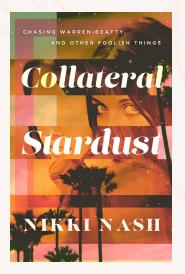
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Warren Beatty walks through the door...

Born a Valley Girl, Nikki grew up in the turbulent '60s, surrounded by musicians, actors, conspiracy theorists, political fundraisers, and alcohol-fueled parties hosted by her unconventional tromboneplaying father and politically radical mother.

At fourteen, longing for excitement and something of her own, she fixates on superstar Warren Beatty. She's determined to find him and have him in her life forever. She creates a solid plan that she unrolls four years later at the age of 18 when she gets a job as a hostess at a restaurant she knows Beatty frequents. And after a year, on a chilly Sunday night, after breaking her finger in a judo class and looking her worst—dirty hair pulled back, no make-up, her broken finger in a glass of ice—Warren Beatty walks through the door and her plan comes to life.

This unique offbeat memoir is not only a story of her obsession with Warren Beatty, but also a remarkable, fascinating metamorphosis of Nikki Nash—an incredible tale of how a young girl's fantasy comes true, as well as a coming-of-age into womanhood story that doesn't pull any punches. A hilarious, revealing, honest account of the inner workings of Hollywood where Nikki had a vibrant career as an associate director, comic, writer, and actress, often trapped by her own addictions. *Collateral Stardust* spans a lifetime that many only dream of having.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

In her teens, **Nikki Nash** studied acting, took piano lessons, and wore a nun's habit to buy alcohol so she wouldn't get carded. She began working in TV as a gofer on *Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman* and ended up an associate director on a variety shows including *Soul Train, Love Connection, Jimmy Kimmel,* and *Conan*. In her free time, she tried skydiving, playwriting, screenwriting, stand-up comedy, swing-dancing, poker, and painting. She likes eating toast, and still watches a lot of TV.





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