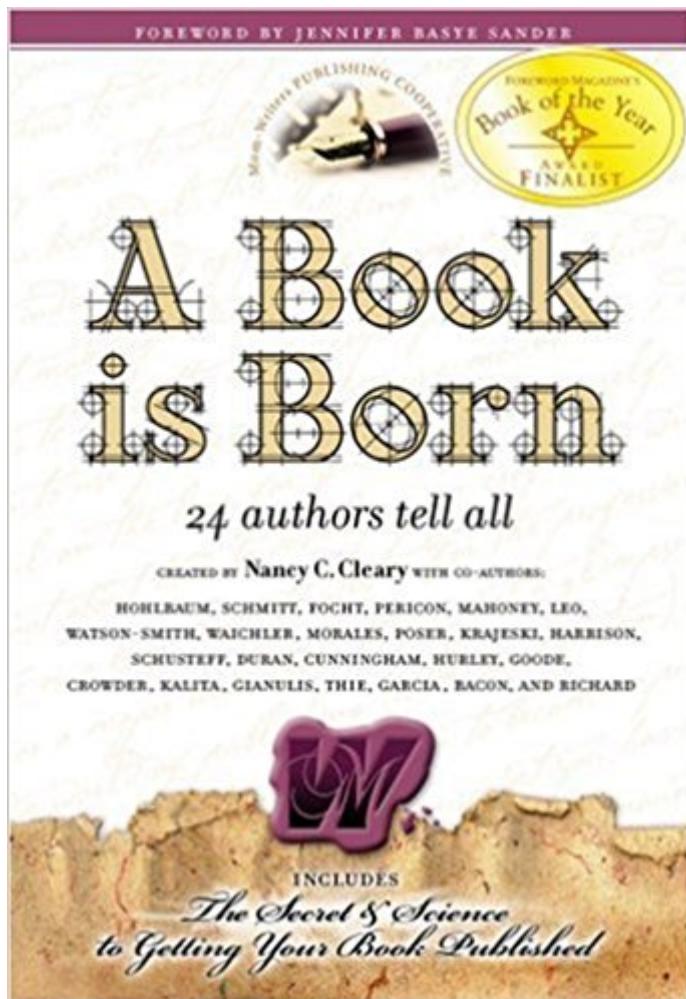


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A Book Is Born: 24 Authors Tell All



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Invaluable insights and tools for anyone who has ever dreamed of publishing a book, has already published, or is in the business.

Leave it to a bunch of writer-moms to compile a tech book that goes straight to the matter. In her writer's reference, *A BOOK IS BORN*, Nancy Cleary has prepared the birthing room for the soon-to-be-published writer. She uses the zany, fresh voices of 24 authors (young mothers all) who compare their book-birthing experiences to having a baby. *A BOOK IS BORN* intersperses metaphors of the birthing process with tech talk about internet marketing, pitching, scheduling, blogging, support--and a hundred other topics that will leave an expectant author with tools to handle the "Big Event."I'm one of the original Baby Boomers--totally over the "baby-track" thing. But I learned a lot from the 24 energetic Gen-X'ers who write useful tips for managing effective, low-budget marketing campaigns while handling home and family. Thanks to them I'm working out my own marketing plan for my new memoir, *ORDINARY APHRODITE*, with a copy of *A BOOK IS BORN* in hand. This time around, the internet is my baby!

"A Book is Born" is a truly useful insider's guide to getting a book published, but it's so much more. The book's format invites the reader to share the minutiae of all phases of the experience of 24 women authors as they travel the journey from idea to action to realizing the dream of getting published (and publicized). The women's voices are clear, companionable, and reassuring, and Nancy Cleary's vision of empowering women authors is evident throughout. Especially for those of us who are visually oriented, the book's design--lots of graphics--is wonderful! In the book's final section, "The Secret and Science of Getting Published", various innovative approaches are revealed.(I was so impressed with Nancy Cleary and this book that I contacted her; the result is that she'll be helping me with the publication of my book "There and Back: A Journal Companion for Special Needs Parents".)Mary Lee Moser

I read "A Book is Born" in one sitting and could not put it down. Where was this book six years ago when I started on my book journey? I could relate to so many moms in the book. It is a pleasure

working with Nancy and she really cares and wants the best for her authors and books. I am looking forward to the day when "My" Book is Born. I know that Nancy will treat my "baby" like her own. A definite read!!!!

This book is full of essays from women writers that soothe the soul. It also is the best guide I have ever seen for the writer who is trying for publication or even support. Really worthwhile. I recommend it.

Nancy Clearly has spent more than 20 years as a product packager and a graphic designer. Her indie press Wyatt-MacKenzie has printed over a quarter of a million books in the last eleven years. She traditionally publishes authors with a special focus on mom writers. It is her goal to guide authors through the publishing process. Nancy was a Stevie Award Finalist in Women Helping Women. She also has been quoted in many well-known magazines such as USA Today, Family Circle, and The Wall Street Journal, just to name a few. *A Book is Born* is a wonderful book that is both inspirational and educational. Nancy's strong passion to help authors, clearly shows as you learn all she has to share. Ever wonder what it feels like to be a published author? Twenty-four moms tell all, and nothing holds them back from sharing. They thoroughly describe their journeys through the publishing process and share tips on success. They also share what it's like to raise books and babies. The book is divided into two parts. The first part of the book, *24 Authors Tell All*, peeks inside the mind of mom authors. It covers pitching manuscripts, pre-publication, technical terms, industry lingo, author branding, and much more. They discuss how publishing a book is like having a baby. Learn how these ladies' book ideas come to life. The second part of the book, *The Secret and Science to Getting Published*, includes secrets to getting your book published, examples of the publishing process, how to write well, the four publishing options, and guidance to the Universal Laws. A Principle Chart helps aide authors to success. Writing, presence, pitching, and publishing all play a part in getting published. Nancy shows you how to direct energy in the right direction using these four principles. She provides the knowledge and tools to help guide you through a journey of becoming a published author. An excellent source for authors. Whether you're an aspiring author or an author with several titles under your name, there is a little bit for everyone. Even avid readers, who are not authors, would find this book intriguing. Not only does it include helpful insight and encouragement, but it covers many important topics such as how to seek reviews, book tours, endorsements, pitching to the media, and overall practical advice straight from the heart. A motivating, encouraging, and informative book all in one. Nancy Cleary takes you on an

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