

Das Weibernest (The Chicks Nest)

Now a mother of three Franziska is assigned her very own TV talk show after the huge success of her best seller “Happily Unmarried!” However the talk show ends up being an hour of prim and proper mother-in-law chit chat, for which she has to read a teleprompter word for word containing every question written by a humorless producer. Frustrated, she searches for the program director to convince him of her charm, wit and spontaneity. It backfires on her: nothing changes except the new affaire between her and the director.

The discouraged talk show host decides to drive to a club resort in Colorado with her three children. There she meets Marie, also a mother of three, who has humor, a fighting spirit and an abundance of ideas. They are immediately on the same wavelength! They move in together, help each other with the children –they establish a “chicks nest”. Overflowing with energy from the female solidarity Franziska tackles the talk show anew. She manages to assert herself, and the show becomes a success. Right when everything is going so well Franziska comes to the awakening that the program director is Marie’s husband and they are both pregnant with his baby... This fifth novel by Hera Lind delivers insight about what goes on behind the scenes in TV and relentlessly uncovers what audiences have to take.

At the same time it is a benchmark for friendship between women and proves that more often than not a woman can depend on her girlfriends in times of trouble.