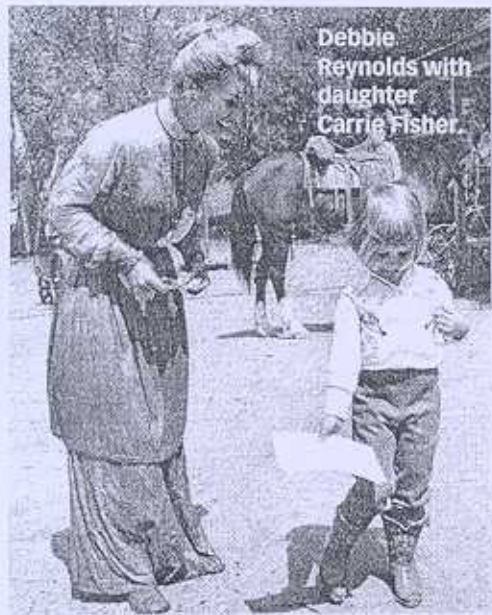


What She Wore

Admit it: You've snooped in your mother's closet, rifling through her secrets, trying on her elusive identity. The acclaimed flutist Eugenia Zukerman has done it, too, and she's compiled a deliciously naughty and nostalgic anthology, *In My Mother's Closet* (Sorin Books), with essays by 43 admitted prowlers, including her own two daughters and her 88-year-old mom. Judy Collins remembers the magic of "lingerie, slips, mysterious slinky things"; Carrie Fisher marvels at Debbie Reynolds's beaded blue gown with blue fur on the sleeves and hem. A book for the little girl in all of us.



Debbie Reynolds with daughter Carrie Fisher.

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What To, See, Do, Have Right Now

the mysteries of mom

Four notable women reminisce about their mothers' closets and the hidden treasures—the secrets to womanhood—that lay within



"I worshipped my mother. Every fall she would buy me clothes for school. I remember flannel skirts with poodles on them. I never wore anything my mother disapproved of until I was deep into my thirties."
—Lesley Stahl, 62, correspondent, *60 Minutes*



"My mother was a pack rat. Whenever it was Halloween, she would go into her wardrobe and come out with fabric and make me something, including the tiara to go with it."
—Joy Behar, 59, cohost, *The View*



"My mother's closet changed her from Mom to Debbie Reynolds. She had this weird-ass giant underwear. I thought, 'Maybe I'll get those big breasts.' I did, and now I'm sorry."
—Carrie Fisher, 46, writer/actress



"A mother's things have a mysterious quality. We're going to find the paraphernalia of femininity—crinolines, high-heeled shoes. We're going to find out what it means to be a woman. That's what we hope."
—Erica Jong, 61, author of *Sappho's Leap* (Norton)



—from *In My Mother's Closet* (Sorin Books) by Eugenia Zukerman