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#### Review

"You need to read this life-changing advice. Finally, a wise, witty book with some straightforward answers to life's complex questions. Advice you'll wish you'd gotten earlier in life.

" - *Oprah.com*

"A nifty, gifty little book..." - *Leanne Italie, Associated Press*

"I got a big kick out of Do Your Laundry or You'll Die Alone." - *Gretchen Rubin, New York Times bestselling author of The Happiness Project*

"Perfect for any young woman in your life (15-25) because of the messages of empowerment, understanding and optimism....this slender and beautifully illustrated volume is very much a "mom story" that so many of us can relate to." - *Grown and Flown*

"This beautiful little book is the collected art, wisdom, and humor of Becky Blades and includes what she failed to teach her daughters as they wound down their high school years. Here is a chance to let Blades nag your daughter for you." - *Money*

"Pithy recommendations about forgiveness, charitableness, being a good hostess, and accepting change would be valuable in their own rights, but the whimsical artwork renders the book all the more delightful... A perfect graduation gift for young women-but the advice is applicable to all." - *Kirkus*

"I wish they had a book like this back when I graduated. No mother or father should send their child off to college or out in the world without it.

" - *Says Me Says Mom*

"It is THE book you need to buy now, and add to it for your daughter, when thoughts occur to you! Do it now, and when graduation day comes, she'll have a VERY special memento from you, that she can pass on to HER daughter too!" - *Bless Their Hearts Mom*

"A great book to give your daughter or niece or Godchild before heading off to college." - *Michigan Mom Living*

"With warmth, wit, and a hint of motherly sass, Blades blends short essays and her celebrated mixed-media art with advice on everything from love, life, money, friendship, etiquette, fashion-and yes, laundry. So order a copy for the graduating ladies in your life." - *An Awesome and Amazing Life*

"I LOVED this book! Becky offers pieces of advice to her college bound girls that I want my daughter to know...*Do Your Laundry or You'll Die Alone: Advice Your Mother Would Give If She Thought You Were Listening* is the perfect companion for any parent of a high school senior." - *Kicking It With Kelly*

#### About the Author

Becky Blades is a writer, artist, business strategist, and philosopher of creative, adventurous living. Since selling her award-winning public relations firm, Blades has served on corporate boards, as a civic advocate for the arts and entrepreneurship, and as a consultant and mentor. A graduate of the University of Missouri

School of Journalism, Blades speaks on topics including creativity, entrepreneurship, marketing, public relations, the French culture, and women's issues. Her blog, stARTistry.com, celebrates the art of beginning. She has started 2,865 projects and finished 127. Among the unfinished are two almost-launched daughters, proving her point that it's not what you finish, it's what you stART. She lives in Kansas City with her husband of 30 years and her Maytag front load washing machine.

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