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**Editorial Review**

Review

“A frothy collection of stories and gossip from the comedic actress....Names drop like snowflakes, glistening in the sunny terrain of this exuberant memoir.” (Kirkus Reviews)

“If I learned nothing else from my mom—and I learned quite a bit, though her sex tips left something to be desired, so to speak—it was this: ‘Life is hilarious—especially when it’s not—because that’s the only time it truly has to be.’” (Carrie Fisher)

“Debbie Reynolds is one of our country’s most gifted and original actresses . . . literally a force of nature.” (Carl Reiner)

“This book is just like Debbie—affectionate, unforgettable, and laugh-out-loud funny. I loved it and I love her.” (Mitzi Gaynor)

“These rich, often illuminating, anecdotes read much like a catalogue of the memorabilia that Reynolds sold off over the last few years. The stories not only augment the gaps left in *Unsinkable* but also act as an elegy to the ever-fading memories of Hollywood’s golden era.” (Washington Post)

“Debbie is my favorite woman on earth - and again, I apologize for breaking her rib!” (Roseanne Barr)

“Who knew Debbie Reynolds could take down a running back like me? Incidentally, I enjoyed it. She is great.” (Regis Philbin)

“Anyone who loves Hollywood and movies is bound to enjoy this lively, funny book, filled with candid recollections. Debbie was a movie-struck kid who experienced the last days of Hollywood’s Golden Age, and I love her clear-eyed memories.” (Leonard Maltin)

“[Reynolds is] indisputably a grand dame of show business.” (NPR on UNSINKABLE)

“Lively.” (People on UNSINKABLE)

“Debbie Reynolds knows exactly how to steal the scene, wring tears, and most important, how to leave the audience feeling thoroughly entertained.” (New York Journal of Books on UNSINKABLE)

“Nothing could sink this lady.” (New York Post on UNSINKABLE)

From the Back Cover

**An entertaining collection of vignettes, stories, jokes, and random musings from a woman who has seen it all—and done most of it!**

From her acclaimed performances to her headline-making divorce from Eddie Fisher, and from raising a famous daughter and being a proud grandmother to hitting the road with a successful one-woman show, Debbie Reynolds’s life has been splashed across newspaper headlines and magazine covers for decades.

She's met presidents, performed for the Queen of England, and partied with kings. A show-business icon, she can still sing and dance—and can drop more names than the most connected talk-show hosts.

In this fabulous personal tour through sixty-five years onstage and on-screen, Debbie recalls wonderful moments with the greats of the entertainment world—Lucille Ball, Frank Sinatra, Bette Davis, Phyllis Diller, Gary Cooper (“one of the handsomest men I’d ever met, and I’ve met quite a few lookers”), her dear friend Judy Garland, Bob Hope, and many, many more—sharing stories that shed new light on her life and career and on the glittering world of Hollywood then and now. Debbie has plenty to tell, and in *Make 'Em Laugh*, she dishes it all in the warm, breezy, down-to-earth voice her fans adore.

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As irresistible as the woman at its heart—an irrepressible “baggy-pants comedienne” game for anything—this funny and charming collection displays the consummate skill of a beloved entertainer who truly knows how to make 'em laugh.

#### About the Author

Debbie Reynolds was an actress, comedienne, singer, dancer, and author best known for her leading roles in *Singin' in the Rain* and *The Unsinkable Molly Brown*, and on TV as Bobbi Adler in *Will & Grace*. After more than sixty years in the entertainment industry, she was a true Hollywood icon, beloved by millions of fans of all ages around the world. Debbie Reynolds died on December 28, 2016, at the age of 84, just one day after the death of her daughter, actress and author Carrie Fisher.

Dorian Hannaway was the director of late-night programming at CBS-TV for more than fifteen years, supervising the production of *The Late Show with David Letterman*; *The Kids in the Hall*; and *The Late, Late Show*. She has known Debbie for more than thirty years, and has written and produced many projects with her.

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