

# BRAVE NEW WORDS

A True Story About: Suzette Valle  
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Yearning to rise above the dusty, backwards Mexican border town in Baja, California—a young Suzette Valle dared to dream big by applying for a Masters Program at the world class Oxford University in England.

Not once did this petite girl consider the risk that she might not qualify for such a bold and lofty aspiration nor did traveling 6,000 miles and living alone in a new country make her falter.

"I can't deny that sometimes I was very frightened about how my life would turn out after I decided to leave my country and move to England. But I'm one never to look back," said Valle. "Taking this leap of faith has been the single most life changing decision I have made and one that continues to bear fruit in my life."

After graduating from Oxford with a Masters of Philosophy in Latin American Studies, Valle secured a job at an investment bank in London. The stars of romance shone brightly for Valle, as this is where she met her future husband. They married and returned to the United States where they raised their family of two children in Coronado, California. She considers her solid marriage and collegiate children among her finest accomplishments.

Her hubby of 25 years is a proud supporter, "I travel with her everywhere and I'm her best cheerleader."

Valle is a resolute and determined goal setter who does not hold thrill seeking in high regard, however, she does adhere to the

belief of "do one thing that scares you every day."

"'Would have, should have, could have' are words that I try to avoid in my vocabulary and [life can be] downright frightening at times...but so far, so good," said Valle. "The decision to attend a university half a world away set the course and standard for my life. I raised the bar on myself."

Giving back is equally important to Valle and she has volunteered countless hours for her community and friends in varied ways. Just to name a few: she once organized a Home Derby Run to raise funds for a friend's medical bills, donated a score board and battled the school district to install it at her children's school, served on several non-profit Board of Directors (Islander Sports Foundation and the San Diego Foundation for Women) and contributed by serving in the invaluable role as a team parent and room mom.

"I always give my time unconditionally and where I thought I was needed the most," said Valle.

Valle has created an enviable career traveling worldwide as a contributing writer for the award winning online publication, TheWRAP.com-Covering Hollywood and as a writer for her own website, Mamarazzi Knows Best.com-Parenting in a Celebrity-Driven Society. Her opinion is well respected and as such, has spoken at several San Diego mega-events, has been a guest of the Dr. Phil Show and her opinions have been featured on Fox News, Fox 411.com, Reuters.com and YahooMovies.com.



Today, she adds published author to her achievements. Valle spent two years researching data for her new book, "[101 Movies To See Before You Grow Up](#)." A fun and interactive book for ages 8-80, it can serve as a movie guide for new parents. Available on Amazon.com, Barnes and Noble and at local, independent bookstores.

Valle's motto? "The worst that can happen is that they'll say no."

Brave new words from a once shy girl from Mexicali.

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