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When Oscar-winning producer Marty Maltzman's award-winning non-fiction series Lights and Sirens is suddenly cancelled after 16 seasons, the quirky documentary film-maker and his colorful staff find themselves unemployed and out on the streets in an artificial new Hollywood filled with Kardashians, Survivors and Real Housewives. As the collection of oddball characters adapt to a surreal world where the lines between truth and lies are blurred – both on and off the screen – this darkly funny novel reveals an insider's view of Hollywood and Reality TV.

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Carolyn Doyle says

You will not be able to put this book down. Melissa Peltier, professional author and producer, has the personal experience to tell her tale of what it's really like in the "reality television world." She pulls together all her creative talent in this entertaining novel. You will fall in love with the characters. You will laugh and cry and agonize with them in this unique plot centered around the reality television industry. Wild and crazy and fun!

Mark says

I loved Reality Boulevard! Hollywood usually does Hollywood so badly, but Melissa NAILED IT! She boldly captures the fetid under-scent of the crazy business I've been a part of for 35 years and perfectly illustrates the dangers of putting that first foot on the golden treadmill. What a fun book to read.

Natalie says

Fun and yet horrifying take on world of reality show productions. Melissa clearly knows her subject and did a great job of threading the plots, which made it difficult to put the book down. She brought the characters to life with compelling ethical dilemmas.

On a completely separate note, this was my first iBook and I learned a few things - don't lose the charger and don't let husband use it for streaming TV shows. The fact these hurdles frustrated me is just another indicator that this is a great read.

Pomona College alumni will appreciate the reference to table 47. Ironically, the day after I finished the book I was seated at table 47 for an awards luncheon. Cue the creepy music!

John Gray says

This book is wonderful - fast paced and packed with great characters and outrageous situations - all of which ring absolutely true if you know about or are a fan of reality TV. Lots of laugh out loud moments, a lot of heart, and a lot of smart, snarky insights into an insane world that most people never get a look inside of. Highly recommend.

Victoria Adams says

I'm starting to download more and more ebooks that aren't in hard copy yet and I've really found some gems. This is one of them. This is what I would consider a great beach-read (what's the equivalent in winter...A

good "snuggler"?), because its fast-paced and has a compelling cast of characters. But is also well -written which matters to me most of all. Also I love a book that makes me laugh-- and this one made me laugh out loud, and often. Lots of the observations are clearly based on the author's experience--she has a background in reality TV--and prove brilliantly the adage "It's funny because it's true". I am just waiting for a sequel! Great characters, fast paced plot with humor and poignancy...really, truly I could not put it down.

B.J. Neblett says

Tongue planted firmly and deceptively in cheek, Melissa delivers to the reader a Hollywood that only a Hollywood insider - one who survived to escape and tell about it - could deliver. Forget reality TV. What goes on behind the scenes is faster, flightier, fancier, funnier and more frivolous than anything you can imagine. Although tagged 'fiction', I have two strong feelings about Reality Boulevard: 1) the goings on revealed in the pages of Reality Boulevard are the realities of Hollywood Boulevard; 2) at least parts of this smart work are thinly veiled memoirs from Ms. Peltier's successful years as an award winning Hollywood writer, producer and director. A very enjoyable read.

Alice Fusco says

ALL this book gives you is:

- Brilliantly constructed characters.
- A highly engaging, skillfully written plot.
- A page-turning experience written from an inside-view perspective.
- An unforgettable read.

This is the kind of book that just rides around in your head even after you have finished it. The characters are SO real - and I love how Ms. Peltier skillfully weaves this story, taking us through the development, discoveries, and adventures of the protagonist. ANYONE can relate to this book. Brilliant!

If any of this appeals to you, read this book. If it doesn't, forget it. I suggest finding a stereo instructions booklet from the '70s. EBay must have some.

Great book. Can't wait to see what this author will do next!

Lynne Moses says

Melissa Jo Peltier's time in the reality TV trenches, as well as her writing talent, are on full display in this page-turning novel. Reading it reminded me of that "watching a traffic accident" feel I used to get from the brilliant/scary HBO series "Entourage." The worst of Hollywood reality concentrated into a thrilling, horrifying ride. Peltier's protagonists are so well crafted, we empathize as they struggle to pursue their dreams and ambitions in a dream factory that too often feels more like a house of horrors. The villains are equally well devised - beautiful, smart and soulless. I stayed up way too late reading this book because I just

couldn't put it down!

Anne Marie says

Great book about reality-TV making, L.A. entertainment culture, and Hollywood in general. Well-paced novel that follows several engaging story arcs focused on the creative people and executives behind reality television shows. Only issue was with the distracting lack of proofreading, where I had to frequently reread sentences with extra pronouns or misspelled versions of words (i.e. two vs. too) to decode what was being said.

Leslie Murphy says

Huge fan of this book and I'm only about half way through! A super easy read because the subject matter is so unbelievable and the writing is smooth and effortless. Definitely recommend to any and all of you!

Pamela Hudson says

Harder to look away from than a bad car wreck on the freeway. This wickedly funny book confirms any and all suspicions about the nature of the machine that churns out the endless sausage known as reality TV programming. The characters are too spot on for them not to be, well, um, from reality! For anyone who has ever felt their IQ plunge as they cursor their remote through the ever- diminishing menu of worthwhile television programming, this book administers an antidote for the disgust and ennui. It is beautifully crafted and mercilessly funny. The "Network" of reality TV, this one needs to be turned I onto a major motion picture and soon!

Allison says

Great fun....

Jean says

A fun, snarky treatise on the state of reality TV from someone who knows what she's talking about. Greed has trumped quality, and faked reality is what sells on TV today.

Rebecca Black says

I downloaded Reality Boulevard and gulped it right up. I was delighted by the rich characters, visceral descriptions of idiomatic places (for example, the reference to Samuel French bookstore), and the outrageous and hilarious plot twists. It is a highly entertaining book, and I recommend it to everyone!

Lisa Logan says

Reality Boulevard was a fun and insightful read. No one can ever accuse this writer of underdeveloped characters! One of the best treatments of characters I've ever read. You feel like you get to know each character personally. The satire of the reality television industry is done in a tasteful and fun way. She isn't cruel to her characters like a lot of satirists. As you read you're both empathetic to the characters and also laughing your head off at them, too. I really like how she portrays the serious yet naive film school grad type in the main character (Hunter) at the beginning of the novel. I know people like that! The story and characters pull you in and is entertaining from page one to the end.
