

Acknowledgements

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This book is Judy's book as much as it is Cookie's. We hope it gives a glimpse of Judy's amazing, courageous career as well as of their rich life together.

Cookie & Heather