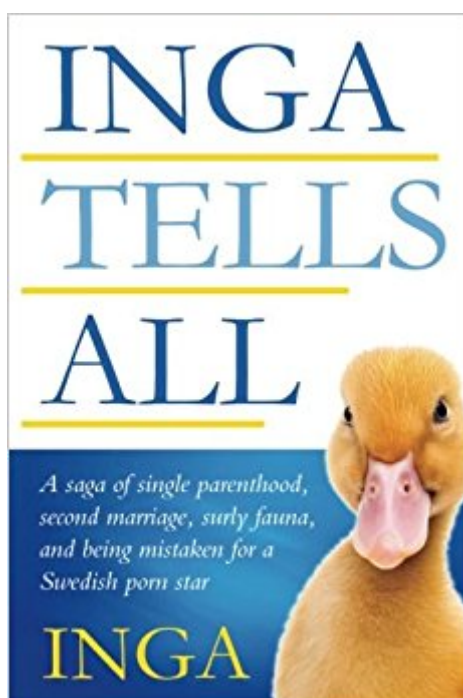


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# Inga Tells All: A Saga Of Single Parenthood, Second Marriage, Surly Fauna, And Being Mistaken For A Swedish Porn Star



## Synopsis

• Hilariously irreverent. • Fresh, new, and so relatable. • Wickedly funny. • Beautifully written. I love the double entendres. • That's what folks are saying about Inga's writing "and, when you read her no-holds-barred personal memoir, you'll see why. Inga Tells All: A Saga of Single Parenthood, Second Marriage, Surly Fauna, and Being Mistaken for a Swedish PornStar is a rollicking autobiographical account of acclaimed journalist Inga's experiences with domestic life. Written under the same pen name used in her award-winning San Diego-based newspaper column "Let Inga Tell You," Inga Tells All encompasses everything from adoption, raising kids post-divorce, disastrous dates, and subsequent remarriage to technology, travel, a weight-sabotaging obsession with chocolate, and beyond. But don't let these familiar topics fool you! Inga's take on them is anything but typical. Her stories are full of surprises and are completely candid. They're sure to make you laugh out loud and approach the trials, tribulations, and errors in your own life with a sense of humor and a better understanding that you're not alone in your struggles. So pour your favorite beverage and find that comfy chair. Inga Tells All will have you hanging on to every word and leave you wanting more from this maverick author.

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## Customer Reviews

...full of solid writing and engaging wit. ...the essence of Inga's collection: clever and contemporary, and even a little bit naughty. ...Inga joins the leagues of essayists who make the mundane truly entertaining. --Kirkus Reviews

This book, much like Jerry McGuire, had me at hello. Inga Tells All: A saga of single parenthood, second marriage, surly fauna, and being mistaken for a Swedish pornstar, had me salivating to read it. It is in no way light on humor, playfulness, ribaldry, and wry observation. For anyone who loves humor writing, this is a don't-miss read. In Inga Tells All, San Diego-based columnist Inga • shares some thirty years of life events told through the lens of her unique humor and wry observation. Inga is part Erma Bombeck and all of herself, from embarrassing post-divorce dating scenarios to growing old with the love of her life. She meets the world with a down-to-earth humor and unique perspective that is easy to appreciate and even easier to relate to and enjoy. From the exasperation of kids to the idiosyncrasies of a second husband, Inga pulls no punches. But her greatest strength as a storyteller is that she's able to poke fun at herself as well as note the humorous and ironic going on around her. Outrageously funny, poignant, thoroughly relatable and delightfully honest, this book is bound to please both long-time Inga fans and new readers. One of the best things about Inga's writing is just how honest it is, with the humor coming from the very nature of the story. Inga doesn't have to write jokes to write humor, she just has to tell a story and let the humor find its way in. It's not only funny but full of wisdom — such as don't buy pets that are likely to live longer than you do, or what to do when alone with a dead possum named Bob. For those who loved Erma Bombeck and appreciate David Sedaris, or laughed over the darkly funny Running with Scissors, this is a great read. Inga Tells All will amuse, inform, and get you to see things from a new perspective. Unless you're a rat (see Surly Fauna). Then all bets are off.

Portland Book Review Inga Tells All pretty much sums its contents up in its subtitle: A Saga of Single Parenthood, Second Marriage, Surly Fauna, and Being Mistaken for a Swedish PornStar - and if this doesn't grab you, nothing will. It's a lively memoir and a fun read that follows thirty years of life events with a kind of humor that's often attempted but too rarely seen: "Olof has always maintained that I married him for his skills with a sewer augur but that's only partially true. It wasn't long after my first husband and I divorced that a friend perused my 11,000 square foot lot and observed, "You need a lover who likes gardening and pool maintenance." Twelve years as a single mom. Experiences with "old people yoga". A "partial Catholic" who struggles with saints. Encounters with pets ("If I had one piece of advice for parents, it's to never let your kids get pets with a life expectancy greater than yours. We know of what we speak."). Social observations and wry ironies. Getting older? Inga is too. On her daughters-in-law: "I was thinking about writing a guide on how to be a good mother-in-law, but truthfully, it can all be summed up in two words: "Shut. Up" And then there are those adult sons: "I get that sons need to separate from their mothers. But do they have to

be so mean about it?" All of these experiences in Inga's life are here to laugh over and learn from - and that's the best opportunity a memoir can offer to its readers; especially with an account that doesn't come from a famous name, but makes a stand on its own merits. --D. Donovan, eBook Reviewer, Midwest Book Reviews

Inga is my favorite current humorist. The stories of granddog Winston with the tuna, waiters dealing with "ladies who lunch," and hellacious son Rory doing anything whatsoever are priceless. I also have a great fondness for her second husband, engineer Olof. His patience and humor are perfect. This book is already a favorite in our household. On a practical note, I expect it may end up in a certain magazine rack, because most of the essays are of a perfect length to be read in a few minutes. However, I'm consuming it in one sitting [in the living room] because it is too funny to put down.

My neighbors, in from the frozen plains of Canada to Southern California for the Holidays, asked for gift ideas with local color. I held up my copy of *Inga Tells All* to show them the ironies we endure as regular folks in the environs of La Jolla. I touted the book as the best writing by anyone around here. I spoke of it as positive humor, filled with funny-bone-tickling text, enjoyable by anyone young or old, married, unmarried, or remarried, with or without children, dogs, ducks, or grandkids, and local to the regular stuff that goes on in La Jolla yet relatable to the freezing folks back in Canada. I held up the book as one writer's admiration for another one's superb writing. Before there was *Inga Tells All*, there was the regular *Inga Tells All* column in a local newspaper, the only column worth reading in that paper IMHO. I know good writing when I read it. We have the best there is locally as *Inga Tells All*, the book. It comes with my highest recommendations as a read for folks of all ages. It generates a chuckle when you least expect it or need it most. It pulls amazingly apt, amusing, erudite expressions out of thin air. It makes you laugh out loud while recalling similar absurdities where you should have LOLed, but didn't. It raises renewed smiles at life's idiosyncrasies.

Inga's like the female Dave Barry, and for me that's a very high compliment. These short pieces are always funny and sometimes hilarious. As with Dave Barry's pieces, it's tempting to read them one after another, but I try to read them one at a time because otherwise Inga's voice (and Dave's as well) loses a bit of its freshness. And the freshness of her voice is one of the best things about her. The book is probably best for women, and especially for single mothers. But many of the (real

life, apparently) situations she describes are universal, and I suspect nearly everyone will enjoy her wit and wisdom.

This is THE book to keep on your bedside table, maybe permanently. You can devour just a couple of mini-essays before going to sleep, or end up reading until your eyes water from late-night fatigue (or laughter). And when you get to the end, you can just start over again. Every one of these tidbits is a pleasure. The author is clearly a warm-hearted, good-humored, appreciative wife, mother, and friend who has managed to keep her cool and her sense of humor through more than her share of trials and tribulations over the years. (Of course, she has every woman's dream of a husband to regularly lift her spirits.) Some of my favorites in this collection: "Yoga for the Maimed and Disabled," "Coffee as a Second Language," "Airline Pre-Boards Have Gone Overboard," "A Hairy Experience in Washington, D.C.," and "Why It Takes Four Women 80 Emails to Set a Lunch Date." You'll recognize yourself, your neighbors, your kids, and your life challenges in these pages. Buy a dozen copies to give as gifts--but only to the truly deserving.

If you need some laughs, this is the book to buy! Truly humorous stories about everyday life with kids, husbands, household stuff, stores & whatever else life throws at you. I've always said you can laugh or cry about life's daily challenges & I much prefer laughing. Obviously Inga does too! Her writing style kept me turning the pages. I was going to read a few pages at a time, but ended up finishing the book in 2 days. I go back & re-read parts when I want a chuckle. I've bought extra copies to give to friends in need of laugh. Great book to lighten someone's day!

This was a really fun book even for a guy that is not a single mother . Inga has such a wonderful mixture of different venues, cultures and situations that you always feel a part of the story. There you are stuck in one of life's many ironies in the supermarket or a restaurant in San Diego. I love that in one moment you are in Brazil, the next in Sweden and then home in California, all places I love! Inga has a special way of looking from many perspectives with her Jewish, Catholic, Protestant life that make for a richly wise and at once funny view of life that leaves you with a real joy of all of mankind's frailties midst the joy of God's creations.

This book was absolutely fantastic. I intended to read it for comic relief--wanted a good laugh in the midst of the stressors of life--and it more than exceeded expectations for this. However, what surprised and delighted me even more was how therapeutic it was. Inga discussed many of the

same problems I currently have, and this helped me take a good look at my own life to see if I could find some better coping mechanisms. Her easy-to-read style was something I could totally relate to, and as I laughed at the way she presented her dilemmas, I was able to find the humor in some of my own situations. This is an excellent book and I highly recommend it!

"Inga" is our favorite gift for all our friends this holiday season. What better way to wish your friends a wonderful holiday than by sharing with them this laugh-out-loud saga of a normal (or maybe not-so-normal) family of caring and extremely witty individuals. You'll laugh and laugh, but you'll also feel the warmth, since it's all good fun!

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