



AUTHOR AND ACTOR

# JENNY MOLLEN

*The 35-year-old self-confessed 'crazy' is ready for her own slice of (American) pie*

**After chasing a career in Hollywood for years, landing small film and TV roles, you're writing and starring in your own TV show based on your hilarious bestselling book, *I Like You Just the Way I Am*. Congratulations! Thank you.**

**One of the things you write about is feeling invisible when you're out with your husband, Jason Biggs [star of the hit '90s comedy *American Pie*]. Oh, yeah. For sure.**

**You've seen the effect of fame up close – are you ready to be in the spotlight?** I feel like you spend so much time screaming, "Look at me! Look at me!", then someone turns around and they're like, "Yeah, what?" It's such a weird feeling, but I love it. It feels earned, you know? It wouldn't have felt the same if it had happened in my twenties – I could have turned into a cocky, arrogant bitch [laughs]. I'm such a pessimist; I assume everything's going to fall apart and be gone tomorrow, so I'm trying to savour every moment of it.

**How's your husband coping with it?** He's extremely jealous and threatened by me.

know I'm your wife! Like, really? I feel like I've failed as a human being. I'm 'Jason Biggs' guest.'" My only claim to fame was being the lady that people asked to take pictures of them with Jason. So I think he's happy I'm not constantly walking around the house referring to myself as "Jason Biggs' guest". **Your brand of humour is similar to *Chelsea Handler's* – who's a friend of yours – but I'm guessing you wouldn't describe yourself as a comedian...** No, I don't. I think that's a different skill set. I'm just kind of a weirdo. I'm totally open about my life, and if people find it funny, I guess I'm excited about that. But the sad thing is that most of it is just the truth.

**You were accused of oversharing last year after you posted Instagram clips of your labour with son Sid and a photo of your placenta.** I don't really think there's a story in a lot of that stuff. We posted videos, people got crazy and said it was insane and that I was live-tweeting the birth, which is absurd. I wasn't doing anything except being on drugs and in pain. I obviously had to fire back, so I posted the

placenta, saying, "I don't know about you guys, but I think my placenta looks super-young and hot in this photo." It might be oversharing [pauses, there's talking in the background]. Oh, "really *thin* and hot?" Jason's correcting me.

**I've been following your fledgling dating service, *Date My Friends*, on Instagram. It's nice to see a dating service with a sense of humour! Have you actually managed to hook anyone up?** I have, and I'm so excited about it.

I hooked up this girl who works out at my gym with this German guy I know in LA, and they've gone on a date. They're a good match. The thing I like about the site is that I would date somebody who had a sense of humour about themselves. I also think when you put yourself on a dating site, there's still this weird stigma of, "Oh, do I seem desperate? Do I seem like I can't meet someone on my own?" But if someone's friend puts them up, there's not that same stigma and if you're not writing your own bio, the pressure's off you. It's kind of fun.

**The *Daily Beast* used your memoir to argue that crazy is the new cool. Would you say that's true, or are you just being honest?** I always say, "I'm not being crazy – I'm just telling you what women are actually thinking and are up to." I *love* being described as crazy – that means I'm fun. I really do believe 'crazy' is just a word boring people use to describe fun people. When I hear someone's crazy, I want to be friends with them. **S**

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Jenny Mollen's book, *I Like You Just the Way I Am* (St. Martin's Press, \$32.99), is out now.

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