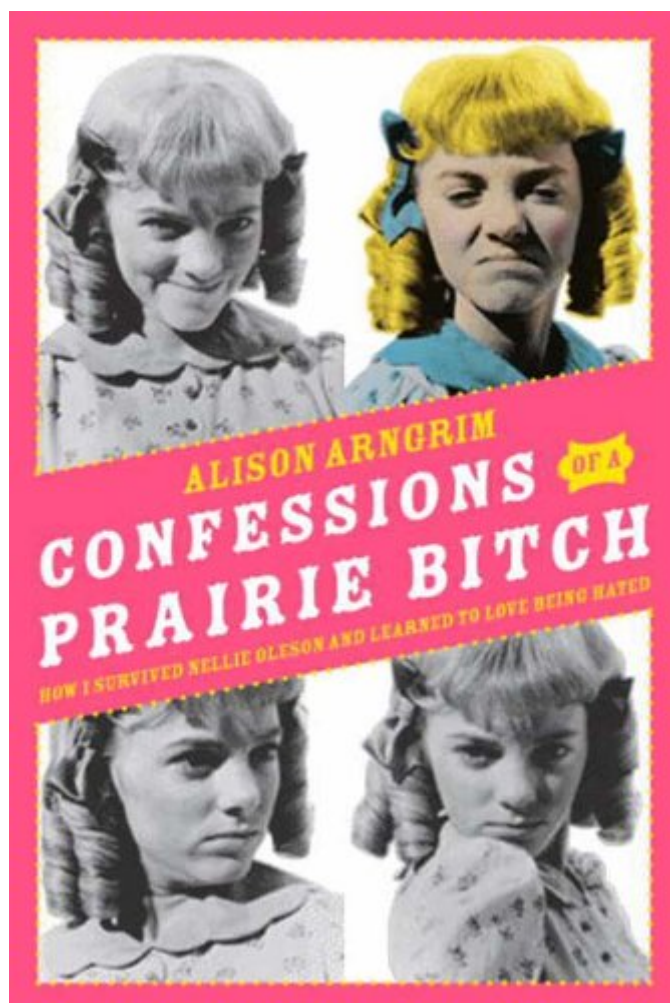


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# Confessions Of A Prairie Bitch: How I Survived Nellie Oleson And Learned To Love Being Hated



## Synopsis

Confessions of a Prairie Bitch is Alison Arngrim'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.

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## Customer Reviews

Huge *Little House on the Prairie* fan here, so I had high hopes when I got this book. Boy, did it deliver! Alison Arngrim has a fantastic voice, she's a natural born story teller with just the right about of snark and wry wit. She blends hilarious behind the scene stories from her years on LHOTP with

her true-life struggles with incest, unemployment, and typecasting. From actress to activist, Arngrim handles each topic with honesty and humor. This book is truly an inspiration.

This is a page turner! I couldn't put it down! Alison opens up her life and doesn't forget to tell you enough about the cast and crew of Little House (the reason you bought her book, right!!) that you get a good glimpse into working on the set every day. Lots of emotion, but never does she make you feel like you should pity her. Great writing from a strong and confident woman!

I love Little House In The Prairie and continue to watch it in reruns today....(I'm watching the 11am COZI TV episode RIGHT now where Charles and Isaiah and their families go on a gold rush because it's been raining in Walnut Grove for months). I love Alison's book....couldn't put it down. Such a great read. I felt like she was sitting and telling me the story.

I love, love, loved this book. The inside stories about her time on and off set were entertaining, but the true heart of Alison Arngrim's story is how she overcame a very dark childhood and has had an incredible impact on similarly abused children. It's a funny, moving, inspiring read.

Entertaining book a must read for Little House on the Prairie fans

I laughed, hard. I cried, too. I was stunned and overwhelmed by this story, and the directions and depths of honesty Allison was willing to venture. I didn't know about her story, i.e. Political victories, or incest. I'm an avid documentary fan and I couldn't resist the title of the book. I hope that one day I can shake her hand. Oh, and if you guys ever come to Napa you have an open invitation to my house and I'll try and make you some mousse.

I sincerely believe after reading Confessions of a Prairie Bitch that Alison Arngrim is the celebrity to love! I was truly touched in Arngrim's sharing of her story. I felt like I was right there through it all. Right away you will fall in love with the girl we grew up hating on tv because her true light shines right from the beginning of her story. To read how she took the negatives in her life and used them to go on to do such great things will truly bless you. I know this is a biography but it is also inspirational because it makes you look at your own life and wonder how you can make such positive changes come about. I was sad when I was reading the last page because I enjoyed following Alison Arngrim around. I look forward to hearing about all of the important things she

continues to do.

I only give reviews when I feel most strongly about a purchase whether good or bad. This book is not just good but better than I far expected. Its so well-written, so funny and so entertaining that I can't put the book down. I'm almost finished with it shy of three chapters after receiving it 2 days ago. What I find most ironic is that they play characters that are completely opposite of who they are in their real lives. Alison Arnglim plays a character growing up in a very well to do family but her life outside the show is completely different. Her family lived in a 2 bedroom apartment in West Hollywood that lived paycheck to paycheck and during some months had only enough to pay the rent with not much left over to pay for anything else. Melissa Gilbert plays Laura who we all know did not come from a well to do family but in realty her life couldn't have been more different. They play these characters so well you actually think they really are these people. The only thing I don't like about this book is the way she is so harsh on Melissa Sue Anderson. Melissa from the research I've done was extremely shy but you wouldn't know it by her outspoken character on Little House. Speaking from experience, I was painfully shy growing up usually avoiding most social engagements because my anxiety was so acute. My sister in law gets physically sick every time there is a get together and unfortunately missed out on most of her wedding reception because she was too preoccupied with hiding from people. Many people get the impression that shy people are cold and friendly which I'm guessing Alison felt towards Melissa. Hope you read this Alison!

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