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IVY LEAGUE STRIPPER WITH BREAST CANCER BARES BODY AND SOUL IN  
PROVOCATIVE NEW MEMOIR

*Magic Gardens: The Memoirs of Viva Las Vegas*, by Viva Las Vegas

208 pages • paperback • \$14.95 • Amazon Pre-order: Now • Publication Date: August 2009

After eight years, Viva Las Vegas landed a book deal and was then diagnosed with breast cancer. But this savvy stripper, Williams College graduate, and preacher's daughter is forging ahead with the release of her provocative new book, *Magic Gardens: The Memoirs of Viva Las Vegas* (Dame Rocket Press, [www.damerocketpress.com](http://www.damerocketpress.com)).

Whether naked onstage at a dive bar in Portland, Oregon, or walking the red carpet at Cannes, Viva brings passion to her performances and audiences to their feet. *Magic Gardens* is her story—a gritty, witty memoir that takes us through the murky caverns of the sex industry.

What people are saying about *Magic Gardens*:

“Pure Viva.” —Gus Van Sant, filmmaker, *MILK*

“Hers is the classic American tale of wanderlust, updated for the 21st Century...  
In the sea of memoirs...Viva's story is an island.”

—Andrei Codrescu, author, *Jealous Witness: New Poems*

“Seeing life through this broad's eyes is a strange and beautiful blessing the likes of  
which words bring.” —Nick Tosches, journalist & author, *King of the Jews*

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“*Magic Gardens* is no mere memoir—all snap, verve, and eloquence, it is the how-to manifesto of a Diva of the Demimonde, and a love song to life on the shady side.” —**Katherine Dunn**, author, *Geek Love*

**Viva Las Vegas** is an author, graduate of Williams College, and singer with five recorded albums. A widely published writer, her pieces have appeared in numerous publications including *The New York Times*, *Village Voice*, *Portland Monthly*, *New York Magazine*, and *Spread*. In addition to appearing in over a dozen films, she also speaks several languages and is a spokesperson for strippers. She plans a vibrant return to the stage.

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