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Dana Gillespie, Britain's award-winning first lady of the Blues, has enjoyed an extraordinary life and career. Now, she has chronicled her exploits in an intelligent, insightful, outrageous, and funny memoir.

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"Spending time with Dana was very special. She was magical, and helped me overcome my shyness. She knew my story before I did!"

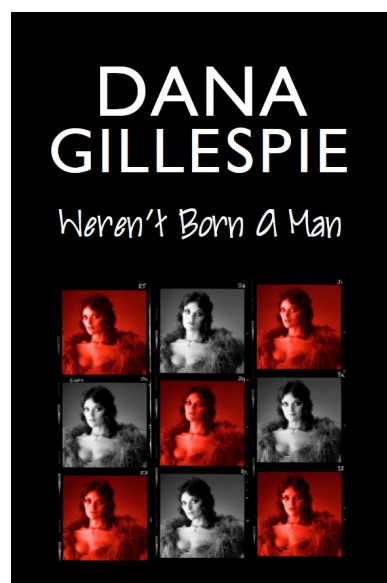
*Sir Elton John*

"A real talent with everything she has ever done .... A beautiful artistic lady in every sense of the word."

*Rick Wakeman*

"From David Bowie to Alf Garnett... They say that variety is the spice of life, and Dana's life has seen more spice than most."

*Julian Clary*



# Dana Gillespie: Weren't Born a Man

Over an illustrious career – starting in the heyday of London's swinging sixties and *still going strong* – Dana Gillespie has experienced and embraced a wow-factor life.

From relationships with rock royalty including David Bowie and Bob Dylan, to recording with Jimmy Page and Elton John, to performing as Mary Magdalene in the original London production of *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and acting in films directed by Nicholas Roeg and Ken Russell amongst others – Dana has seen and done it all. Now, for the first time, her full story comes to print, in her official autobiography: **Dana Gillespie: Weren't Born a Man.**

Detailing her exploits over the decades, and containing over 150 photographs – the majority of which have never been seen in the public domain before – Dana tells of her life as a recording artist with over 70 albums to her name, as a film, stage and television actress, and as co-founder of the Mustique Blues Festival (where guests including Princess Margaret were regulars). **Weren't Born a Man** is a must-read for anyone interested in a rock and roll life experienced at full pace!

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