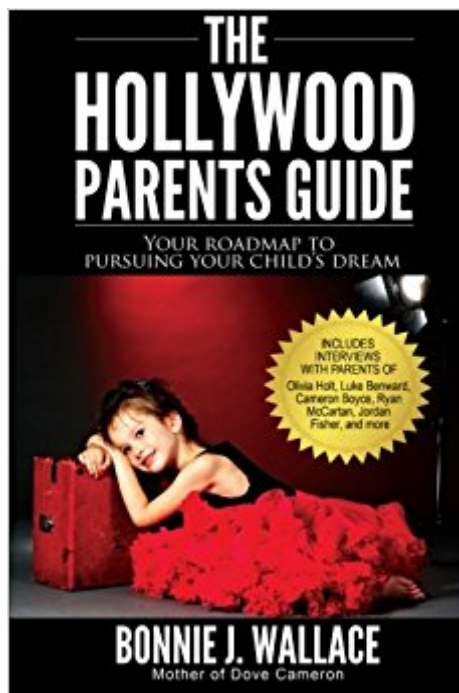




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# The Hollywood Parents Guide: Your Roadmap To Pursuing Your Child's Dream



## Synopsis

Accurate, experience-tested information on every step needed to give your child the best possible opportunity to make it in Hollywood. Inspiration. Resources to help you on your own journey, and even help you decide if this dream is right for you and your family to pursue at all. My daughter Dove and I moved to Los Angeles from an island in Washington State when she was fourteen, armed only with her head shot, resume of community theater roles, and her dream. What I didn't know about what we were doing would fill a large book. Today, Dove is a grounded, successful young woman with her own show on the Disney Channel, and four films to her credit, as well as numerous other TV and music credits. We have been incredibly fortunate, and this book is my way of sharing what we've learned--and what some other parents of young stars have learned--in the hope that more families might save themselves some pain and precious time. Hollywood is filled with tragic stories of people who crashed on the edge of this dream. It doesn't have to be that way. I can help you navigate this world with your child. Features interviews with industry experts and the parents of other young Hollywood stars, including Olivia Holt, Luke Benward, Cameron Boyce, Ryan McCartan, Jordan Fisher, and more. "If you have a child who is interested in getting into 'the business' THE HOLLYWOOD PARENTS GUIDE is an absolute MUST READ. Bonnie writes from the heart and the result is not only warm and funny, but full of useful information. Real stories from real parents of real kids working in the industry - tips and advice from casting directors, agents and other industry professionals. It's like arming yourself with a mini toolbox full of all the tools that you'll need to help guide you as you venture along this journey with your child. I should make it required reading for the parents of all of my clients!" Pamela Fisher Vice President Abrams Artists Agency - Head of Youth and Young Adult "From A to Z The Hollywood Parents Guide answers every question I have received as a Casting Director and more. If your child wants to be a professional actor, the first thing you need to realize is that acting is a business and as in any business, there are rules to help guide you. Bonnie Wallace has given parents a How to Guide that is a must read." Suzanne Goddard-Smythe Casting Director Nominated for two Artios Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Casting "First let me say that The Hollywood Parents Guide is a fantastic book! Finally there is a guide to help parents steer their kids performing career. Thousands of parents have asked me for just such a book. There are a couple on the market already but they are written by agents or acting coaches. What parents have needed is a book written by one of them! And Bonnie has done a superb job writing it. The information is not only current but from the heart. If you have a little tyke that is driving you crazy to be on TV pick this one up!" Chambers Stevens Author of the Hollywood 101 Series 5-time winner of the Backstage Readers Choice Award "An absolute

play by play of how to best help your young, budding artist become a healthy, fully-functioning Hollywood success. Not only is my mother an incredible writing talent, but she also possesses a true depth of experience in parenting a Hollywood hopeful. User-friendly and guided by an open, generous voice with first hand knowledge of the industry, this book is one I can truly call 'masterful'." Dove Cameron Actor and singer Star of Liv and Maddie, Disney Descendants, and Barely Lethal

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## **Customer Reviews**

Bonnie J. Wallace consults, writes, and teaches workshops to help parents navigate Hollywood so they can effectively help their child become a professional actor. Mother of Dove Cameron, star of Liv and Maddie, Disney Descendants, Barely Lethal, and more, Bonnie is dedicated to inspiring others on this journey. A believer in leaps of faith, Bonnie is a Hollywood mom, a small-business owner, and a former nonprofit theater board member. She lives in Los Angeles. Find her at [www.hollywoodparentsguide.com](http://www.hollywoodparentsguide.com)

As a parent of a child actor in our hometown, I've contemplated what's next for our journey and purchased Bonnie's book with much anticipation! "The Hollywood Parent's Guide" is a MUST for families navigating the ins and outs of the talent business. This book includes not only experiences from Bonnie's family, but she also includes interviews with other families to prove not everyone has the same journey. My son had the privilege of meeting Bonnie and Dove at a concert and we've told her how much we've appreciated her book. We especially focused on the chapters concerning 'building a team' and 'pilot season.' This book continues to be a great reference to us while our child

attempts his first pilot season this year (2016). Thank you Bonnie, for promoting a healthy example of a mother in this business and we wish you continued success!- Teri Cochran(mother of Jayden Blake Cochran)

I have a 21-year old who has one more year in a BFA acting program and who has been lucky enough to have been in four feature films, shot during the summer months in our home state. When he finally moves to Los Angeles after school, he'll be on his own. So ours is a very different story than Bonnie Wallace's daughter and those kids who moved to LA and started young, and yet, I found this book both riveting and extremely informative. It shed the spotlight on many things I hadn't known before, even though my (newly adult) son is already in "the business." Bonnie's breezy style and strong voice kept me turning pages - and taking notes - well into the night! I know the target audience is for parents whose kids are drawn to working in the film and television world at an early age, but this is also a must-read for anyone who is starting out, or newly navigating the acting world in Los Angeles!

This is the book I and so many other parents have been waiting for! It is a no-nonsense, comprehensive guide to "the biz" and will be a go-to reference for years to come. I wish it had been out earlier, when my daughter was younger, but at least it is here now. Wallace's style is readable and straightforward, and she covers pretty much everything I've needed to ask. If every young Hollywood aspirant and their parents had this book, the road to stardom wouldn't be littered with so many sad stories. The section on SCAMS should be mandatory reading for any parents of a cute kid! Though written for parents, it's actually a good guide for anyone at any age thinking of "going pro" and I'd recommend it to any one thinking about it. The stories she shares are also very interesting, a fly-on-the wall look and listen at the back-story.

I took the wisdom I gained from this incredibly informative book and ran with it. I'm grateful that the start of my young sons' journey in entertainment coincided with the publication of this book. Highly recommended. I immediately cut through wasted time, money and effort, and secured a phenomenal agent for the boys. The strength of their resumes, talent, and the knowledge gained in this book, helped with that tremendously. Kudos, Bonnie!

I love this book! Although the book focuses on the L.A. film market, it is also very useful for other

film/TV markets in the U.S. (We're in the southeast). The author does a good job describing the industry from a parent's perspective and helps to navigate around scammers and unnecessary costs/workshops/etc. I still refer to this book often, especially when we get an L.A. audition.

If your child has that burning desire to pursue acting in LA....READ THIS BOOK!! Bonnie clearly maps everything out, step-by-step, and paints a true picture of what to expect. The real stories by other parents is extremely valuable, and the words of wisdom go a long way!! just arrived in Hollywood with my teen son, and I'm so grateful to have found this book before we came~Thank you, Bonnie!!! :)

I really enjoyed this book. My favorite part was hearing the journeys of families that are currently in the entertainment industry. It was encouraging to know that others experienced the same things I am yet made it.

Highly Recommended to all with talent and desire to become part of the entertainment industry. This is your one guide to make your dreams come true. My daughter Kamilee Costa is on her way following Bonnie's experience.

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