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# Me And Fat Glenda (Fat Glenda Series)



## **Synopsis**

She's fat. She's loud-mouthed. She's pushy. She's opinionated. She's prejudiced. She has a "creative" way with the truth. She is madly in love with your sixteen-year-old brother. All the other kids in seventh-grade hate her and she hates them. Her mother has a petition going to try to force your family out of the neighborhood. . . . And she's your best friend! There's no one like Fat Glenda. In Lila Perl's 1972 comedy, while Sara has to cope with her family's unorthodox ways and the town's prejudice against them, it's her new friend Glenda who Sara has to really watch out for. For Glenda has a secret, and everyone in town knows it . . . but Sara! Lila Perl has published over sixty volumes of fiction and nonfiction for young readers. In addition to the successful Fat Glenda series, Perl has twice received American Library Association Notable awards for nonfiction and is the recipient of the Sidney Taylor Award for *Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story*.

## **Book Information**

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Age Range: 9 and up

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## **Customer Reviews**

Lila Perl grew up in Brooklyn. She has published over sixty volumes of fiction and nonfiction for young readers. In addition to the successful Fat Glenda series, Perl has twice been received American Library Association Notable awards for nonfiction and is the recipient of the Sidney Taylor Award for *Four Perfect Pebbles: A Holocaust Story*. Perl holds a degree from Brooklyn College of

the City University of New York, and is the sister of Nobel-Prize-winning physicist Martin Perl. She lives in Queens, New York.

The description said book was in VERY GOOD condition. This book is old, stained and one page is ripped. I could still read all the pages, so it was alright, but I wish they would have been honest about the condition of the book. I wanted to keep this book because I own other ones in the series. I will probably end up ordering another one in better condition. On the good side, it was quickly shipped and it was a fair price. I will probably give this seller another chance.

Thin Sara's family is so unconventional and fat Glenda's so conventional that the differences put a real strain on the two girls friendship. From inside the book flap: "I won't even tell you about our moving all the way to New York in a garbage truck except to say that we kept getting odder looks the father we got from California. And I guess we did look pretty silly as Drew, my father, wheeled the truck onto this neat, tree-lined street in Havenhurst. We were grinding past a spread-out new ranch house with manicured grass and a red-and-white painted jockey on the lawn when a girl came running down the driveway, all the time yelling over her shoulder, 'Hey Ma, the garbage man!' 'Step on it,' I said to Drew. Judging from the size of that kid, they eat a lot in that house.' Because this girl was fat. And when I say fat, I don't mean fat, I mean FAT. So begins the unusual friendship of narrator Sara Mayberry and Glenda Waite--Fat Glenda. Right from the start the girls have their problems, for the staid and conservative town of Havenhurst just isn't ready for the unpredictable Mayberry family. No the junk sculpture and garbage truck of Sara's father, or her mother's zither and tie-dye vats. Nor are Sara's parents willing to accept their new neighbors, whom they consider narrow-minded and prejudiced. Tested, and almost broken, by these pressures is Sara's and Glenda's friendship. Their mutual passion for alphabet burgers (recipes included) helps to sustain it, though. And at the end Glenda is looking forward to a future when she won't be Fat Glenda anymore.

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It's a delightful story... starting with Sara's trip from California to New York with her hippie parents and all thier stuff... in a garbage truck.

I also recommend every teenager read "Hey Remember Fat Glenda." The story was crazy, but very real and something that teens can relate to and/or escape to for fun. One of the things that stuck out in the book for me was the girls' never ending "Alphabet burger" creations. This book was the best. It was inspiring and remained in the back of my mind all of these years. I am in my thirties and probably read this book at around 10 or 11 years old.

The book "Hey Remember Fat Glenda" was a perfect example on growing up different. The book was very real and thoroughly enjoyable. The characters are very lovable, and the plot and the setting were ideal. I recomend this book to every teenager, male or female. It gives you a different outlook on the way we treat certain people that are different from us. In conclusion I would like to state that Lila Perl was truly remarkable with this creation of this book.

This was by far my most cherished childhood book (I read it well over 100 times). It's a story that I found invaluable while negotiating the process of growing up feeling "different". The overall series was fantastic, but this particular book really inspired me as a child.

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