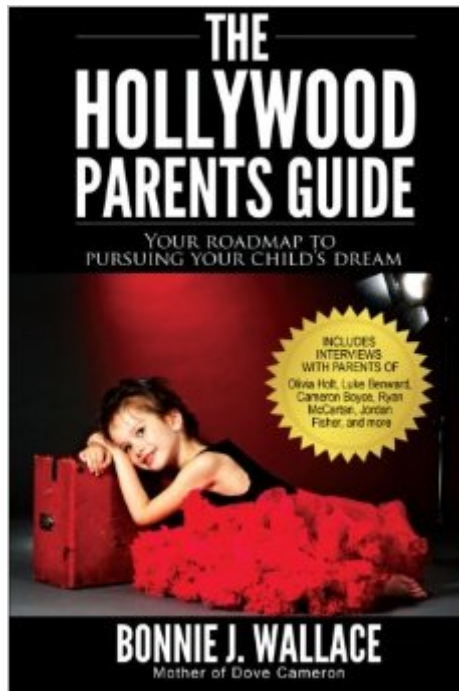


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# The Hollywood Parents Guide: Your Roadmap To Pursuing Your Child's Dream



## Synopsis

Accurate, experience-tested information on every step needed to give your child the best possible opportunity to make it in Hollywood. Inspiration. Resources to help you on your own journey, and even help you decide if this dream is right for you and your family to pursue at all. My daughter Dove and I moved to Los Angeles from an island in Washington State when she was fourteen, armed only with her head shot, resume of community theater roles, and her dream. What I didn't know about what we were doing would fill a large book. Today, Dove is a grounded, successful young woman with her own show on the Disney Channel, and four films to her credit, as well as numerous other TV and music credits. We have been incredibly fortunate, and this book is my way of sharing what we've learned--and what some other parents of young stars have learned--in the hope that more families might save themselves some pain and precious time. Hollywood is filled with tragic stories of people who crashed on the edge of this dream. It doesn't have to be that way. I can help you navigate this world with your child. Features interviews with industry experts and the parents of other young Hollywood stars, including Olivia Holt, Luke Benward, Cameron Boyce, Ryan McCartan, Jordan Fisher, and more. "If you have a child who is interested in getting into 'the business' THE HOLLYWOOD PARENTS GUIDE is an absolute MUST READ. Bonnie writes from the heart and the result is not only warm and funny, but full of useful information. Real stories from real parents of real kids working in the industry - tips and advice from casting directors, agents and other industry professionals. It's like arming yourself with a mini toolbox full of all the tools that you'll need to help guide you as you venture along this journey with your child. I should make it required reading for the parents of all of my clients!" Pamela Fisher Vice President Abrams Artists Agency - Head of Youth and Young Adult "From A to Z The Hollywood Parents Guide answers every question I have received as a Casting Director and more. If your child wants to be a professional actor, the first thing you need to realize is that acting is a business and as in any business, there are rules to help guide you. Bonnie Wallace has given parents a How to Guide that is a must read." Suzanne Goddard-Smythe Casting Director Nominated for two Artios Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Casting "First let me say that The Hollywood Parents Guide is a fantastic book! Finally there is a guide to help parents steer their kids performing career. Thousands of parents have asked me for just such a book. There are a couple on the market already but they are written by agents or acting coaches. What parents have needed is a book written by one of them! And Bonnie has done a superb job writing it. The information is not only current but from the heart. If you have a little tyke that is driving you crazy to be on TV pick this one up!" Chambers Stevens Author of the Hollywood 101 Series 5-time winner of the Backstage Readers Choice Award "An absolute

play by play of how to best help your young, budding artist become a healthy, fully-functioning Hollywood success. Not only is my mother an incredible writing talent, but she also possesses a true depth of experience in parenting a Hollywood hopeful. User-friendly and guided by an open, generous voice with first hand knowledge of the industry, this book is one I can truly call 'masterful'." Dove Cameron Actor and singer Star of Liv and Maddie, Disney Descendants, and Barely Lethal

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## Customer Reviews

13 years ago we drove our 2 children from Minneapolis, MN to Hollywood, CA to participate in "Pilot Season". We knew nothing! If this book would have been available then, it would have saved us a lot of time, money and heartache! This is the best book written. It is easy to read and has such practical, honest advice. A "Must Read" for any parent preparing to follow their kids' dreams in this highly competitive business!

This book is the "What to Expect When You're Expecting" of the film and television industry. It's a concise handbook of everything a parent needs to know from getting started, to booking the job, to surviving the long haul. Being in the business for years now, I'm reminded of the many friends of friends who have contacted me for advice on how to get their child started in the business. I did my best to unlock the mysteries in a conversation or two, but if this book had been available, I literally would have told them "EVERYTHING you need to know is in this book!" It's full of information, humor, and highlights several different parental styles. You're sure to recognize yourself and your child somewhere in this book! It's engaging-you won't want to

put it down, which I'd say is pretty rare for a handbook. • I'm not ashamed to say I learned a lot from reading it and my daughter has been in the business for 7 years now. It's not only a must, it's a true gift to parents of any child whose dream is to work in Hollywood.

This book is packed with useful, practical and honest information from a mom who learned the ropes, not always the easy way. It can be really tricky helping a child break into the entertainment industry and this book can help you avoid the pitfalls and scams and will answer even the most basic questions for families who are just getting started or maybe trying to decide whether or not to take the plunge. I think most parents whose kids work in the business would read this book and say, "I wish someone had told me all of this when we started."

First night, I could not put the book down, had to literally force myself to stop reading at 1am. The book captivates you from the start with unique information on how to support your child actor. There are various stories in this book that support various journeys on how your child may go from literally point A to point Z and everywhere in between. This is for sure the book that every parent of an actor should read no matter when your child started acting. If your child is just about to start acting or has just started out acting, you have hit the jackpot by finding out about this book now, as there is guidance on what to do, not to do, and how to get started in a successful manner. Things that I really liked about this book: 1) There are summaries at the end of each chapter that recap the main points of the chapter. I find those extremely helpful and looked back at a few already to get quick reminders. 2) I like that there are various points of view with real stories that all relate to helping/supporting your child actor. 3) Truths are revealed, things are just told as they are, no holding back. 4) Well-written, reads very easily and hooks you. 5) It's a resource that you will come back to time and time again depending on where your child is in his or her career. The book will be the first thing you think of if you have a question about anything related to your child's acting journey. This book is a game changer. Highly recommend. Great job to author, Bonnie J. Wallace and all of those that added their input into the book!

Wow! I really wish I would have had this book when we were starting out! This is a must have for anybody starting out in the entertainment industry! Thank you Bonnie for caring enough to share your experiences with others! What an incredible resource!

If you are thinking of helping your child pursue the television and film industry then STOP what you

are doing right now and add "The Hollywood Parents Guide" to your cart! This book tells you EVERYTHING you need to know about helping you and your child step into Hollywood with an insiders guide! This book not only tells you what to expect but gives you hundreds of practical tips and shares real life stories from other entertainment parents who have gone before you! This book is enjoyable to read and incredibly informative! If you are coming to LA with hopes of supporting your child as an actor then you must get this before you do anything else! This book is like having a best friend in the entertainment industry, right at your fingertips, with all of the answers to your questions. Bonnie J. Wallace is a genius writer and we are so lucky as a community to learn from her expertise! Enjoy! ...and Break A Leg!

I took the wisdom I gained from this incredibly informative book and ran with it. I'm grateful that the start of my young sons' journey in entertainment coincided with the publication of this book. Highly recommended. I immediately cut through wasted time, money and effort, and secured a phenomenal agent for the boys. The strength of their resumes, talent, and the knowledge gained in this book, helped with that tremendously. Kudos, Bonnie!

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