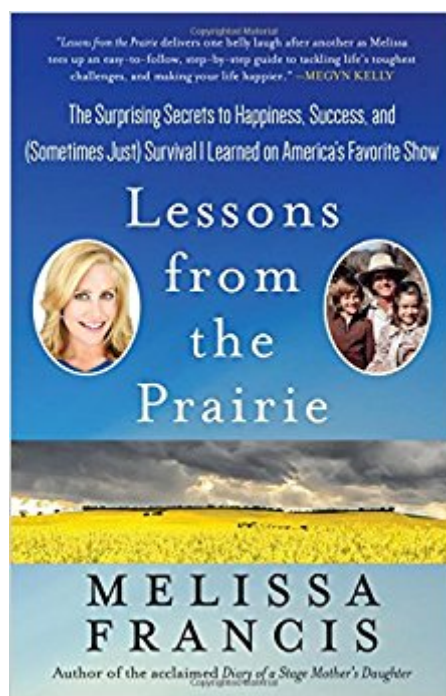




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# Lessons From The Prairie: The Surprising Secrets To Happiness, Success, And (Sometimes Just) Survival I Learned On America's Favorite Show



## Synopsis

"Lessons from the Prairie delivers one belly laugh after another as Melissa tees up an easy-to-follow, step-by-step guide to tackling life's toughest challenges, and making your life happier." - Megyn Kelly

For fans of the beloved TV show *Little House on the Prairie*, a self-help book by Melissa Francis, bestselling author of *Diary of a Stage Mother's Daughter* and child star of *Little House*, revealing important life lessons inspired by a childhood on set. Melissa Francis was only eight years old when she won the role of a lifetime: playing Cassandra Cooper Ingalls on the world's most famous prime-time soap opera, *Little House on the Prairie*. Now in *Lessons from the Prairie*, she shares behind-the-scenes stories from the set, and lessons learned from the show's dynamic creator, Michael Landon, that have echoed throughout Melissa's adult life. With novel insights on hard work, making mistakes, and even spirituality, Francis shares inspirational and practical life lessons that will appeal both to her current TV fans, and fans of one of the most adored TV shows of all time.

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"*Diary of a Stage Mother's Daughter* is touching and brave, heartbreaking and inspirational... I simply loved it." — Jeannette Walls, author of *The Glass Castle*

"Melissa Francis' *Lessons from the Prairie* is a busy mom's manifesto--candid and commonsense, insightful, laugh-out-loud funny. A refreshing reality check for working moms who love their jobs as well as their families, and won't compromise their happiness." — Mika Brzezinski, bestselling author of *"Knowing Your*

Value" and cohost of "Morning Joe" Melissa Francis' *Lessons from the Prairie* delivers one belly laugh after another as she tees up an easy to follow, step-by-step guide to tackling the toughest challenges that dog each of us. She charmingly turns personal disasters into hilarious anecdotes that will seem all too familiar to every reader, then follows with a clever take away to make your life happier. What a fun way to share the wisdom she gained growing up before our eyes on the Prairie." — Megyn Kelly "Francis' narrative grabs readers immediately . . . One of those intimate, heartbreaking, double-edged stories that is hard to read, impossible to put down." — Kirkus Reviews "I am always in search of the book I can't put down. Well, thanks to Melissa Francis, I found it. I may have missed a few nights sleep, but I am so much better for it. Her book is captivating, revealing and ultimately healing. Who knew the kid from *Little House on the Prairie* had such a fascinating real-life story? I am in awe." — Hoda Kotb "Melissa Francis' story is riveting. The book is the perfect antidote for the 'Tiger Mom' syndrome that seems to be gaining traction in today's society . . . If you want to be inspired to reach beyond what you were taught as a child, get this book now." — Melissa Gilbert, author of the bestselling *Prairie Tale: A Memoir* "What makes *Diary of a Stage Mother's Daughter* so compelling aren't just the behind-the-scenes details but the spirited conclusion." — Entertainment Weekly "[A] memoir...that you will never forget. It is captivating, revealing, and had me glued to the pages." — BlogCritics.org "[A] superb family memoir." — The Washington Post "The against-all-odds story...is, by turns, harrowing, shocking, and inspiring. Ultimately, it is a celebration of Francis' greatest role: survivor." — Elle.com Reader's Choice blog

Melissa Francis is an anchor and host on the Fox Business Network and Fox News Channel, and a regular contributor on financial, economic, and political issues on shows such as *The Five*, *Outnumbered*, *Happening Now*, and *America's Newsroom*. Prior to her role at Fox, Melissa spent nine years at CNBC anchoring *Power Lunch*, *The Call*, and *On the Money*. She co-hosted *It's the Economy* on MSNBC with Contessa Brewer. She contributed to *The Today Show*, *NBC Nightly News*, and *Weekend Today*. Melissa is also an inspirational speaker and author of the acclaimed memoir, *Diary of a Stage Mother's Daughter*, and *Lessons from the Prairie*. Her books have been featured in *The Washington Post*, *USA Today*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *PEOPLE*, *The New York Post*, *Kirkus*, and *Publishers Weekly*. As an actress, she appeared in numerous motion pictures, television series, and commercials. She is best known for her role of Cassandra Cooper Ingalls on *Little House on the Prairie*. Melissa grew up in Los Angeles and earned an honors degree in Economics from Harvard University. She now lives in Manhattan with her husband and three

children.

I enjoyed reading about Melissa's life journey so far. She told it in an interesting and very funny way. She has a great self deprecating humor.

not too much about Little house on Prairie, it was mostly about the author's life and how that show affected her every decision in life. And how Michael Landon shaped her inner self.

some good lessons for all ages. try for our best dont settle for less. love family more than fame. you are never too old to start over

This was a gift for my daughter, who used to watch Little House religiously. Friendly writing style, nice to see her on tv now with a successful life and career, after learning all those lessons.

A good read. Pleasant stories...

Really enjoyed reading this book. Love her no nonsense, yet loving approach to life. Her positivity and sense of humor are inspiring. Never preachy, she also shares her faith in God. Definitely recommend this book.

I remember her from "Little House." Love country girls!

This was one of the most meaningful books that I have ever read. There is so much to apply to everyday life. Wonderfully written with enjoyable humor. A must for people experiencing trouble in their lives.

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