

Praise for *My Mother Would Hate This Book*

"Marcia Seligson is one of the funniest, most original, and irreverent people I know, and her book carries all those qualities. She can make anything funny, from a Peloton bike to a 40-hour brisket cookery. And she can be touching, deep, and bracingly honest. My advice to readers is make sure you have unbroken time ahead when you pick up this book. Each time I did, intending to read for ten minutes, an hour went by before I looked up. And I'd laughed out loud at least twice."

—**Sara Davidson**

*Writer of the NY Times bestseller **Loose Change**
Head writer for **Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman***

"Marcia Seligson's unique wit enlivens every anecdote, her characters are vivid and true, her tone both self-mocking and endearing, and her hard-won smarts zing off the page and into your heart. This book is an effervescent cocktail of champagne with a shpritz of seltzer for good measure."

—**Letty Cottin Pogrebin**

*A founding editor of Ms. Magazine and author of
SHANDA: A Memoir of Shame and Secrecy*

"How thrilling to discover a unique literary voice with an equally unique story to tell. In these finely crafted essays, author Marcia Seligson regales us with hilarious and touching postcards of her amazing life—sharing a true Rocky Mountain high with John Denver, seeking shamans in Peru, chasing Mother Teresa around India—with a wit and insight increasingly rare these days. What an incredibly eventful road she's traveled and how joyously she takes us along for the ride!"

—**Duane Poole**

Screenwriter/playwright/producer

“A charming and chatty memoir in which she incidentally takes drugs, defies the establishment, walks with lions in Africa, tames naughty superstars and has sex with at least one of them. This is a life worth reading about!”

—**Bruce Vilanch**

Emmy-winning writer and Hollywood Square

“Marcia Seligson has lived a jumbo-sized and out loud life! Her latest, *My Mother Would Hate This Book*, is filled with fabulous adventures. I’m delighted to have played a small part in one of them. Marcia heeded the sage advice of Auntie Mame, ‘Life is a banquet.’ Marcia has clearly savored every bite!”

—**Melissa Manchester**

Grammy Award winning singer/songwriter

“Marcia Seligson’s book is like her life: a constantly surprising delight! Smart, funny, moving, rambunctious, sexy, unruled by bourgeois manners, daring and undaunted—that’s Marcia, and that’s her brazen and bountiful book! Don’t be mean to yourself—read it!”

—**Arthur Allan Seidelman**

Emmy-winning director of theater, television, and film

“Marcia Seligson tells it exactly like it is, with heartfelt humor and love. She writes what all of us are thinking, but often afraid to say out loud—and she writes it with joy and gusto that implore us to dive into her life’s journey with her. Once I got in, I couldn’t put this collection of essays on a life lived large, down. She’s a brilliant raconteur and full of fun.”

—**Sheilah Rae**

Writer/songwriter/theater Junkie

“Marcia Seligson, you are writing about MY LIFE! Between guffaws at the cleverness on every page, I shake my head in rueful recognition that you are such a fine observer of the hilarious vagaries of daily life. I am going to carry this book in my pocket wherever I go, so I can be reminded to laugh at all life has to offer. A wonderful, insightful read!”

—**Amanda McBroom**

*Actress/Golden Globe-winning songwriter of
the Bette Midler classic **The Rose***

“The consummate hostess, Marcia Seligson opens her doors, metaphorically, to a life well lived. This breezy book of memories is a delightful ride that you will find yourself devouring in one sitting!!!!!!!!!!!!”

—**Andrea Marcovicci**

Actress/singer

“When I think Producer...I think Marcia Seligson. Marcia has always been the real deal. A leader in the Los Angeles theater community and beyond. Having the opportunity to look behind the scenes of her incredible adventures is a delicious, not-to-be-missed treat. Read this book. Then read it again! You won't be sorry.”

—**Brian Kite**

*Director, Professor and Interim Dean of the
UCLA School of Theater, Film and Television*

“Marcia Seligson spills her guts, spills the tea, tells it all, says the quiet part out loud with charm, wit and humor in this delightful tour of her eclectic, accomplished and charmed life. My mother would have loved this book. I certainly do.”

—**David Zippel**

Tony Award-winning lyricist/director/producer

“An easy breezy hoot of a hang-out with a fun-loving second-wave feminist. Her close encounters with Steven Spielberg and Mother Teresa as a writer-for-hire, her recurring themes of the Peloton, brisket and her Aunt Fritzzi, her escapades producing big musicals with midget-minded celebrities kept her book hanging in my hands for a seamless read. Maybe her mother wouldn’t like it, but I sure did, and I think you will, too.”

—**Melanie Chartoff**

*Actor, author, **Odd Woman Out: Exposure in Essays and Stories***

“Pure joy. **My Mother Would Hate This Book** is a blissful romp through Marcia Seligson’s extraordinary life. Picking it up is like getting together with a dear old friend—which makes it hard to put down.”

—**Sam Daley-Harris**

*Founder, RESULTS and Civic Courage
Author, **Reclaiming Our Democracy***

“Marcia is an accomplished pianist, journalist, theatrical producer who’s interviewed Mother Teresa, sung with John Denver and worked with Steven Spielberg. Her storytelling is tight, fast, and fun, covering family relationships, theatre, consciousness-raising and myriad travel adventures. Her mother might hate this book, but you will love her honesty, transparency, energy and spirit.”

—**Adryan Russ**

Theater, film, TV and recording lyricist/composer