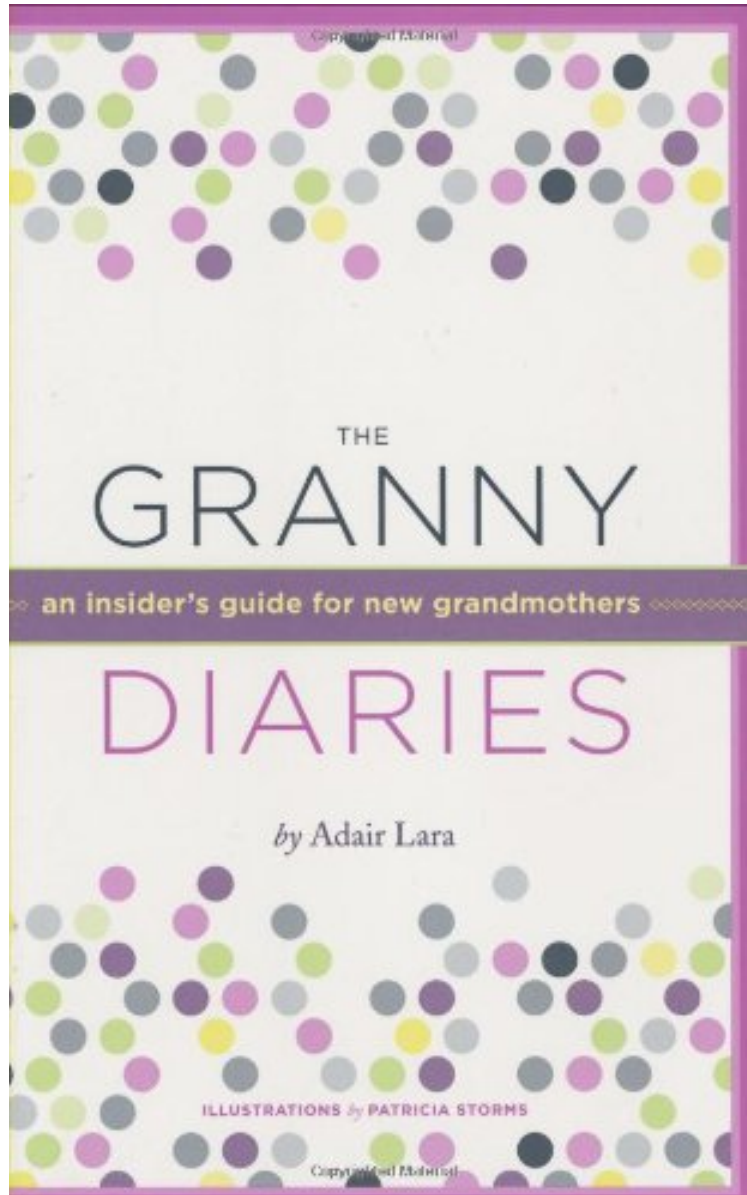


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Adair Lara : The Granny Diaries: An Insider's Guide for New Grandmothers before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised The Granny Diaries: An Insider's Guide for New Grandmothers:

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definitely right about not giving advice--we grandmothers were raised in a different day and age! My daughter (new mother) actually intimated that my lackadaisical parenting style (of her) might well be considered borderline child endangerment nowadays! Hmmmm . . . well, she had a lot of freedom growing up out in the country--she loved it and is now a very self-sufficient adult with a lot of smarts and common sense! Every family is different--interpersonal relationships vary so much. I'm the maternal grandmother, but don't have (nor do I expect to have) any special "power" due to this, in regards to my grandchildren. 3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. 5 Stars for Granny By Jan5 Stars for Granny ! I LOVED this book. It was practical, positive, helpful and light-hearted. I even read some parts out loud to "Grandpa" because they were so great. I found the parts about following the new parents rules very helpful to think about especially when you the one used to being the parent. The author begins sharing her experience with her daughter's labor and delivery at the hospital "Morgan had said that everybody had to leave when the baby came--she wanted only Trevor in the room (and the hospital staffers who wandered in and out)." "But people can come and go during labor," she added kindly. My head whipped around. "People?" "It's a new shock to be called "people" by someone you have given birth to....." Then come chapters like: Mop and Plop or What Will The Grandchild Call You, It's Not Your Baby, Innocent Remarks to Avoid, What about advice?, Babysitting, Feeding your Grandchild..... and so on. A great read for first time Grandmother's and worth an occasional re-read as you are adjusting to your new role .2 of 2 people found the following review helpful. Thank-you Adair! By Paloma This book is WONDERFUL and much cheaper than a therapy session. I am in the middle of a crisis with my daughter who is refusing to speak to me after I switched mattresses from one bed to my Granddaughter's bed so she would be more comfortable. I know, I know, I can hear everyone gasping... BIG MISTAKE!! I now know I shouldn't have, but it was all part of the grandmother syndrome... trying to help, even when that help isn't wanted. Complicating things is that our maternal instincts are triggered by our grandchildren's tears or complaints and we feel we must take action. The last time we felt this much love for a child was when the mother was born. As Adair states in the last chapter in her note to the parent "Remember, that grandmother is your mother, and she's just trying to help. Adair helps cut through the communication problems between mother and grandmother when she states "will the day come when I can say whatever I like to my daughter as I would to a normal person? NO. And "Why can't you just be your regular self, saying whatever comes to mind? Because you can't." There is much wise advice in this book for both grandmother and mother that will lead both to a better understanding of where each is coming from. Highly recommend this book, especially for mothers of girls who have girls.

This delightful guide gives new grandmas clear direction on how to navigate foreign territory. Celebrated columnist Adair Lara advises on how to choose a decent name (Oopsie? Boopsie?). She outlines how to give advice without getting a Dr. Sears guide chucked at the head. She offers wise counsel on how to stay on the parents' good side (hint: don't say anything, ever). Hilarious in its blunt truisms, *The Granny Diaries* steers around the shoals of grandma sentimentality. And yet, having fallen madly in love with her own grandchildren, Adair affirms that the years after the big G truly are golden.

About the Author Adair Lara was an award-winning columnist at the San Francisco Chronicle for 12 years, and is the author of several books. She lives three blocks from her grandchildren in San Francisco. Patricia Storms is a freelance illustrator and cartoonist in Toronto.