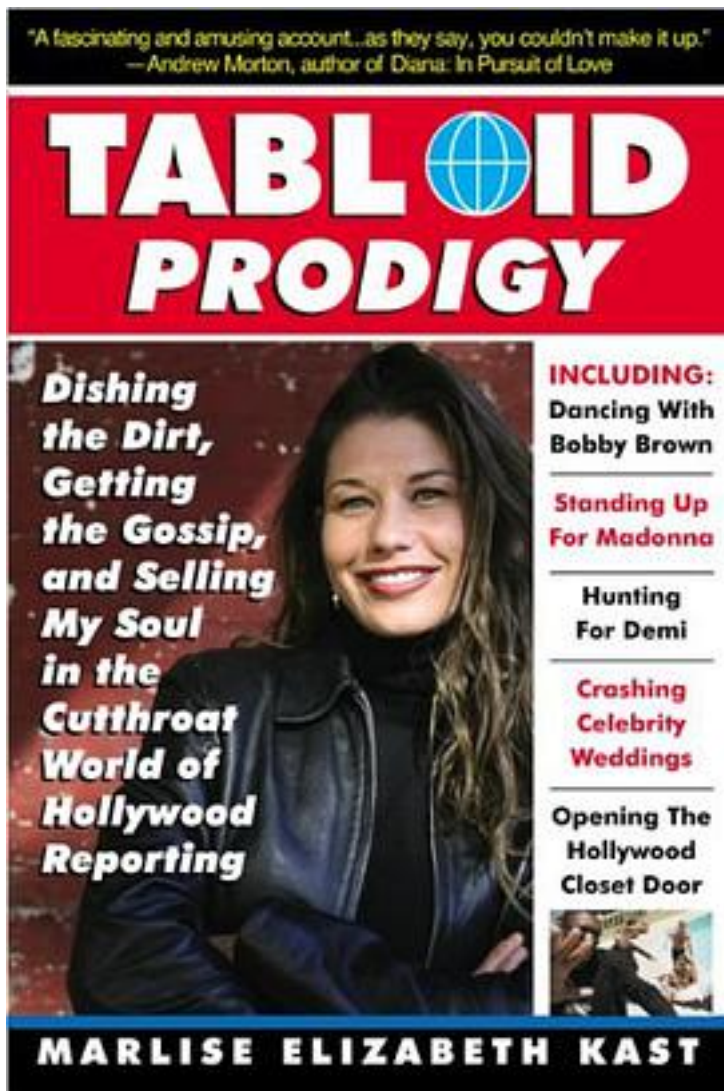


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* Hollywoods Hottest Couple Exchange Mystery Rings! * The Truth Behind Screen Beautys Pregnancy Rumors! * Song Diva Sneaks Past Airport Security and Lands Behind Bars! * TVs Favorite Childhood Star Faces Drinking and Drug Charges! * Teen Beauty Downplays Anorexia Rumors with Hot Dog! * Hollywoods Favorite Funnyman Has Secret Love Child! * Couple Goes Head to Head in Custody Battle! Who writes these stories? Marlise Kast used to. In fact, she was so good at it, at such a young age, she was considered a tabloid prodigy. Marlise, the daughter of a minister, grew up in a loving, conservative, slightly sheltered family, and aspired to a career as a respected journalist or television news anchor. She was perhaps the least likely person to become a star reporter for Globe. But, right out of college, with a journalism degree and few job prospects, she became a tabloid writer, playing the high-stakes game of cat-and-mouse with some of Hollywoods hottest celebrities. There was almost nothing Marlise wouldnt do to get the story behind the celebrity facade. Dumpster diving and hiding in the bushes were childs play compared to ploys like posing as a drunk to crash one stars wedding or bluffing her way through the L. A. Police Department to confirm the DUI of another celebs daughter. Using a combination of charm and brains, Marlise convinced co-workers, waiters, bouncers and bartenders to confess the juicy secrets of Hollywood stars. On the red carpet and VIP guest lists, she assumed countless identities, including those of a florist, a tennis player, a mourner, and a bridesmaid. Along the way, though, Marlise continually wondered: was she abandoning her principles in exchange for a shot at celebrity reporting? Torn between her journalistic duties and her moral responsibilities, Marlise tried to ignore the battle with her conscience, telling herself this wasnt a permanent job, just a stepping stone to a more respectable career. Right? This riveting and entertaining memoir is full of her outrageous-but-true tabloid experiences. Marlises narrative details the behind-the-scenes deals, manipulations, and deceptions used to break the big stories. In an industry where turnover is high, and loyalty low, Marlise survived multiple bosses, a rotating roster of photographers, professional shenanigans, terrifying situations, and comical predicaments, as well as legal threats from some of the celebrities and personalities she wrote about. She eventually wrote over 200 articles for the tabloids. Her biggest story, though, is the one shes never told before; how-after a dangerous high-speed chase, a corporate betrayal of her trust, and the doubts that continued to plague her-Marlise came face-to-face with a story her conscience would not allow her to tell. After so many years of lying about who she really was, Marlise had to discover her own truth. As this riveting memoir reveals, her redemption is more honest and personal than any celebrity news shes ever reported.

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