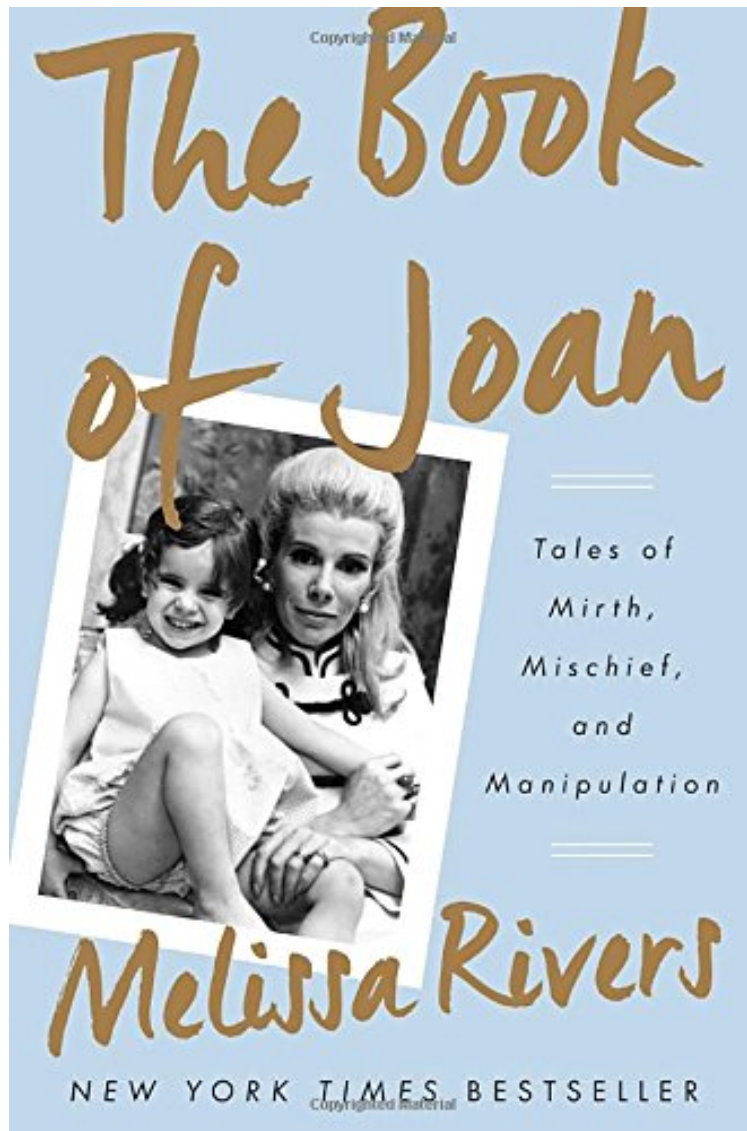


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Melissa Rivers : The Book of Joan: Tales of Mirth, Mischief, and Manipulation before purchasing it in order to gauge whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Book of Joan: Tales of Mirth, Mischief, and Manipulation:

23 of 23 people found the following review helpful. WonderfulBy BisqotiThank you, Melissa. We all loved your mom and can't imagine how you're possibly dealing with this incredible loss. This book gave us one more peek into the life of Joan Rivers.7 of 7 people found the following review helpful. Not what I expectedBy SoCal ShopperThis book, although entertaining, is not what I expected. I didn't know that Melissa Rivers considered herself to be a comedian, so

I was surprised to find that the book is written as a comedy act. It is organized in a series of choppy "essays," some of which are clearly focused but many of which are unfocused and underdeveloped. And it is hard to know when Melissa is being truthful/serious in her accounts or when she is being satirical. This simply wasn't what I expected. I would have preferred a straight up memoir of life with her mother -- as a child and as a business partner. Of course humor could have been (and should be) part of the gig, it would have been a more meaningful read for me. 5 of 5 people found the following review helpful. Entertaining and heart-felt BookBy Aggster This was a fun, quick read. Joan Rivers was not a perfect woman but she worked darn hard, loved every minute of it and never took anything for granted. She was clearly extraordinary, smart, brave and truly funny. I found myself laughing out loud so many times. At the end of the day, this is a love story..she loved her mom and her mom loved her. loved her mom dearly .. fLike many of us (esp. Children born in the 60s) we realize how amazing our mothers were when we have our own children. While Joan clearly loved Melissa, Melissa is able to show us the relationship with honesty. Melissa can now embrace all of her mother ..faults and all. Cannot help but think Joan would love this. Thanks for an enjoyable, fun read about your special mother.

Joan Rivers was known all over the world—from the Palace Theater to Buckingham Palace, from the bright lights of Las Vegas to the footlights of Broadway, from the days of talkies to hosting talk shows. But there was only one person who knew Joan intimately, one person who the authorities would call when she got a little out of hand. Her daughter and best friend, Melissa. Joan and Melissa Rivers had one of the most celebrated mother-daughter relationships of all time. If you think Joan said some outrageous things to her audiences as a comedian, you won't believe what she said and did in private. Her love for her daughter knew no bounds—or boundaries, apparently. ("Melissa, I acknowledge that you have boundaries. I just choose to not respect them.") In *The Book of Joan: Tales of Mirth, Mischief and Manipulation*, Melissa shares stories (like when she was nine months old and her parents delivered her to Johnny Carson as a birthday gift), bon mots ("Missy, is there anything better than seeing a really good looking couple pushing a baby that looks like a Sasquatch who got caught in a house fire?"), and life lessons from growing up in the Rosenberg-Rivers household ("I can do tips and discounts and figure out the number of gay men in an audience to make it a good show. That's all the math you'll ever need."). These were just the tip of the iceberg when it came to life in the family that Melissa describes as more Addams than Cleaver. And at the center of it all was a tiny blond force of nature. In *The Book of Joan: Tales of Mirth, Mischief and Manipulation*, Melissa Rivers relates funny, poignant and irreverent observations, thoughts, and tales about the woman who raised her and is the reason she considers valium one of the four basic food groups.

"Melissa [Rivers] weaves together anecdotes, memories, speeches, lists and advice to create a sweet, personal narrative infused with Joan's trademark wit... Like any great standup comedian's act, the short chapters keep the audience wanting more, and her writing echoes her mother's self-deprecating, saucy tone."—Associated Press "Melissa [Rivers] has written a book, cleverly weaving Mom's material into a bittersweet biography of their life together."—People "Joan Rivers famously asked, 'Can we talk?' So the question for her daughter, Melissa Rivers...is 'Can she write?' The answer is, clearly, yes." —Newsday "We have a winner. Oh yes we do. Of all the celebrity memoirs to have appeared in the last few months, we have from way back in the pack, the one that made an incredible stretch run to become the unquestioned leader...If there are any smart mothers out there notable for their outspoken candor and their pop cultural literacy, Melissa Rivers' book will take care of their early summer reading needs quite nicely." —The Buffalo News "Very funny" —Page Six From the Trade Paperback edition. About the Author MELISSA RIVERS is an Ivy League graduate, co-creator of the Red Carpet franchise, and the executive producer for the E! Entertainment series Fashion Police. She is also the author of *Red Carpet Ready: Secrets for Making the Most of Any Moment You're in the Spotlight* and is the first celebrity to partner with renowned online footwear brand Zappos.com. She lives with her two dogs and son, Cooper, in Los Angeles. From the Trade Paperback edition.