Giveaway: Amanda Goldberg and Ruthanna Khalighi Hopper Talk Love, Hollywood and 'Beneath a Starlet Sky'





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If you loved 2008's *Celebutantes*, you're in luck — authors Amanda Goldberg and Ruthanna Khalighi Hopper are back with *Beneath a Starlet Sky*, the follow up to their debut novel. In this fiction book, Lola Santisi, daughter of Hollywood royalty and CEO of a struggling fashion line, is trying to balance the New York fashion scene and her doctor beau in Los Angeles. A stroke of luck lands Lola in Cannes to work during the Film Festival — but this balancing act is harder to manage than she realizes. And let's not forget about Kate Woods, Lola's BFF, who just went through a breakup with Lola's brother (can we say awkward?). How will a newly single Kate navigate her love life...which may conflict with her work life?

Though we can't tell you the ending, we can bring in Goldberg and Hopper to shed a little insight into their second novel. As these two women themselves are daughters of Hollywood bigwigs (Goldberg's father is film and TV producer Leonard Goldberg and Hopper is actor Dennis Hopper's daughter), they have taken their insider knowledge of the workings of Tinseltown and merged it with some fictional drama to create another chick lit book, worthy of your beach tote.

Goldberg and Hopper took time out of their busy LA touring schedule last month to chat with us via email. Take a look at what they had to say:

Beneath a Starlet Sky is a continuation of exploring celebrity lives and is set in the beautiful town of Cannes. What made you choose that location as the backdrop of your new book?

It's basically the Oscars on a yacht for 10 days. It's chalk full of glamour and fashion. And who wouldn't want to go on a jaunt to The French Riviera?! Reading our book is a lot

cheaper than actually trying to get to the South of France and hopefully we'll make you feel as though you were there.

Why did you decide to start the novel with heartbreak?

Well, who can't identify with having had their heart broken? And that theme of love is a big one for us in this book — romantic love, love between friends, love between family. The women characters go on a journey of exploring what's meaningful to them and what's not. And in the end, it's really all about love.

Do you think it's harder to find love amidst the glitz and glitter of Hollywood lights?

It's harder to find the authentic relationships that are built on deep trust and mutual respect. It can be a tough town. And the glare can be distracting. It's important to keep the people you love close.

Both of your books have been fiction — do you think you'll ever write about your real-life experiences about dating and/or finding love in Hollywood?

That's a great idea! We certainly have plenty of material!!

Will we see a continuation of Lola and Kate's journey in an upcoming book?

You never know... they could throw on their Uggs and take a spin at The Sundance Film Festival...

What love advice can you share with our readers?

Don't expect the other person to be anything other than who they are. And a good match means you: Play well. Fight fair. And laugh a lot!!

Cupid thanks Amanda Goldberg and Ruthanna Khalighi Hopper for their time! You can find Beneath a Starlet Sky on Amazon and on Facebook. For more on the authors, you can follow them on Twitter: @astarletsky.

GIVEAWAY ALERT: Cupid's Pulse has teamed up with St. Martin's Press to give a copy of Beneath a Starlet Sky to one lucky reader! To enter, tell us which celebrity destination you'd like to see Lola and Kate next in a comment below. Please be sure to use your real email address so we have a way of contacting you if you've won — don't worry, your address won't be shown. If your email is not included you will automatically be ineligible to win. This giveaway will run until 11:59 PM EST on Tuesday, June 21. Good luck!

This giveaway is now closed.

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