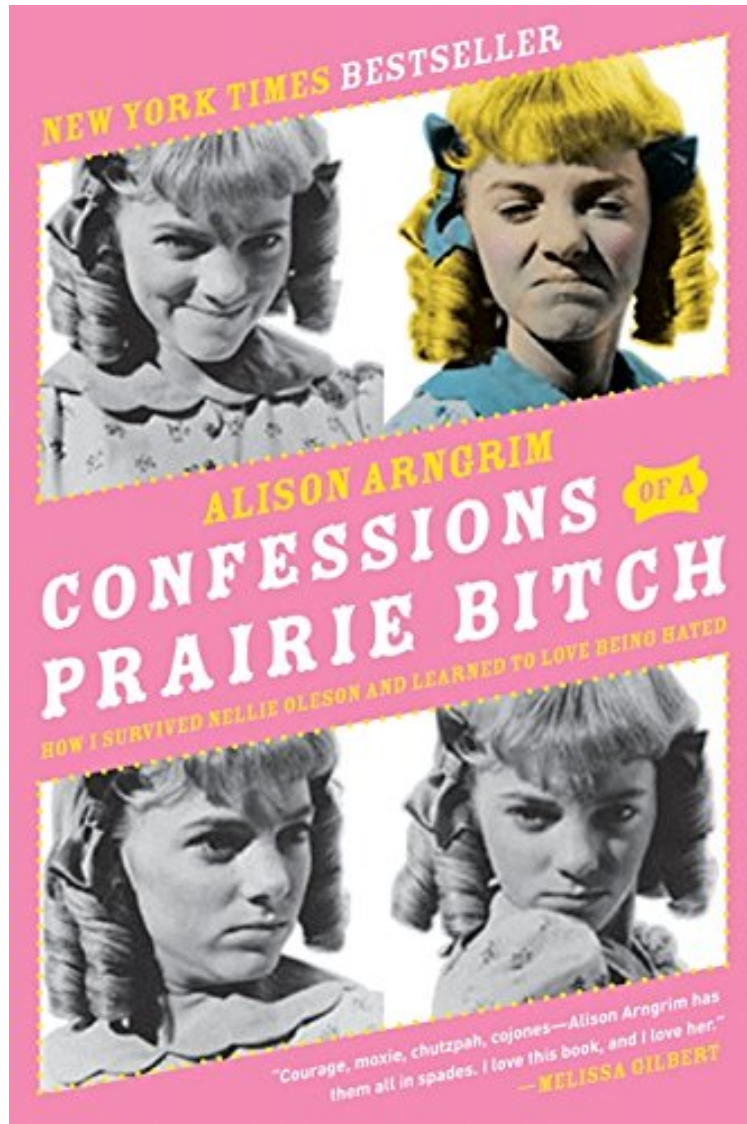


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1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. I Didn't Want This Book To End!By ReginaI started reading this book as soon as it arrived (I'm a major LHOTP fan.....much to my husband's chagrin...he just looooooooves when I

recite all the lines to each episode....but I just say it's payback for all the times I've had to listen to him quote Jean Claude Van Damme Steven Segal movies over the years!!).....anyhoo.....my intention was to just read a quick chapter....but I couldn't put it down! It was funny, sad, and eye opening. I love autobiographies where they just go 'full throttle' and give readers the real backstage dish - and this didn't disappoint! Aftr reading "Confessions of a Prairie Bitch", I'm pretty sure Alison Arngnim is my spirit animal.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. A pleasant surpriseBy annecolorgreenI was surprised how much I enjoyed this book and getting to know "Nellie". I felt the book was well written and held my attention. Many times, I just couldn't put it down.1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Could not put it downBy Harley R. AndersonThough I had always liked Alison the actress, because I knew how good she was to make Nellie so hated. Her book made me love Allison the person.I read Melissa Sue Anderson's book and felt a little cheated. There wasn't a lot of substance, there was very little personal information. Alison on the other hand, gave us everything. She told about her parents, her brother. The awful things that happened to her when she was young. And the fun and horrors of being the biggest little bitch on the Prairie.In reading this book, I am so proud to have watched this little girl grow up in front of me and become a truly, kind and loving woman. Someone that cares about others the way Nellie would never have cared. Someone that has spent countless hours volunteering for a cause that other's at that time wouldn't lend their name to. Someone that didn't give up the fight after her friend had lost.

Confessions of a Prairie Bitch is Alison Arngnim's comic memoir of growing up as one of television's most memorable characters: the devious Nellie Oleson on the hit television show *Little House on the Prairie*. With behind-the-scenes stories from the set, as well as tales from her bohemian upbringing in West Hollywood and her headline-making advocacy work on behalf of HIV awareness and abused children, *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch* is a must for fans of everything *Little House*: the classic television series and its many stars like Michael Landon and Melissa Gilbert; Gilbert's bestselling memoir *Prairie Tale*... and, of course, the beloved series of books by Laura Ingalls Wilder that started it all.

Hilarious and heartbreaking. (Atlanta Journal-Constitution)Arngnim, decades past her *Little House On The Prairie* years, dishes lots of great on-set stories, talks about what being a kid actor in the 1970s was actually like and discusses her own painful family history with frankness and humor....Delightful. (NPR.org)Spunky Alison Arngnim, who played Nellie [Oleson], gets my kudos...Alison has a knack for yanking people's chains in a good way. And her new bestselling memoir, *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch*, is such an absorbing read, I just had to give the woman a call for some bitch talk. (Michael Musto, Village Voice)*Confessions of a Prairie Bitch* says it all: Neither Arngnim nor Nellie could ever be called boring. (Entertainment Weekly)Courage, moxie, chutzpah, cajones. Alison Arngnim has them all in spades. In *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch*, she bares her soul and manages to share her story with grace, dignity, and her inimitable humor. Simply put, I love this book and I love her. (Melissa Gilbert)Alison Arngnim, familiar to a generation of TV viewers as the petulant Nellie Oleson of *Little House On The Prairie*, is dishing the dirt on Walnut Grove. (AOL PopEater)Arngnim displays a healthy sense of humor. (Chicago Sun-Times)Arngnim looks back on playing the pint-sized sociopath in her memoir, *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch*, in which she merrily recalls show creator and star Michael Landon, that infamous blond wig, and how Nellie inspired her lifelong obsession with villainy. (New York Post)Alison Arngnim is a talented actress and an author who has patched together a meaningful life and created a book whose pages fly. (Phyllis Diller)As a city bitch myself, I loved this book! Its nice to see how the other half lives. Alison Arngnim's memoir is a hilarious, moving, and dishy Hollywood tale. (Margaret Cho)Alison Arngnim is a fine actress and a true comedienne. She has always been the kind of Bitch who tells it like it is. So, readers beware, you are in for an eye-full of reality told with a remarkable sense of humor. (Carol Channing)Whoa, Nellie! *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch* is a book that you will keep stored under a haystack in the barn, to dip into whenever you need a shot of something that will keep you down on the farm. (Bruce Vilanch)From the Back CoverFor seven years, Alison Arngnim played a wretched, scheming, selfish, lying, manipulative brat on one of TV history's most beloved series. Though millions of *Little House on the Prairie* viewers hated Nellie Oleson and her evil antics, Arngnim grew to love her character and the freedom and confidence Nellie inspired in her. In *Confessions of a Prairie Bitch*, Arngnim describes growing up in Hollywood with her eccentric parents: Thor Arngnim, a talent manager to Liberace and others, whose appetite for publicity was insatiable, and legendary voice actress Norma MacMillan, who played both Gumby and Casper the Friendly Ghost. She recalls her most cherished and often wickedly funny moments behind the scenes of *Little House*: Michael Landon's "unsaintly" habit of not wearing underwear; how she and Melissa Gilbert (who played her TV nemesis, Laura Ingalls) became best friends and accidentally got drunk on rum cakes at 7-Eleven; and the only time she and Katherine MacGregor (who played Nellie's mom) appeared in public in costume, provoking a posse of elementary schoolgirls to attack them. Arngnim relays all this and more with biting wit, but she also bravely recounts her life's challenges: her struggle to survive a history of traumatic abuse, depression, and paralyzing shyness; the "secret" her father kept from her for twenty years; and the devastating loss of her "Little House husband" and best friend, Steve Tracy, to AIDS, which inspired her second career in social and political activism.

Arnglim describes how Nellie Oleson taught her to be bold, daring, and determined, and how she is eternally grateful to have had the biggest little bitch on the prairie to show her the way. About the Author Alison Arnglim starred as Nellie Oleson for seven years on the TV series Little House on the Prairie. She also guest-starred on The Love Boat, Fantasy Island, and the NBC movie of the week I Married Wyatt Earp. She has appeared in numerous films and plays, and her stand up comedy show, "Confessions of a Prairie Bitch," has become a worldwide phenomenon. Arnglim also volunteers for nonprofit organizations such as AIDS Project Los Angeles and the National Association to Protect Children. She lives in Los Angeles with her husband.