



You're Wearing That?: Understanding Mothers and Daughters in Conversation

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Random House USA Inc, United States, 2006. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Reprint. 206 x 132 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book. Deborah Tannen's #1 New York Times bestseller *You Just Don't Understand* revolutionized communication between women and men. Now, in her most provocative and engaging book to date, she takes on what is potentially the most fraught and passionate connection of women's lives: the mother-daughter relationship. It was Tannen who first showed us that men and women speak different languages. Mothers and daughters speak the same language—but still often misunderstand each other, as they struggle to find the right balance between closeness and independence. Both mothers and daughters want to be seen for who they are, but tend to see the other as falling short of who she should be. Each overestimates the other's power and underestimates her own. Why do daughters complain that their mothers always criticize, while mothers feel hurt that their daughters shut them out? Why do mothers and daughters critique each other on the Big Three—hair, clothes, and weight—while longing for approval and understanding? And why do they scrutinize each other for reflections of themselves? Deborah Tannen answers these and many...

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