LORRAINE DUFFY MERKL

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BIO:

I am an advertising writer for print, television, radio and interactive media, who specializes in entertainment marketing.

Throughout my commercial career (freelance as well as staff) I've also worked on products in the categories of: toys, travel, packaged goods, real estate, pharmaceuticals, cereals, electronics, as well as public service.

Among various awards, I count a Broadcast Design Award (HBO); Ad Age SAM Award (PlayStation); GDUSA American Design Awards (HBO); National Affiliate Marketing Promotional Concepts (HBO); Grey President's Award (Post Cereals); and the Erma Bombeck Humor Writer Award (Our Town/West Side Spirit column)

I hail from the Bronx borough of NYC, and received my A.B. from Fordham University.

ONLINE PORTFOLIO: www.lorraineduffymerkl.com

Freelance 1995 to present

Entertainment: The Refinery (HBO);

MTVNetworks; HBO/Cinemax; Nickelodeon; Nick-at-Nite; TV LAND; TV LAND; United Media; VH1; Showtime; Comedy Central; Food Network;

A&E Networks; Lifetime Television; USA Networks; WE: Women's Entertainment; Columbia House; Peter Max Studio

Publishing: eScholastic; The Beaverkill Press

Packaged Goods: Blistex; Olin; Panasonic Batteries

<u>Toys</u>: Galoob; Mattel; Tyco; Tiger; PlayStation

Real Estate: Various NYC buildings

<u>Pharmaceuticals</u>: Pfizer Services: RevitaRUGS

Staff 1980 to 1995

Grey Advertising Senior Writer -

Hasbro/Kenner; Sherwin-Williams; Borden

(Elmer's)

<u>Herman Associates</u> Associate Creative Director –

Austrian Airlines; Trafalgar Tours; American

Playhouse; La Samanna Hotel; Marshall & Sterling Insurance; TBI Tours; Applied Digital Data Systems

(ADDS)

TSR, Inc Senior Writer - Emerson Radio;

Galoob Toys; Canandaigua Wine Co.

<u>Grey Advertising</u> *Copywriter* - Canon Cameras; Bristol-Meyers; Post Cereals; GCB Real Estate

Marketing

Lord & Taylor Jr. Writer – all departments

PRO BONO:

Advertising: Blanton-Peale Counseling Center; NAACP Visual merchandising & sales: Fordham Prep bookstore

Event planning/fundraising: The Legal Aid Society, Aaron School, Fusion Academy

RELATED EXPERIENCE

<u>Journalist</u>: New York Times; Manhattan Media; Straus Media; New York Observer; Care.com; New York Post; Adweek; Bustle; Fifty Is The New Fifty; The Frisky; The Huffington Post; xoJane; Nerve; The Huffington Post, The Washington Post, Purple Clover, Hearst Publications (Redbook, Seventeen, Woman's Day, Cosmopolitan, Good Housekeeping, Marie Claire, Delish, Town & Country), She Knows; Parent.co.

Published Author: Back To Work She Goes (2013) Fat Chick (2009)