
Enter Pirates

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A note...

"Hey," my sister Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 Lisa said when I answered the phone. "I'm cleaning out Nana's house and guess what I found?"

"If it's been trapped in that house for the eight years it's been empty and it looks like a leather purse with teeth, I don't want to know," I replied.

"I'll give you a hint," she continued. "It's yellow with age, torn Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 in spots and has your name on it."

"I know," I answered, ashamed. "Apparently, when I stay at Mom's, I leave my underwear all over her house, too. They keep sending it back to me. Dad picks them up with his barbeque tongs."

"I was going to tell you to guess again," my sister said. "But you just grossed me out

so bad on the last one that I am going to stop here. Your columns. I found your columns from the State Press.”

“You’re kidding?” I laughed. “Which ones?”

“All of them,” my sister told me. “It looks like every single one. Some of them Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 date back to 1991.”

There is a very good possibility that you Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 were not yet born, but I was and working at *The State Press*, the student-run newspaper at Arizona State University. By default, and someone else’s drunk driving jail sentence, I ended up writing the humor column mainly because I gave myself the job. I was the editor of the arts and entertainment magazine, my humor columnist was trying to make bail and Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 someone had to fill the spot.

It was an assignment of necessity, and I used to feel embarrassed by it until a world full of bloggers came onto the scene and not only gave themselves their own column, but their own website to boot. At least I was working Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 toward my degree in journalism and had column inches to fill. Yes. JOURNALISM. Now, that word doesn’t mean very much, but in 1991, there were several newspapers in every city and you could actually make a living at working at one. Way before the Internet killed that dream, giving birth to not only bloggers but news that doesn’t require sources.

Anyway.

I wrote the column, week after week, always hoping to find someone else to do it, but I never did. And 25 years later, I’m still writing it, although newspapers barely exist. I wrote on a Macintosh Classic and barely saved anything on a floppy disk, so unless I had a copy Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 of the magazine Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 itself, most of that stuff was lost to the ages. I never even thought about seeing it again or trying to find copies; I had moved four times since then and whatever made it to my basement in Oregon was undoubtedly dissolved in one of our many sewer overflows.

Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 And then came my sister’s phone call. She found a Giorgio Armani bag stuffed full of newspaper stories, my columns that Nana and Pop Pop had Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 clipped out week after week and saved. I couldn’t believe it; I thought that stuff was gone forever. My mother Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 mailed it up to Oregon along with Nana’s old mink, and honestly, I just let it sit there for a couple of months. While I was Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 curious about seeing my work Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 25 years later, I was terrified that it would really suck. And some of them did; there were a Enter Pirates: Vintage Legends: 1991-1999 couple that were *terrible*. But others weren’t half bad, and then several of them actually made me laugh. Although I will admit that I winced at reading some of my own escapades, it was like I had opened my own time capsule and found myself—much younger, thinner, and dumber—inside. There was my world before I had written *Idiot Girls*, before I was married, had nieces and nephews, was still in college and not stopping long

enough to even sow my wild oats. I was just dropping them as I went along.

My sister said I should collect them and publish them, sort of a prequel to *Idiot Girls*, and offered to help type them up. My husband also offered to lend his ten fingers, so together, we recreated what I wrote beginning in 1991, and formed a collection I'm calling *Enter Pirates*.

It's not heavy reading, it's goofy and silly and slightly reckless. But it made me laugh, and my biggest hope is that you have the very same reaction.

Awesomely,

Laurie

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