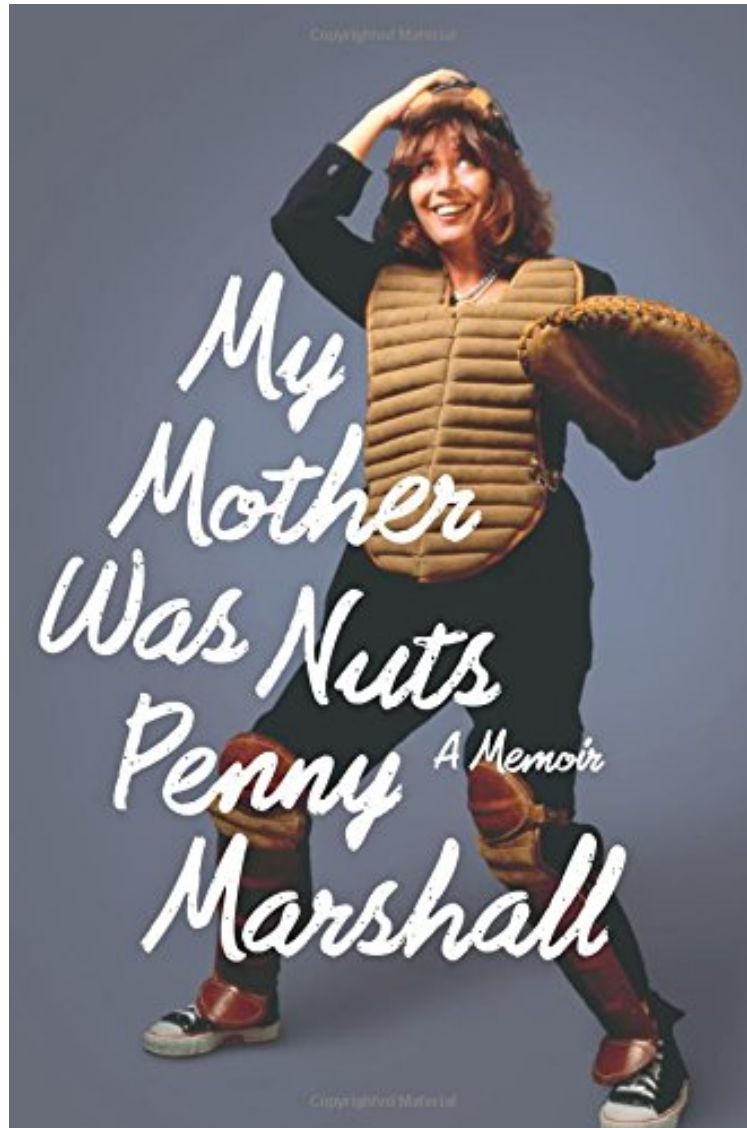


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people found the following review helpful. Enjoyable and Interesting Recollections (Get the audio rendition for added fun from hearing Marshall)By jeffreywpNever having a good memory myself, I am always amazed at people's recollections when I reading autobiographies. Penny Marshall does a wonderful job recounting her life in this fun autobiography. The fact that I got the audio version and Marshall reads it all herself I'm sure added to my enjoyment. Expect the language to be bawdy at times. Expect there to be decadence with regards to the lifestyle (flying here and there on a whim because of the exorbitant salaries actors make). Expect touching recollections of family and friends. Overall, this was an enjoyable 'read' and I recommend it to you. Hearing the inside scoop on what goes on in Hollywood behind the camera always seems to catch my attention. If you find yourself in the same boat, you will probably enjoy Penny Marshall's autobiography.0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. In a League of Her OwnBy J. A. GordonWell I almost didn't buy this Memoir and I'm so glad that I did. If Penny Marshall's mother was nuts than more people should have nutty mothers like her given the way that she turned out to be such an extraordinary person. Don't miss reading this book it is more exciting than her role as Laverne and more exciting than the majority of most people's lives and just an amazing being in terms of how she stays grounded and practical funny and satirical and handles all the situations that come up with complete honesty and she is so refreshing. Writer Mark Matousek says: tell the truth and your life will change, and Penny tells the truth and as a result our lives do change by her sharing it with us and it's a real gift. I read her friend Carrie Fisher's books and Carrie was funny in a different way. I think Penny brings the East Coast sarcasm and practical Spirit into her book. It is a powerful life and a powerful book and Penny is a real pioneer for women in terms of what she's achieved in the entertainment and film industry. What's next?, Penny asks at the end and I would say Penny Marshall for President!! Our lives would be a whole lot better with someone like her leading the way as she did in her directorial efforts. One thing Penny tells us her mom taught her was the pleasure of being able to entertain people and she surely accomplishes this in her humble inspiring funny Memoir and thank you Penny for letting us into your personal fabulous life. It's a book and a life I didn't want to stop reading about LOL. For someone who is well connected with celebrities and her brother being Garry Marshall, she never loses her down to earth practical way of being. Definitely a must-read wonderfully written memoir...absolutely amazing life thank you Penny!!!

Most people know Penny Marshall as the director of *Big* and *A League of Their Own*. What they don't know is her trailblazing career was a happy accident. In this funny and intimate memoir, Penny takes us from the stage of *The Jackie Gleason Show* in 1955 to Hollywood's star-studded sets, offering up some hilarious detours along the way. *My Mother Was Nuts* is an intimate backstage pass to Penny's personal life, her breakout role on *The Odd Couple*, her exploits with Cindy Williams and John Belushi, and her travels across Europe with Art Garfunkel on the back of a motorcycle. We see Penny get married. And divorced. And married again (the second time to Rob Reiner). We meet a young Carrie Fisher, whose close friendship with Penny has spanned decades. And we see Penny at work with Tom Hanks, Mark Wahlberg, Whoopi Goldberg, Robert De Niro, and Whitney Houston. Throughout it all, from her childhood spent tap dancing in the Bronx, to her rise as the star of *Laverne Shirley*, Penny lived by simple rules: try hard, help your friends, don't get too crazy, and have fun. With humor and heart, *My Mother Was Nuts* reveals there's no one else quite like Penny Marshall.

.com Penny Marshall's Photo Album Click on thumbnails for larger images Penny and Rob Reiner cutting the cake at their 1971 backyard Hollywood wedding. Penny with her close friend John Belushi in New York in 1976. John passed away in 1982. Art Garfunkel on a motorcycle trip through France and Italy with Penny. Penny with her daughter, Tracy; Tracy's husband, Matt; and their children Spencer, Bella, and Viva in 2011. From Booklist On the heels of her brother Garry's memoir, *My Happy Days in Hollywood* (2012), comes Marshall's own recounting of her career as an actress and a director. The youngest of three, Marshall grew up in an apartment in the Bronx and reluctantly attended her mother's dance school. Her college career was cut short by pregnancy, which led to a brief marriage. After her marriage fell apart, Marshall found her way to Hollywood to give acting a shot. A guest-starring role in her brother's hit show *Happy Days* turned out to be fortuitous, leading to Marshall's own show, *Laverne Shirley*, a big success that ran for eight seasons and made Marshall famous. When the show ended, Marshall added directing to her credits, taking her first gig with the Whoopi Goldberg movie *Jumping Jack Flash* and going on to helm classics such as *Big*, *Awakenings*, and *A League of Their Own*. Hollywood aficionados will get a kick out of Marshall's anecdotes about her circle of friends, including Albert Brooks, John Belushi, and Carrie Fisher, all told in a funny, down-to-earth manner. -- Kristine Huntley Marshall's matter-of-fact memoir is a must-read for one reason it's hilarious. Marie Claire Bold and irrepressibly sassy. Kirkus s There's as much practical, hard-won advice here as there is Hollywood gossip, and Marshall's boundless energy and no-nonsense attitude make for a fun read. Publishers Weekly According to her revealing new memoir, budding actress Penny Marshall braved the cruelties of a business obsessed with perky, girl-next-door pretty. Of course, that was before Marshall starred in the juggernaut sitcom *Laverne Shirley*, then directed movies like *A League of Their Own* and *Big* the first Hollywood film with a woman at the helm to gross over \$100 million, vaulting her into the elite ranks of Hollywood power players. Beautiful. O Magazine Penny Marshall charmed

America in Laverne Shirley and gave her comedic and directors touch to films such as *Big* and *A League of Their Own*. Now she tells all with memoir *My Mother Was Nuts*. The brutally honest, heartbreaking tale includes her recent struggle with (and victory over) cancer. Above all, the book is funny. USA Weekend This breezy and charming memoir also has many serious things to say about motherhood, the Hollywood pecking order, taking advantage when luck comes ones way, growing up with distant and weird parents, and marrying too young. Publishers Marketplace Penny Marshalls *My Mother Was Nuts* is absolutely hilarious and dead serious its Pennys raspy, punchline packed voice all the way through. You cannot put *My Mother Was Nuts* down. Just try. ShowBiz411.com Hollywood aficionados will get a kick out of Marshalls anecdotes about her circle of friends, including Albert Brooks, John Belushi, and Carrie Fisher, all told in a funny, down-to-earth manner. Booklist Penny Marshall is a fascinating woman who has lived a life few of us could survive. Did you know she gave me two of the best jobs Ive ever had? Of course not, because when she talks she is barely comprehensible. Read her memoir and youll come to love her as much as I do. Tom Hanks "If I hadnt known Penny for the past 35 years, reading this book would make me want to. Also, I'm so glad she wrote it because it helps me remember things I forgot, which is a lot. Carrie Fisher My sister Penny is one of the funniest people I know. Im not saying that because shes my sister, although I am partial to nepotism. She made everyone laugh at our family dinner table, and she made everyone laugh on the set of *Laverne and Shirley*. The fact that she went on to become the first woman director in the history of film, to make not one, but two movies that made over \$100 million is no surprise to me. Read this book and you will know why. Garry Marshall A very funny book by a very funny lady. I wouldn't have a career without her! Mark Wahlberg