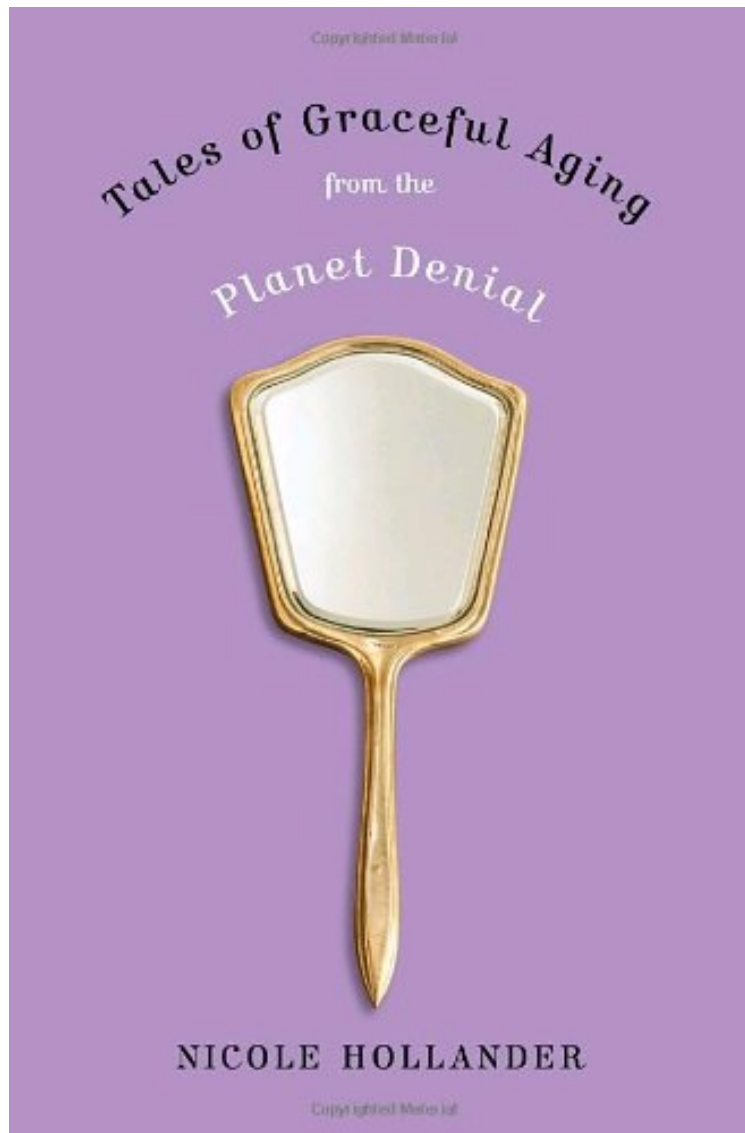


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Nicole Hollander : Tales of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Tales of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial:

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following review helpful. I laughed so hard I hooted! By Lesley Ruda This book gave me the best laugh I've had in ages. And such a beautiful cover! Ok! It helps to start with a fairly jaded opinion of this culture's obsession with eternal youthfulness and be prepared to find your aging baby boomer self somewhat ridiculous (how did we get here?) For all the multitudes of us who did not have kids this book is particularly poignant and celebrates the joys and travails of friendship. The humor with which the author treats the chaos and incongruity of getting old, the not being that well prepared or graceful, leads to a certain kind of 'graceful' that laughs in the face of it all.

One of America's funniest women asks, If sixty is the new fifty, when do I get to be thirty again? Nicole Hollander grew up in the nineteen-fifties, when women of a certain age put on weight, got a really tight perm, and rode the backs of their house slippers into the ground. Oh, for those uncomplicated good old days. Today, your fifties and sixties are deemed your most creative years you can't lie around like a slug unless you suddenly want to be seventy with nothing to show for it. Luckily, in *Tales of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial*, Nicole, creator of the beloved *Sylvia* comic strip and one of the pioneers of the genre of humor about women and their cats, guides us through the important decisions that come in one's mature years: Accept the senior citizen discount or feign indignation? Get plastic surgery or just a really good haircut? Nicole applies her ironic wit to such topics as whether to lobby Harry Winston for a foundation to provide chauffeur-driven cars and diamonds to women over fifty or instead focus on finding a chateau to buy in France and turning it into the first nail spa in the Loire Valley or perhaps a shelter for French strays. She tackles a range of female obsessions: men, friendship, beauty, money, weight, and a few peculiar obsessions of her own, such as researching loft-size mausoleums with huge mobile homes your family can stay in when they come to lay flowers or angry notes on your grave, the very latest thing in burial arrangements. With wicked humor and fantastic riffs that take you places you never expected to go, *Tales of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial* is like Nicole's idea of heaven: tiny cupcakes served continuously.

From Publishers Weekly For the last quarter century, Hollander's comic strip *Sylvia* has dared to say publicly what most women only smirk about with their favorite girlfriends. Now Hollander's taking on the ultimate female nightmare getting old. While men think they still look swell when they're older, aging is hard on women. In a series of hilarious sketches, Hollander takes on everything from late-life sex with vibrators to peculiar herbal remedies for menopausal symptoms, rounding it all off with a most astonishing afterlife fantasy, where she's reborn as Rex Stout. There's practical advice, too. A lot of problems stem from things we think we should be doing, but aren't, like having a fantastic love life. Hollander was 50 when she realized she was holding onto love affairs way past their sell-by date, ruining decades of her life. Now she reminds herself that she's already been married, even if it was 40 years back and only lasted four years. Brimming with bad attitude, Hollander is a real gift to women of a certain age. (Sept.) Copyright Reed Business Information, a division of Reed Elsevier Inc. All rights reserved. Nicole Hollander has hit the nail on the head or rather, the high heel on the spike. *Tales of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial* is wry, filled with the hallmark Hollander wit, and ultimately, profoundly moving. Everyone who wrestles with changing perspectives on families, friends, and their own unpredictable bodies will stay up late, as I did, to finish this book. Sara Paretsky, author of the V.I. Warshawski novels One of my favorite moments this decade was catching Nicole Hollander onstage with the early chapters of *Tales of Graceful Aging from the Planet Denial*, and laughing in a theatre full of equally hysterical women my age. The wit alone will sustain me as I age but the smarts, unabashed lip, and unforgettable zingers make me want to stick around for the triple digits. Mary Kay Blakely, author of *Wake Me When It's Over* and *American Mom* About the Author NICOLE HOLLANDER is the creator of *Sylvia*, a nationally syndicated comic strip that appears in major newspapers including the *Chicago Tribune*, the *Boston Globe*, and the *Seattle Times*. She is a popular speaker who recently launched a career as a monologist to further her twin desires to speak in public and get paid for it. In 2006 she had several one-woman performances in Chicago. She has published sixteen collections of *Sylvia* strips, as well as *Female Problems* and *My Cats Not Fat, Hes Just Big Boned*.