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Over thirty years after it first aired, *The Golden Girls* has become a cult classic, thanks to fan fiction, arts and crafts, podcasts, hundreds of fan blogs and websites, and syndication. Now, *Golden Girls Forever* pays homage to this wildly popular, acclaimed, and award-winning sitcom. Drawing on interviews with the show's creators, actors, guest stars, producers, writers, and crew members, Jim Colucci paints a comprehensive portrait of the Girls both in front of the cameras and behind the scenes.

Illustrated with hundreds of photos, including stills from the show and a treasure trove of never-before-seen and newly rediscovered photos, *Golden Girls Forever* includes:

- Girls and Their Guests: short profiles of the show's most famous guest stars
- Why I Love the Girls: Lance Bass, Laverne Cox, Ross Mathews, Perez Hilton, Zachary Quinto, Chris Colfer, Jason Collins, and many, many other celebrities share their love of the Girls
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### Editorial Review

#### Review

“I can’t think of a better person to tell the story of the Golden Girls. Jim Colucci is not just a fan --he truly loves these ladies and everything they contributed to his other love, television. Jim, Thank You For Being a Friend, and for writing this book.” (Melissa Peterman)

“The Golden Girls was a show that shouldn’t have worked (four women over fifty living together? In the age of Baywatch?!?) but ended up the closest thing to a perfect sitcom in TV history. And *Golden Girls Forever* takes an affectionate look at why it’s so beloved...” (Wendi McLendon-Covey)

“For as long as I can remember, I have ended my day by watching *The Golden Girls*. Thanks to Colucci’s *Golden Girls Forever*, I now have the perfect companion for my nightly binge. Jim’s knowledge of and love for the show is the gift that keeps on giving.” (Yvette Nicole Brown)

“Jim Colucci has given the die-hard *Golden Girls* fan an absolute, in-depth look into one of the most iconic shows on television. I, for one, can’t wait to start my new book club and have this be our first read. And of course, we’ll be serving cheesecake!” (Lesley Boone)

“It’s wonderful to see Blanche, Rose, Sophia and Dorothy honored by a true pal and confidant like Jim Colucci. Those four amazing women deserve this book, and so do you!” (Rachael Harris)

#### From the Back Cover

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An extensive look at the show’s most beloved episodes takes fans back to the most memorable moments, quotes, costumes, and guest stars in this extraordinary and extensive love letter to everyone’s favorite ladies.

#### About the Author

Jim Colucci is a freelance entertainment writer whose work has appeared in such publications as *TV Guide*, *Inside TV*, *Quick and Simple*, *The Advocate*, *Next*, and CBS’s *Watch!* magazine, where he serves as a deputy editor. For over a decade, Jim delivered a weekly on-air report, *Must Hear TV*, as a correspondent for *The Frank DeCaro Show* on Sirius XM. His previous books include the authorized companion book *Will & Grace: Fabulously Uncensored*. Originally from Wayne, New Jersey, Jim now lives in Los Angeles with his husband, Frank DeCaro, and their mischievous Boston terrier, Gabby.

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