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A bold and rollicking new dictionary spinning off from the work of radical feminism's most creative wordweaver, identified as the first and still the most challenging of contemporary philosophers.--Robin Morgan, Ms. Magazine. 30 illustrations.

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G.L. Morrison says

It's been so many years since I revisited Daly's epic love poem to language, feminism and philosophy, I'm afraid to rate it higher. There were no doubt huge blind spots in my and her perspectives that I prefer to leave in the past. But as I was recently looking for a quote from it (a be-spelled definition) it seemed fair to acknowledge how much I once loved it and it has an important place in our and my history.

MotherMagic says

Biting and delicious, sarcastic sassin' of the man, a feminist Devil's Dictionary, I love it so!

Jana says

really really fun book: daly and co-writer take words and play games with them, around the themes of feminism. word-game-licious with new takes on themes that make your head spin! i take it in, sift out the generalizations of "all men..." and suck on the new word ideas.

Vashti says

Fun approach.

Elizabeth says

trade paper good condition

Meagan says

I was lucky as a budding witch to find a copy of this. I began to think about the words I used in ritual in a whole new way. The concept of deciding how we interact with reality through speech is only now coming into study by modern chaos, memetic & mnemonic magicians. Ms. Daly, as always, ahead of us on the curve, pointing out the sights we shouldn't miss.

Bethany says

Something between a dictionary and a manifesto, *The Wickedary* should be in the library of anyone who reads Mary Daly's work. The word-play is phenomenal, the book's structure embraces hypertext, and the definitions are wickedly delightful.

Annie says

irreplaceably bracing!

Lucy says

I've heard a lot of people call Mary Daly a misandrist. I say that's nonsense. She also hates any woman who is trans and/or disagrees with her. Which would be most women. But I digress.

Not only is this book misanthropic, but it's unreadable. Her attempts to be clever came off as obnoxious, someone needs to take her shift and hyphen keys away from her, and the illustrations (by Jane Caputi) are hideous. For someone who only likes cis women who agree with her, she has quite the fixation on the phallus. You know that episode of South Park where Mr. Garrison writes a romance novel and uses the word "penis" over 6,000 times? That's what the book read like at times. Even the St. Priapus Church, which is dedicated to worship of the phallus, would take one look at that book and think "dang, she is really obsessed with dick."

I give this book five frowny faces. :(:(:(:(:(

Kirsten Kowalewski says

I had read a bunch of other Mary Daly and loved how she played with/reclaimed/invented words, so I was really looking forward to her Wickedary. It is structurally very confusing as a dictionary, because instead of going alphabetically she creates 'word webs' preceded by long prose passages.

When I was initially reading her stuff I thought she was really revolutionary in her approach and I know she had to prove her worth over and over again... I didn't see her anger so much as her creativity. As I look at it now ten years later I am struck by that anger and it is no longer exhilarating to me. She is as trapped by her own words as she was by the establishment she wanted to radicalize and extend. So while I still think this is a very cool concept and I admire her creativity in transforming the English language, I cannot say that it now has the effect on me of making me want to set the world on fire. Her words, while liberating, did not change mainstream English, so while I can appreciate and enjoy them, I will have to say they did not set me free.

Louise Chambers says

Classic Must Read of Lesbian Feminist Theory. Fun and highly entertaining.
