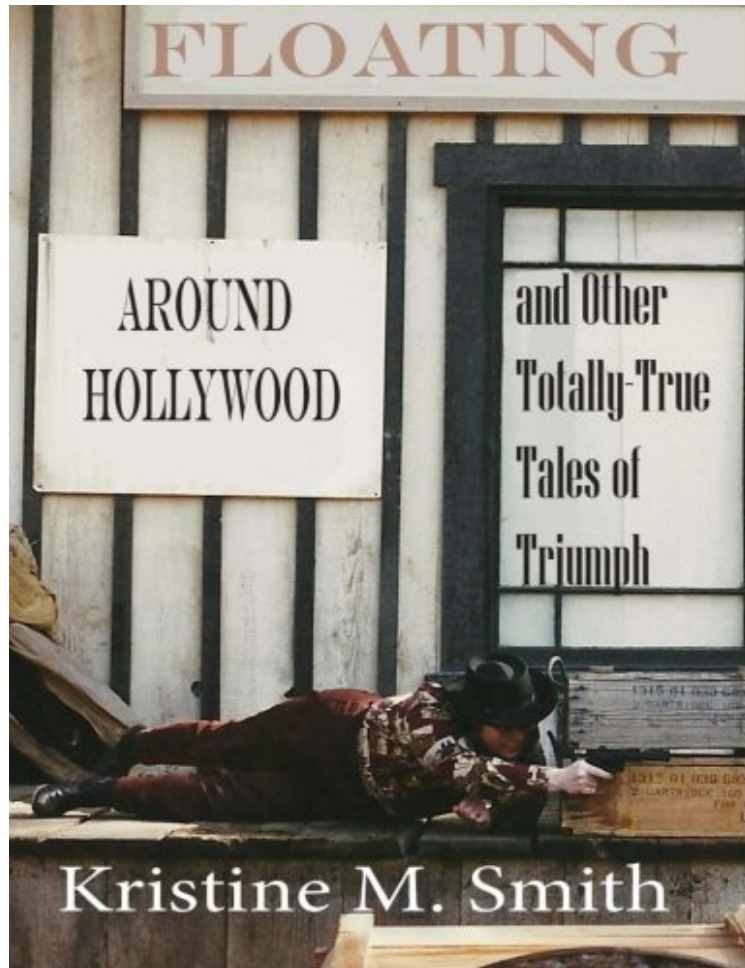


# Floating Around Hollywood: And Other Totally-True Tales of Triumph

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antics, but by her observations, interactions, and conversations with some of these people in the entertainment business. She takes you "behind the scenes" at a baseball wrap party, she talks about being a "star polisher" but my VERY favorite of all of her escapades is the "walrus woman." That is all I will say - one has to read it to believe it!! In her own words, Kris writes: "Most business people have a sixth sense about what is appropriate behavior in certain situations. I possess the same keen insight, but there's a part of me that wants to buck traditional etiquette and be outrageous . . ." That should be the best preview to some of her exploits. I leave it to you to get ready to laugh and laugh and laugh!! Buy one for you and buy one for a friend. They'll be glad you did!

The author, Kristine M. Smith (a.k.a. Krazy Kris by her mentor, actor DeForest Kelley) worked steadily in Hollywood from 1989 to 2003 as a writers' and producers' assistant, switchboard operator, casting receptionist, executive secretary, hardware lease administrator, newsletter writer and website wordsmith, often while "floating"--serving as a temporary secretary or assistant in Production and Administration. While she hardly set Hollywood on fire (in a high-profile way), she achieved goals through dogged determination, a wildly-contagious sense of the absurd, and lots of hard work. If your dreams include working in Hollywood, here's one laugh-a-minute way for getting your foot in the door. The stories you'll find here provide ample evidence that you don't have to be perfect (by a long shot) to be valued in--and valuable to--the entertainment industry. "Kris Smith's entertainment industry career reads like a sitcom. What fun!" -- AC Lyles, Producer "A fast-paced book , full of laughter, written with comedic skill. It's a delightful read." -- DeForest Kelley, Actor "Of all the books I've ever been quoted in, this is one of them!" -- Clyde Phillips, Executive Producer Sound like fun? It is!

About the Author Kristine M Smith was born in Tacoma Washington. From an early age she has been "a writer" - her sole claim to immortality, since she has never married and cloned herself the old-fashioned way. Instead of raising kids, she raised cats, dogs, snakes, frogs, rats, and guinea pigs; and rehabilitated wild animals (raccoons, deer, hawks, and ducks) - in the process raising her mother Dorothea's patience-quotient to a level approaching Job's. Smith reflects: "Mom wasn't an animal person. There must be a special place in heaven for her, just for putting up with me! I raised a skunk in the fireplace one summer! Can you imagine?!" Smith moved to Hollywood in 1989 to take on a different kind of "animal" - the monkey-on-your-back thrill of working in the entertainment industry where dreams can segue into goals and then into realities, even though the route is far from predictable.