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ROYAL RENÉE

Renée Zellweger is a queen of the silver screen. She scored a much-coveted Oscar for Best Supporting Actress for her role in the musical *Chicago*. Her voice brings her animated character, Angie, to life in *Shrek*. Her pouty lips and expressive features made us shiver in the movie *Cold Mountain*. But most of all, we love Renée for her portrayal of Bridget Jones in the romantic comedy *Bridget Jones's Diary* and the upcoming *Bridget Jones: The Edge Of Reason*. It all started in 1996 with *Jerry Maguire*. "I wanted to hold up my end... not have Tom [Cruise] be disappointed that here was this fantastic once-in-a-lifetime role and it had to be with me," Renée reveals.

And hold it up did she ever. From there, Renée became an everyday name—and so did Bridget Jones. "Bridget is a fantastic character. I love the book," the star raves. She even changed her body type to authenticate her character! After waiting three years, we're at the edge of our seats for *The Edge Of Reason* and more Renée, of course.



Get The Job You Want

Ever wondered how the girl next door got her dream job? Quit moping and learn how to give your career a boost by honing your job-hunting skills. All the info you need is in the book *1000 Best Job Hunting Secrets* (Sourcebooks, \$12.95) by Dianne Stafford and Moritz Day. Here's a sneak peek...

- Your resume is a marketing tool and you can often omit experience that isn't relevant to the job.
- Don't feel compelled to tell your employer about your job search. Everyone knows it is unwise to quit one job until you have another.

The Millionaire Next Door



Oprah



Beyoncé



Jennifer

(Whose House?)

How did she get so rich? What is her secret? This sounds like most of us craving to be free from paycheck-to-paycheck living. Thomas J. Stanley, Ph.D. has made a life (and probably a million) out of these questions. As author of *Millionaire Women Next Door: The Many Journeys of Successful American Businesswomen* (Andrews McMeel, \$28.95), he speculates on how wealthy women become so rich, so quickly, how many hours a week they work, what contributes to their happiness and most importantly, why they are so stunningly successful. Use these insights to help you shape your career, so you too can be billionaires like Oprah who is worth an estimated \$1.1 billion; Beyoncé who earned \$4.5 million just for being Tommy Hilfiger's new True Star Fragrance spokesmodel; Jennifer Lopez who picks up \$12 million a film; Jennifer Aniston who earned \$25 million in 2004 (at press time) or Nicole Kidman who rakes in up to \$15 million per film.



Jennifer



Nicole



[Fame] may appear fast, but it really didn't happen that fast. It took a lot of years of working at it, getting frustrated and trying again.

—Songstress Alicia Keys

Sisters In Law

Think Rhona Mitra and Lake Bell of ABC's new drama *Boston Legal* or Elisabeth Rohm from NBC's hit *Law & Order*—female attorneys are



the pinnacle of style, sophistication and serious professional skills. Get a sneak peak into lady lawyers' real lives and business brains in

the book *Sisters-in-Law: An Uncensored Guide For Women Practicing Law In The Real World* (Sourcebooks, \$16.95) by Lisa G. Sherman, Deborah L. Turchiano and Jill R. Schecter, Attorneys at Law. Learn about expenses, billing, shopping, creative storytelling and the ever-valuable skill of flaunting a sugary sweet smile while negotiating like a piranha. That's right, these ladies do it all!

Secrets To Never Share At Work

Friends at work are essential to enjoying your job, but sharing every detail of your life with them isn't. In fact, it could be damaging to your job! Recently *Good Housekeeping* magazine offered a look at what you should and shouldn't share...

- Take it slow. No matter how well you get along at first, let the friendship develop naturally. Don't rush things and share secrets too soon.
- Be strategic about what you reveal. Don't solve your personal problems by discussing them with your friends at work.
- Know your territory. Every office has a personality. It could be happy and open. It could be quiet and private. If it's the latter, try to keep your personal life quiet as well.
- Learn how to handle conflict. When problems arise between you and another employee, address them immediately, but do it in a non-confrontational way.

