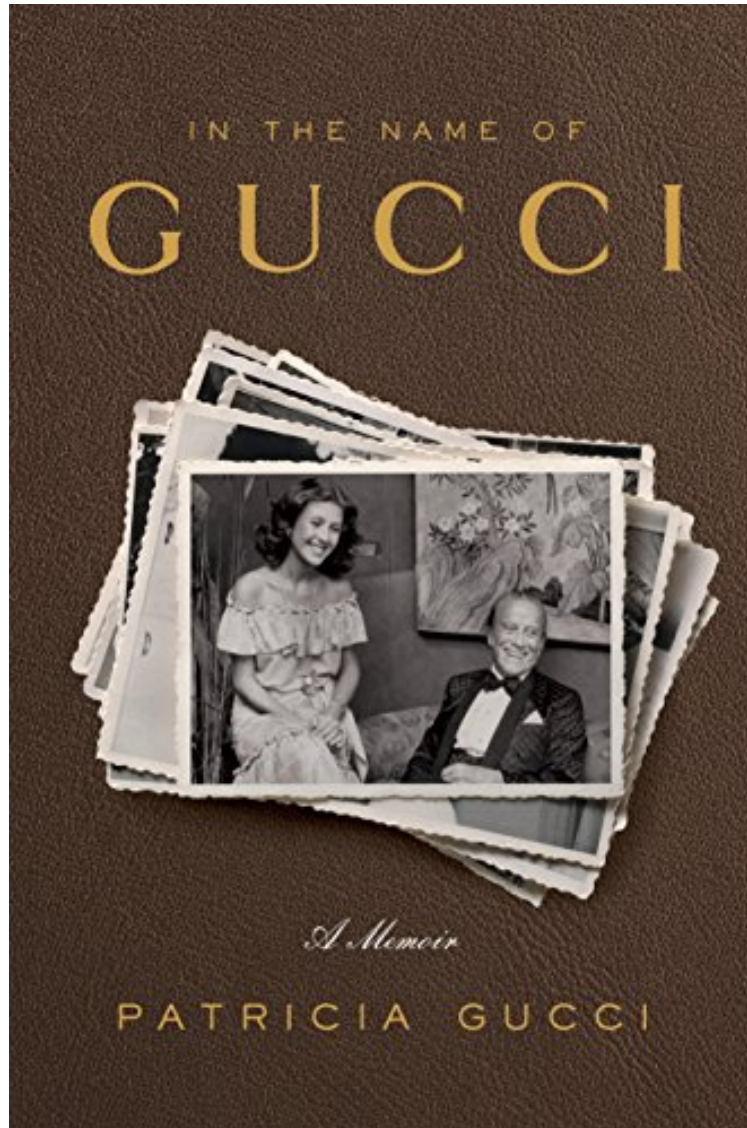


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About the Author
Patricia Gucci was born in London and is the only daughter of Bruna and Aldo Gucci. She was educated in England, Italy, and Switzerland before moving to New York to study acting, despite her father's wish that she dedicate herself to the family business. In 1982, after a year of study, her father prevailed and she was appointed to the board of Gucci. Patricia is establishing a legacy of her own, developing biographical projects based on a collection of diverse experiences and a unique perspective. She lives in Switzerland with her three daughters.