front of the cameras and behind the scenes. An extensive look at the show's most beloved episodes takes fans back to the most memorable moments, quotes, costumes, and guest stars in this extraordinary and extensive love letter to everyone's favorite ladies.

This book is AWESOME! I have loved the Golden Girls since I was a little girl! I knew exactly what time the re-runs aired on TV. Now I own all seven seasons and this wonderful book! A must-have for Golden Girls fans of all ages!!

Absolutely LOVELY! This is a must have for any fan. The pictures are beautiful, never before seen photos and interviews, behind the scenes look at EVERYTHING from costume to set design.... and you can tell a lot of love went into making this. It has a permanent place on our coffee table.

This book is a wonderful combination of a deep, almost scholarly dive into a cultural phenomenon, and a heartfelt mash note to the beloved show and its fans. With unique photos and interviews from the stars, you will get more than you ever knew you wanted about the four grande dames from Florida. Perfect for your mom, perfect for the TV-obsessed, perfect for the cheesecake lover in you...

This is the DEFINITIVE guide to "The Golden Girls." Every morsel of information that could be gleamed from the archives is presented here - photographs, first-person narratives from those who worked on the show, both in front of and behind the camera, and wonderful stories about what brought this truly remarkable sitcom from merely an idea into one of the most celebrated shows on American television in recent history. It's truly a must-have for every "Golden Girls" fan. It's a large, heavy hardcover book, which is great for how much is packed into the book, but the print is TINY, so nearsighted readers might have to find a compromise between holding a very heavy book up to their eyes, or find a way to bring their eyes closer to the book. That minor complaint, however, pales in comparison to the wonders that lie within the covers of this truly remarkable book.

This book is one great slice of Cheesecake... It has lots of great pictures that have not been seen before. A lot of guest stars memories and stories behind the story lines of each episode, some more than others. Overall just a great read and a good coffee table book to pick up and read for those that love the Golden Girls

FANTASTIC!!!!!!! I love the Golden Girls Hit Television series, and this book is perfect for a huge fan like myself!! First of all, it's beautiful.....the colorful cover is eye-catching, and makes an interesting coffee table item. The pages are full of high-quality,colorful pictures which correspond with the information in the associated text. The author, Mr. Colucci has spent lots of time gathering

information, and lot's of fun trivia facts for his book! If you enjoy an in-depth, behind the scenes look into one the best, funniest, well-written television sit-coms, you MUST have this book!! Although three of the "girls" are gone now, I'm sure they would be so pleased with this book! Thank you Mr. Colucci for producing such a wonderful book.

This is literally the best guide to any TV show out there. Jim Colucci comes at it from a fan perspective but does research in such a way that you feel like there is nothing left to know. This is an A+ book for an A+ show. He has done everyone involved with the show, living or dead, very proud.

A must have for any fan of the show. Beautiful pictures and incredible research into each episode. I am going to order a few more to give as gifts. Than you for all the time and effort you put into this amazing book.

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