

I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise: Children Surviving Cancer

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ERMA BOMBECK BOOK ABOUT HER THREE KIDS, I LOVED IT THEN AND I LOVE IT MORE TODAY AND TO ALL THOSE WHO DIDN'T LIKE IT AND YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD READ ERMA'S BOOKS IF YOU DON'T LOVE THEM LEAVE THEM FOR US WHO LOVE HER.

This is a heartwarming book about kids surviving cancer. America's favorite family writer brings us the stories of children who have every hope of beating the odds and living to drive their parents crazy. The reader will smile at their wisdom, be dazzled by their insights, and share the joys of their triumphs. At first Erma Bombeck was apprehensive about the humor that could be found in such a serious topic. But as one of the kids she met asked, "Would you be happier if we cried all the time?" Erma soon realized that within these gutsy kids was a motherlode of optimism, laughter, and love of life waiting to be mined. And now readers will be rewarded with the treasures of this book. We meet kids and their families conquering the most difficult times of all. Along the way we get to know mothers, fathers, siblings, friends, schoolmates, relatives, doctors, and teachers. *I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise* is as unique as the kids themselves. It is not a medical book; nor is it a sad book. It sparkles with innocence and glistens with hope.

From Publishers Weekly Author of eight bestsellers (*Motherhood: The Second Oldest Profession* et al.), TV personality and syndicated columnist, Bombeck soars over her earlier accomplishments with this book. Its impetus was a visit to a camp for children with cancer in Arizona, her home state, three years ago. Continuing like visits in other parts of the country, Bombeck met scores of young cancer survivors--aged three through the teens--and their families. Finding that these children had an antic wit equal to her own, she shows how they rely on humor and hope: their personal arsenals in the war against death. The "different-family" stories she relates about extraordinarily brave boys and girls are wildly funny, also ineffably moving. As Bombeck points out, survival rates from all forms of cancer have increased since 1962 (leukemia, from zero to 60%), primarily because of young patients who endured painful experiments that led to effective treatments. One admires Bombeck not only for the sensitivity and valor with which she accomplishes this project but also for her selflessness in donating to cancer research the total of what will surely be considerable royalties earned worldwide from this book. Photos not seen by PW. 350,000 first printing; \$350,000 ad/promo; author tour. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc.