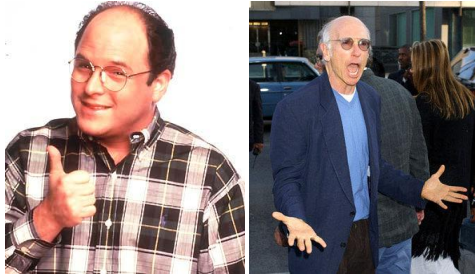


Top 10 Favorite Fictional Characters Inspired by Famous People

There's nothing more fun than a thinly-veiled characterization of a celebrity (sometimes flattering, sometimes not) in a good movie, TV show or book. Some are just rumored-to-be and some are fact. Without further ado, the top 10!

10. Jason Alexander as George Costanza (Larry David) in *Seinfeld*



The antics of George, arguably the most endearingly despicable character on Seinfeld, are continued by real-life inspiration Larry David on his HBO show, *Curb Your Enthusiasm*.

9. Patrick Fugit as William Miller (Cameron Crowe) in *Almost Famous*



Sure, he had Kate Hudson as gorgeous groupie Penny Lane for inspiration, but you've got to hand it to Fugit for turning in such a thoughtful performance as a young rock journalist. Especially since Crowe himself directed.

8. Bette Midler as Mary Rose Foster (Janis Joplin) in *The Rose*



Tragic Janis as portrayed by the Divine Miss M. in her '70s prime. The theme song is so sob-worthy, even 30 years later.

7. Anna Faris as Kelly (Cameron Diaz) in *Lost in Translation*



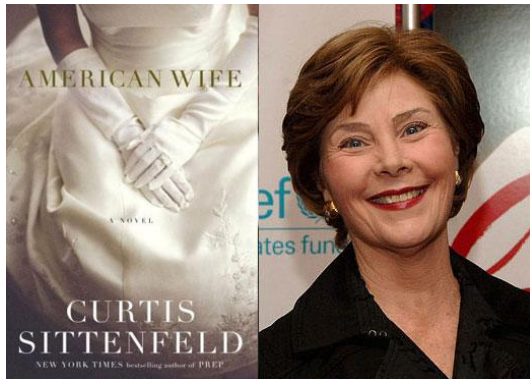
Apparently, there was no love lost between director Sofia Coppola and Cameron Diaz, the star of Sofia's then-husband's film, *Being John Malkovich*, as evidenced by this air-headed depiction.

6. Beyonce as Deena Jones (Diana Ross) in *Dreamgirls*



While the Effie role is the flashy one, only a larger-than-life star like Beyonce could (almost) steal the spotlight from Jennifer Hudson.

5. “Alice Blackwell” (Laura Bush) in Curtis Sittenfeld’s novel, *American Wife*



A masterful fictional exploration of the lady behind one of the most controversial Presidents in our nation’s history. A must-read.

4. Dustin Hoffman as Stanley Motss (Robert Evans) in *Wag the Dog*



Impersonating Robert Evans is now a sport in Hollywood (the latest - Michael Douglas in *Ghosts of Girlfriends Past*). But Hoffman’s portrayal in David Mamet’s politics-meets-Hollywood satire, *Wag the Dog*, is still the one to beat.

3. Heather Graham as Daisy (Anne Heche) in *Bowfinger*



Oh, no he didn’t! Steve Martin takes some sweet revenge on ex-lover Anne Heche in the hilarious Hollywood send-up *Bowfinger*.

2. Jeremy Piven as Ari Gold (Ari Emanuel) in *Entourage*



Renowned Hollywood agent Emanuel (real-life brother of Obama's Chief of Staff Rahm) gets skewered by Piven, in a role that should be slimy, but is actually oddly loveable. Let's hug it out, b**ch!

1. Meryl Streep as Miranda Priestly (Anna Wintour) in *The Devil Wears Prada*



If you're going to get totally annihilated in an on-screen tell-all, you might as well get portrayed by the world's greatest living actress. Streep is flawless as the ultimate boss from hell.