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# Entertainment WEEKLY

8 Things You  
Don't Know About

## MIRANDA LAMBERT

Country's firebrand follows a brazen debut CD with the incendiary *Crazy Ex-Girlfriend*. BY CHRIS WILLMAN

- 1 Coming after the similarly vengeful "Kerosene," *Crazy's* title track struck radio folks as too controversial. But they're fine with "Famous in a Small Town"—probably because "it doesn't talk about killing anybody or setting anybody on fire," Lambert says.
- 2 "Family-values" country? Not for her: "I don't write about angels, Jesus, happy days, kids. I grew up on drinkin', cheatin', love gone bad..."
- 3 Still, "if you listen to my records, my theme is really love. Even with 'Dry Town'—I mean, I *love* beer!"
- 4 Alt-country faves Gillian Welch and David Rawlings penned "Dry Town," yet Lambert says, "I *lived* that song. It's 30 miles to the nearest beer" from her native Lindale, Tex.
- 5 Lambert was no wild child. "My parents are PIs. If I tried to sneak out, they were waiting when I got there."
- 6 She has a concealed-gun license, "but I don't think I'll ever actually shoot anybody. I have this image of being hardcore, but I'm just a 23-year-old going through everything any other girl would go through."
- 7 Her dad calls her "the ice princess" for her cool attitude post-breakups. "I'm very hot or cold. Once I love somebody, I give all my heart. But if somebody hurts me, I'm *done*."
- 8 She and current steady Blake Shelton, 30, both have CDs out May 1. "I told him I was gonna kick his butt [on the charts]." For his sake, she'd better. "Poor Blake. I tell him, 'Crazy Ex-Girlfriend' could be your life story, so just know that."



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