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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Supermodel Dickinson's sex- and booze-soaked autobiography brings readers on a roller-coaster ride through the world of modeling, the emptiness of superficial relationships and the perils of drug addiction. Admitting that "terror is a great motivator," Dickinson fought like a tigress to establish her career. Courageous and confident of her worth, she demanded \$20,000 for a job when the going rate was \$5,000. Bolstered by Andy Warhol's advice, "you make your own luck," Dickinson represented Hush Puppies, Max Factor and Virginia Slims and ignored Calvin Klein's comment, "models aren't supposed to think." As a result, Dickinson is more interesting than some might expect, immersing herself in details about modeling and refining her skills as a photographer. Friendships with then-struggling actor Bruce Willis and her sisters have surprising warmth. The obligatory sensationalism is here concerning affairs with Jack Nicholson, Mick Jagger, Warren Beatty, Liam Neeson and Sylvester Stallone along with accounts of her multiple marriages and a near-fatal car wreck. While denouncing her hedonistic existence, Dickinson is also honest enough to acknowledge the stimulating aspects of success and glamour, explaining why they lure insecure personalities and imprison them past the point of no return. The book is sometimes predictable and psychologically simplistic, but Dickinson comes across as a triumphant survivor. Her willingness to recognize her own flaws makes it easy to relate to her positive message and should inspire readers searching for solutions to career and personal conflicts. Color & b&w photos.

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Review

"Gisele, Naomi, Kate—none of you would be where you are now without Janice Dickinson. . . the pioneering princess of high fashion." (New York Post)

"Wild . . . surely raising eyebrows—and blood pressure—from Milano to Mullholland Drive. . . . her deft recollections ring tellingly true." (Elle)

"Dickinson gossips like a pro . . . but her tough-girl-survives-against-the-odds attitude manages to make the dirt she dishes shamefully savory." (Entertainment Weekly)

"Janice . . . speaks with the candor of Cher, the bite of Joan Rivers and the sexual bonhomie of Mae West." (Liz Smith, New York Post)

"Dickinson...set off a revolution. She was the first of modeling's bad girls, and she did nothing to hide it." (Michael Gross, author of Model)

"She's a brilliant model, the best ever, I think. She will be talked about for as long as modeling exists." (Tara Shannon, Model)

"Engaging . . . vivid . . . illuminating. . . . [Janice] survives it all--cushioned by her beauty, her rage, and most of all her sense of humor." (—W Magazine)

"I started this book at midnight and finished at 6 A.M. (she ruined my day!). But she's High Speed Janice, spirit triumphant." (Lauren Hutton)

"The ultimate insider's look at the big business of beauty. . . . Janice's story is unvarnished and raw, with all the energy and humor that has been her lifelong trademark." (Cheryl Tiegs)

"I love Janice. She is crazy, unbearable, flamboyant, excessive--but she is true. There must be a reason she's been able to survive all her excesses: some kind of guardian angel who was moved by her difficult trials, her profound generosity, her truthful speech, and her lack of arrogance." (Jean-Jacques Naudet)

"A roller-coaster ride through the world of modeling. . . . Dickinson comes across as a triumphant survivor. . . . Her willingness to recognize her own flaws makes it easy to relate to her positive message and should inspire readers." (Publishers Weekly)

"No other catwalker has had such a yeasty life, nor been willing to speak of it so jovially and graphically. Janice . . . speaks with the candor of Cher, the bite of Joan Rivers and the sexual bonhomie of Mae West." (Liz Smith, New York Post)

"Dickinson has managed to take what life has offered and work it . . . what keeps the book from becoming too tawdry is Dickinson's sense of humor." (Women's Wear Daily)

"One rollercoaster of a read...Dickinson gossips like a pro...but her tough-girl-survives-against-the-odds attitude manages to make the dirt she dishes shamefully savory. B+" (Entertainment Weekly)

"Janice Dickinson is a funny and fluid narrator . . . what makes [her book] interesting is her scathing inventory of everyone's desperate behavior, including her own. . . . She's like all forces of nature--you take them on their own terms." (New York Observer)

"Entirely real . . it is the honesty with which it is written that may drive you from beginning to end in a single sitting." (The Independent)

About the Author

Janice Dickinson is the world's first supermodel. She has appeared on the cover of every fashion magazine in the world and is the author of *No Lifeguard on Duty* and *Everything About Me Is Fake... and I'm Perfect*. A former judge on CW's smash hit *America's Next Top Model*, she lives in Beverly Hills, California, with her two children.

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