

Girlfriends

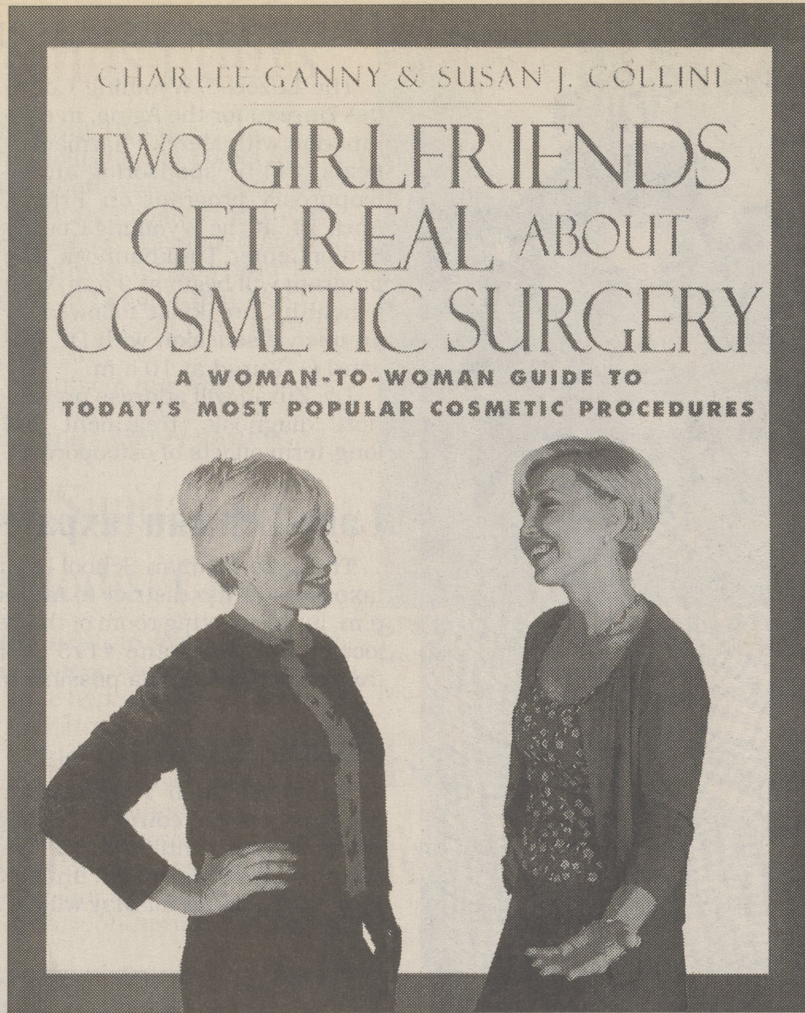
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and felt such a "lift" afterwards that she wanted to share her story.

"There are a lot of books about facelifts so we decided to write about all types of cosmetic surgery," said Collini. "I've been in the field of medical education for a long time and wanted to inform people about the pros and cons of these procedures. I always tell prospective patients that they have to think of a scale where they can weigh the gains and losses."

The book isn't limited to an audience of cosmetic surgery patients, though. "We have chapters about choosing a doctor and recovering from operations that are appropriate for any kind of surgery," said Ganny.

The book is full of stories, with their permission, from over 100 women who were, for the most part, patients of Susan's husband Dr. Francis Collini, F.A.C.S., a plastic surgeon with a practice in Dallas. "Charlee told me to just keep notes on index cards. I had them everywhere for a while," said Susan Collini, who is the business manager for her husband's practice, which is named The Renaissance Center. In addition, she is the owner of Age of Innocence, a full-service day spa, and Susan's Secrets, a clothing bou-



Cover girls Charley Ganny, left, and Susan Collini.

tique. She also counsels patients before and after surgery and feels

that, as a veteran of multiple cosmetic surgery procedures, she is well qualified for the role. Collini, RT, RDMS, RDCS, a graduate of Johns Hopkins School of Ultrasound, is a former program director of the Ultrasound School at St. Barnabas Hospital in New Jersey.

"I don't think that most women want to look like someone else. They just don't like what age, gravity and pregnancy do to us. They want to look like themselves again," said Collini.

"Until you are actually over 40, I tell people to never say never," interposed Ganny.

The book is full of interesting stories and good medical advice. "We tell it all," said Collini. "We talk about things that might be embarrassing for a patient to talk to their doctor about. We get down and dirty."

"There is a lot of humor, some great before-and-after pictures and some shocking ones," said Ganny.

The two friends are currently working on a book tour. They will do short publicity trips to Los Angeles, San Francisco, Las Vegas, New York and Boston. They've

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just returned from a four-day trip to Chicago where they presented a slide show and discussion at a convention hosted by Chicago radio personalities Kathy and Judy. "They call themselves 'Two Girlfriends' so they thought our book would fit right in. We had a great time. There were over 1300 people there and we were asked lots of questions. We were also on their call-in radio talk show," said Ganny.

Cosmetic surgery isn't for everyone. "Our publicist is quite a feminist and didn't believe in this at all. Now, she can also understand the psychological benefits and has changed her attitude," said Collini.

Whether or not someone is considering cosmetic surgery, they should enjoy this well-written, informative book. "We did our last rewrite in December to be sure to include the most current information available," Collini noted.

Library bucks

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obvious as I thumbed through it. I said, 'Holy God, Fred look at this.'" Paul Rodda and Ruth Tetschner, other volunteers, came over to witness the find. The envelope contained \$1,100 in small bills and had been used as a bookmark.

"This is a bookseller's dream and booksellers will buy bags and boxes of books especially hoping to find something valuable. They especially like family Bibles and shake them upside down looking for money" says Johnson.

"We couldn't believe our eyes," says Johnson. The book did have a person's name in the front and using the library's computer list of phone numbers Martha Butler and Ruth Tetschner were able to find a family to go with the name. The person had recently died, and through the Registrar of Wills at the Luzerne County Courthouse the intrepid sleuths were able to find the executor of the estate.

People finding sums of money

"We could be here for 20 years and it would never happen again."

Edwin Johnson
Library volunteer

or items of worth, regardless of the circumstances, have the legal obligation to find the person they belongs to and make a reasonable effort to return them says Bruce Rosenthal, senior partner and attorney at Rosenn, Jenkins, and Greenwald and also a consulting member of the Back Mountain Memorial Library's Board of Directors.

"I suppose we could have kept the money, but that's not what were about," said Tetschner.

As a postscript, the family has made a donation to the library.

Cub Scout Pack 693 plans fundraiser

Cub Scout Pack 693 of Harveys Lake is conducting a rummage sale on Saturday, April 8, at 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Ruggles United Methodist Church. Clothes, books, hunting and fishing equipment and much more.



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Charlee Ganny, left, and Susan Collini were back in Collini's office after a trip to appear at a convention of radio hosts in Chicago.



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