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There's No Place Like Home (Secrets Of My Hollywood Life)



Synopsis

After her brilliant run on Broadway and surviving the harsh concrete jungle of New York City, seventeen-year-old Hollywood "It Girl" Kaitlin Burke is back in LA starring in a sitcom with her former-nemesis-now-BFF, Sky. The show is a huge success! In fact, maybe a little too huge, Kaitlin realizes, after a bad run-in with aggressive paparazzi that puts her boyfriend Austin in danger. Once again, she wishes that she could have a normal life. But what Kaitlin doesn't realize is that her Hollywood life has had a positive influence on just about everyone she loves, and it takes a minor car accident and a nasty concussion to truly grasp how lucky she is. In Jen Calonita's sixth and final Secrets of My Hollywood Life novel, Kaitlin learns at last about the price of fame, the unending upside of friendship, and that there really is no place like home - even if it's Tinseltown.

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Customer Reviews

One of the first rules of writing is to write about what you know. The author has worked as a Hollywood journalist for years, interviewing the hottest teen idols in the business. What was so enjoyable about the series (okay, I only read #5 and #6) is that Calonita creates likeable protagonists, likeable antagonists, and likeable support characters. It is also a clean read, worthy of Disney Channel's ratings. Rather than giving a lot of fluff I can pick up in any gossip magazine, Calonita gives the reader an interesting story and peppers it with Hollywood Secrets, scripts from plays, commercials, or television series, and (most entertaining) media interpretations (read: gossip

articles). The sixth book is the culmination of the previous five where Kaitlyn Burke is a star that is highly sought, driven beyond exhaustion by her mother/manager and wonders how it would be to have a normal life. She has a great boyfriend, supportive best friends, a fantastic career, and Jimmy Choos shoes to die for. Heck, she has Jimmy Choos. My best shoes come from Nordstrom Rack. But she is not making any of her own decisions. Her personal assistant insists she go to college. Her mother pushes her to take on two major movies during her hiatus along with double booking her for whatever event gives her media exposure (like taking her driving test), her agent and publicist have another agenda while Kaitlyn doesn't know what SHE wants to do. So she follows the yellow brick road and gets in a car crash, wakes up, and she's normal. In fact, she has cooties. The fresh take on this reverse Cinderella story is that Kaitlyn finds things in her new life that she loves, defines her priorities and then makes changes in her new life to help her friends and family members. She isn't Jimmy Stewart in *It's a Wonderful Life* who ends back on the bridge having made no headway whatsoever. There is no fairy Godmother or Clarence or Glinda. It's Kaitlyn winning over friends and influencing people. Yes, she grows a backbone but I won't tell you how. It's a fun, quirky, teen, chicklit read.

Kaitlin's just starting over in Hollywood with a new TV show - *Small Fries*. It has the potential to become HUGE. With Sky as her co-star again, things are looking better than ever. Then her mom starts overbooking her schedule. With Broadway under her belt and another hit TV series, Kaitlin has her pick of movies during the show production's hiatus. She has the choice between working with Spielberg or Eastwood. Her mom wants her to choose both, and she won't take no for an answer. Her mom also wants her promoting her TV show, leaving no time for dates with her boyfriend or time with her friends. Kaitlin doesn't want to disappoint her mother, but neither does she want to burn out. After huge fights with both her mom and her friends, Kaitlin realizes she needs to make some serious choices about her future. I'm so sad to say goodbye to Kaitlin and her Hollywood life. I love Kaitlin, because while she's the ultimate "It Girl," she longs to be normal. She values loyalty, friendship, and honesty. *THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME* is broken into three parts: the present, an alternate universe, and the present again. The alternate world answers the questions Kaitlin has been asking throughout the series. What would happen if she could live a normal life away from all the pressures? Would she be different? What would she do? This was a different approach to ending the series, but it really works. Kaitlin's been struggling with these issues ever since going incognito to high school during the first book. I do love how the *SECRETS OF MY HOLLYWOOD LIFE* series ended - it's definitely been addicting and fun to read! Reviewed by:

Jennifer Rummel

My 15 year old daughter had a reading assignment over spring break. She picked this last of the series, Secrets of My Hollywood Life 6: There's No Place Like Home. We ordered it, it arrived very quickly and she gobbled it up. I've not seen pages consumed that fast since our dog ate his obedience training diploma at the end of class. Finished it Post Haste! I recall her only disappointment as she finished this was that there were no more. Sounds like a winner to me. Oh, She just said it was really good! Read On!

I like how real Kaitlin Burke seems and the real scoop on how Hollywood works. While reading it, I feel nervous, excited, and frustrated just like Kaitlin in the story. I would recommend it to all girls from 13-17

The weirdest and most interesting way to end our adventure with Kaitlin. I wish there were more. It was just so awesome I spent 4 hours finishing it and reading. I didn't read the whole thing in 4 hours though. You knew what I meant >

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