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**A Q&A with Joan Rivers**



**Q: What kinds of books do you enjoy?**

A: At my age, anything in large print.

**Q: Who inspired you to become a writer?**

A: An agent who told me I was too ugly to be in front of the camera.

**Q: Is it true when they say that you should “write what you know”?**

A: Absolutely, which is why my next book is about having thighs that are visible from outer space.

**Q: Writing is a tough profession. Do you remember the first time you were rejected?**

A: My wedding night.

**Q: What is it like having a novel published at the age of 75?**

A: I am so old, even the spine of my book has osteoporosis.

**Q: Computer, typewriter or pen and paper. What tools did you use to write your first book?**

A: Chisel and stone.

**Q: Are you one of those writers who work at home in a dirty old bathrobe without showering for days?**

A: Yes, except for the part about working at home.

**Q: What’s the first step in getting a publisher interested in your book?**

A: A check for fifty grand made out to "cash".

**Q: Is it true that the murder mystery was heavily influenced by fashions seen on the red carpet?**

A: Absolutely. Even the dust jacket was made by Chanel.

**Q: What was the most important thing that you learned while writing a book about plastic surgery?**

A: Always use the spell-check when you're still under anesthesia.

From Publishers Weekly

Starred Review. Comedienne Rivers (*Having a Baby Can Be a Scream*) and mystery pro Farmer (*Sympathy for the Devil*) deliver the impressive first of a new series influenced by Rivers and daughter Melissa's real-life red carpet encounters. On Oscar night, their fictional counterparts, Maxine Max Taylor and her daughter, Drew, are outside Hollywood's Kodak Theater as cohostesses of a Glam-TV *Red Carpet Special*. During Max's interview with scantily clad 19-year-old Halsey Hamilton, Drew's childhood friend and best actress nominee, Halsey drops dead. Did she overdose or was she poisoned? The supernova had just left Wonders, a posh rehab facility in Pasadena. Whirling into sleuthing mode, Max seeks answers at Wonders, where she signs in as a Sweet'N Low addict. This smooth blend of Rivers's trademark bitchy humor and Farmer's deft plotting also offers a poignant reminder about the cost of fame for too many young Hollywood celebs. (Feb.) Copyright © Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved.

Review

"Joan Rivers has always made me laugh, and she's done it again -- this time as a writer! "Murder at the Academy Awards(R)" is very funny and very smart, with a clever plotline that probes deep under Hollywood's famous red carpet. It's suspenseful, provocative, and filled with Joan's inimitable voice and humor."-- Barbara Taylor Bradford, author of "A Woman of Substance" and "Being Elizabeth"

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