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## **A Wild Ride into the Hearts and Brains of People Driven Mad by Love**

There are plenty of books that offer advice about how to get or keep love in your life. But what about the stories we've all heard of people who do absolutely crazy things in the name of love, things that are the complete opposite of the sober advice offered by self-help books?

In *CRAZY LITTLE THING: Why Love and Sex Drive Us Mad*, publishing in December by Viva Editions, Liz Langley interviewed dozens of people on the extreme edges of love and desire, as well as the experts who are uncovering new scientific information that urges us to ask: how much of our behavior is really our choice? Psychologists, academics and analysts of culture continue to offer us better understanding of ourselves in love and other areas, but neurologists and other specialists, armed with the brain scan, have taken the game to a higher level.

Reaching across science, literature and newspaper headlines to illuminate the irrational things people do in the name of love, Langley reveals mental disorders, paraphilias, God and extraterrestrial conspiracies. Edgar Allan Poe's wife succumbed to tuberculosis when she was just 25 and forevermore his work was populated by sweet young women who died too young, often from wasting diseases. Nadine and Bob had both devoted their lives to the church, a nun and priest who never considered any other life until they met one another. And though turning toward each other seemed irrational, their love turned out to be their true commitment to spirituality. When his wife died in 2003, Le Van, a 55 year-old father of seven, at first slept on top of her grave. When his kids found out and prevented him from visiting the graveyard, he brought her home and slept beside her there.

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Langley goes on to explain recent breakthroughs in brain science for general readers. This book isn't a how-to. It's more of a guess-what. CRAZY LITTLE THING is a pop romp that begins to make sense of the burbling, boiling soup of endorphins, hormones and neurotransmitters that spill from our brains to make us do insane things in the name of love.

**About the Author:**

Liz Langley is a columnist for SexIs magazine and her writing has appeared in/on Salon.com, Jezebel, Alternet, *Details*, *Glamour*, *Bust*, *Destination Weddings & Honeymoons*, Carnal Nation and Gene Simmon's Tongue. She's regularly blogs for MyPleasure.com and has been a columnist for the *Toronto Sun*, the *Orlando Weekly* and the *Orlando Sentinel* and has won awards from the Society of Professional Journalists, Florida Press Association and Association of Alternative Newsweeklies. Her work appears in BEST SEX WRITING 2008 (Cleis Press). You can visit Liz at her blog, Mind, Booty and Spirit, at <http://liz-langley.blogspot.com/>.

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by Liz Langley

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