

OK! INTERVIEW

Joan takes on Kanye West, Lena Dunham, Tyra Banks, Jen Aniston and more in her new book.



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JOAN RIVERS PLAYING FOR LAUGHS

OK! GETS SERIOUS WITH THE UNDISPUTED QUEEN OF COMEDY

Joan Rivers has been in comedy for more than 50 years, and with the release of her 12th book, *Diary of a Mad Diva*, she's showing no signs of slowing down! We caught up with the sharp-tongued comedian to chat about fashion, celebs and her time in showbiz.

How did the idea for your new book come about?

My editor wanted me to keep a daily diary, but no one is interested in "Good morning, today I walked the dog." So I decided to write about the things that annoy me that day, and it's causing some hysteria — **Kristen Stewart** is threatening to sue me!

Does it surprise you that people still take you so seriously?

Yes, all the time! If I go out with new people and over the course of the evening I have to say, "No, no, that's a joke," more than twice, I know I'll never see them again because they're not my kind of people.

Who are some of the current folks in comedy that you admire?

Oh, I worship **Louis C.K.** and **Nick Kroll**. There are so many good ones out there! It's a pity late-night TV is too crowded to watch everyone.

What was it like returning to *The Tonight Show* after your long ban?

Oh, it was amazing! **Jimmy Fallon** is such a gem. The minute he was given the okay he called me to come on. I was so glad because everybody knows the stupidity of me being banned by that a**hole **Jay Leno** for 20-odd years. It was insane.

How do you like today's red carpet coverage?

It's so boring! The reporters are scared to ask anything juicy and the stars are no fun. Everyone plays it safe. That's why I don't cover events anymore and why

we invented *Fashion Police*, so we could be up front and say the truth.

What outfits do you hate to see?

What upsets me is the message that some actresses are sending to young girls, which is, "Bare your breasts, don't wear underwear." When you're a role model, you've got to play along. That's the game.

Whose style do you admire?

Well, I do have to give it to **Rihanna**. She's the Audrey Hepburn of this generation and can make anything look amazing. Oh, and **Victoria Beckham** is flawless.

Looking back on your life, do you have any regrets?

Every day there's a regret, but I don't

dwell on the past. I know this sounds corny, but, in real life, I try to be as nice as I can be. As I'm getting older I'm getting crankier, but I try to live up to that and that's all that I can do.

What's one question you wish more people would ask you?

"Why are you so damn beautiful? It doesn't show on television! My god, I never saw that tight of a body!" They never ask me that question. **OK!**

— **Stephanie Radwan**



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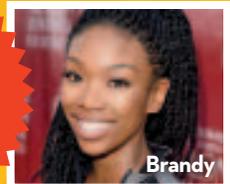
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