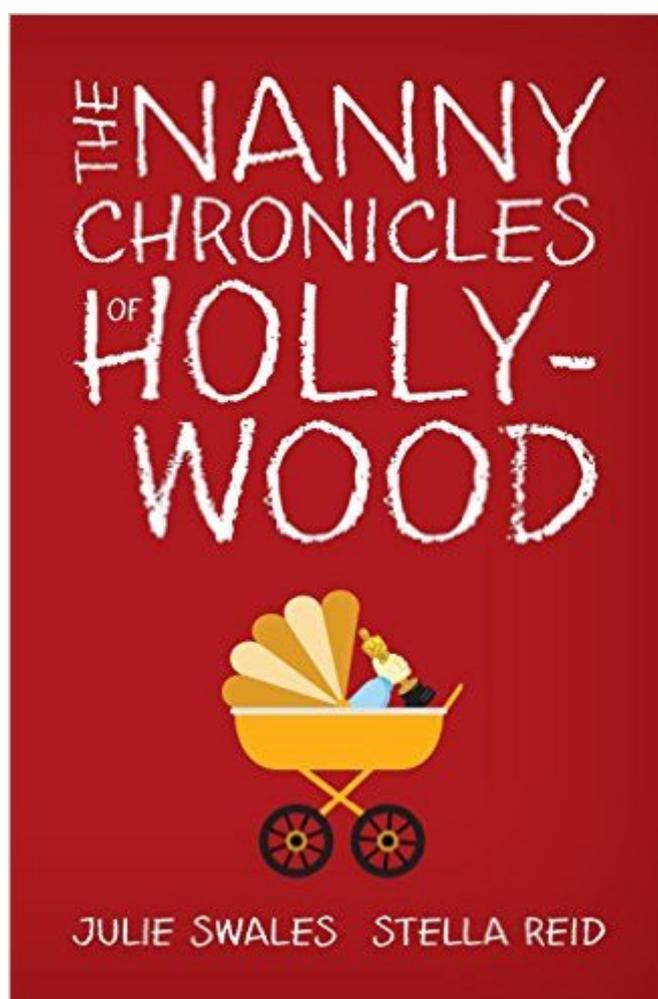


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# The Nanny Chronicles Of Hollywood



## Synopsis

FOR AN INSIDER GLIMPSE of the world's rich, famous, and overly indulged, who better to ask than the people who take care of their children? After all, these are the women (and men!) who see them before makeup and wardrobe and after a few too many cocktails. Amidst the fantastic luxury, sexy celebrities, and hyped-up household politics, the nanny certainly has more to handle than diapers and bedtimes. But if you're just looking for dirt, you won't find it in these pages. Instead, authors Julie Swales and Stella Reid share anecdotes and insights about what happens when money, power, and fame intersect with the highly personal arena of raising children.

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## Customer Reviews

This book is pretty bad--it's one of the worst-organized books I've ever read, filled with super-short episodic stories about nannying for Hollywood stars but written in a way to make it really boring. The main problem is the stories are just all tossed together with very little order. Oh, there are supposedly chapter themes (like "sex," of which of course ends up there is no sex between nanny and employer) but the authors break with the themes all the time and go into very little depth. It's pretty much the same stories over and over again. They make a major mistake by also telling the stories of four featured nannies (three female, one male) but they break up their stories throughout the book. It gets totally confusing to read a few pages about Laura or Tracy, and then not hear more of their stories until 40 pages later. If the actual celebrities would have been named then maybe this would have been somewhat suspenseful, but as written it makes the reader want to give up because they all sound the same. The authors are an agency manager and a TV star from England--not exactly your average American 19-year-old nanny. They brag quite a bit about the

perks of the job and honestly don't make any of the difficulties seem that bad if the babysitters are given \$10,000 Christmas bonus gifts. Then on the last page of the book the writers claim that there's a whole other side to the story to tell (from the celebrity viewpoint) and tease that it will be their next book! No thanks. Without the names of any of the celebrities included in the book it comes across as almost fictional or very difficult to believe at times. Don't waste your time on this--instead read "You'll Never Nanny in This Town Again," a book that does name names by a woman who was a nanny and is very well written.

This was a boring book . Nothing but the same things said over and over in slightly different ways. There wasn't much in the way of making this book even enjoyable by dropping some celebrity names. I do believe that the description of this book said it mention celebrities, (Names) and it really didn't. Not with any substance. It just continued to jump around. This book might bode well for a very young person who is considering entering the life of a Nanny or Manny. I must say it sounds like this kind of work has a person compromise their whole life. In fact it sounds like a form of slavery. I am a huge reader and thought this might be a quick read and different from what I normally read. What I had to do to finish this book and not waste my money,( Which I value) was to see how fast I could get through it. A ridiculous waste of time. As I did stated if you are just out of high school and are in search of a vocation maybe this book is for you. I just cannot recommend this at all.

The only job crazier than an acting one is working for the actors. I've been a nanny/cook in Hollywood for 10 plus years now and would not trade it for the world! It does come with its ups and downs unlike any other career out there. Julie and Stella have nailed it on the head. I can't put this book down and I'm not a reader! What a fun, informative ride. I recommend it to any nanny, mom, agent, estate manager or tom dick and harry out there !Kristen

Love Nanny Stella-(still fondly recall her on Nanny 911- where she opened the door to see a few unruly children and said.."I'm in Nanny Hell" ;-D so based upon what I knew of her from the show I thought the book would be stellar. As a nanny of over 15 years- I know quite a bit of what goes on in the nanny world, but the books came off as whiny...therefore giving a bad view of the nanny profession and those who work in it. The book starts off well but falls apart soon after. Only good part is that some of the proceeds goes to charity. Overall Disappointing Read...

You'll be shocked and amazed at the lives of these Hollywood nannies. These writers have a

birds-eye view into the world of the rich and famous like no one else. Nothing has been this good since The Nanny Diaries! A must read!

Having worked as a Hollywood for many years for the more down to earth A-listers, I have always been inquisitive to hear from an agency who listens to the complaints from nannies and families. Julie and Stella are certainly the right girls to write this book. It is a fast, page turner which not only gives true insight into the nannies frustrations but also tries to help problem solve. However, by the end of the book Julie rightly suggests the nannies need to have this high paid experience, SAVE their money and try to not get too emotionally attached to the children or the glamorous lifestyle. A balance which is difficult to achieve in a healthy manner. Both Stella and Julie have written and explained the true scenarios and how to come out reasonably sane. Looking forward to Julie's next book on the parents perspective. However, as I have always said a nanny's primary purpose should always be the well being of the child. My concerns are that the children are the only victims in this too often unhealthy triangulation. More needs to be addressed about the professional need for the care of these children.

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