

DAZZLING DIVAS, DAMES, DAMSELS **AND THEIR MISS CELLANEOUS** **MS. ADVENTURES**

by LorrieGay Marlow



Simultaneously a commentary on pop-culture, a clever piece of *word-PLAY*, and just a really cool looking book, **DAZZLING DIVAS...** is simultaneously a picture book of imaginary and idiosyncratic damsels (sort of Jorge-Luis-Borges' *Book-of-Imaginary-Beings* light), but also an irreverent examination of the many ways in which girls and women can be grown, evolved, and also distorted by the culture in which they live.

It's whimsy in the "Woman-Hood." It began sanely enough. LorrieGay Marlow decided to name her company **Miss Chievous**. So far, so good. Then, she decided her cartoon-strewn self-help book *I DO ME WED!* needed a Girly Greek Chorus. Suddenly, **Ms. Quote**, **Miss Understood** and **Miss Cellaneous** were romping and rollicking through the pages. It was only a short leap to amassing a personality-filled array of words suggesting women who were demanding to be given free reign to speak for themselves; and so, **Miss Conception**, **Miss Tery**, **Ms. En Scene**, **Ms. Oh** and their "sisters" were born.

By the time *Miss Matched* had become a sit-com and rapper/producer Missy "Miss Demeanor" Elliott had introduced Word Play to the masses, LorrieGay's cast of *one hundred DAZZLING DIVAS, DAMES and DAMSELS* had exploded into full-blown Technicolor glory in images illustrating *their Miss Cellaneous Ms. Adventures*, peopled with the colorfully illustrated likes of, **Ms. Ognist**, **Miss Judged** and **Ol' Miss**. To paraphrase *Jessica Rabbit*:

They're not bad. They're just drawn that way!

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The cast of 100 characters includes:

Ms. Cegenation:

A multi-cultural, multi-ethnic Diva. No "checking one box" for her! Unless it's "Other." She's determined to have the best of ALL worlds, if only to thumb her metaphorical nose at the kids on both sides who made her school days hell. She's flinging her hair around, whether it's curly or straight that day! Warren Beatty once said, "Halle's the wave of the future." Mmmm hmmm.

Ms. Ogyntist:

A radio "psychologist" who, although she has no psychology degrees, has enjoyed phenomenal success on the basis of her browbeating and guilt-instilling treatment of her female callers. Her first best-selling book, "12 Idiotic Things Women Do to Mess Up Their Lives," has been followed by "Don't Confuse ME with Those OTHER Non-Men...I mean Females." She is at work on her newest tome, "**Thank Goodness for Stupid Women Who Pay Me to Scold Them.**" She is sort of the "Uncle Thomasina" of women.

plus

Ms. Taken:

Kidnapped when just a baby, she was returned to her parents at age eight. By then, her mission in life was determined. She is one of the movers and shakers who spearhead those "Have You Seen This Child?" flyers. She has now made a career of her earlier experience. Her new syndicated show... "Have You Seen This Child?" debuts on FOX TV in the fall.

and her distant cousin...

Miss Taken:

She is the classic example of females always saying, "I'm sorry" even when it's not they who are at fault. She is always excusing herself, always ready to say that she is the one who is mistaken. Currently enrolled in an Assertiveness Training Class at UCLA Extension.

With An Ensemble Cast That Includes:

- **Ms. Appropriate** and **Miss Appropriate**
- **Ms. En Scene**
- **Ms. Tress, Miss Tress** and their cousin, **Ms. Stress**
- **Miss Tique** and her strange and baffling buddy, **Miss Terious**
- the tenuously **Miss Ing Link**
- the tense, New York **Ms. Ann Thrope**

and that most Sadie Thompson of early-to-develop girls:

- **Miss Used**



Miss Judged



Ms. Judge

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