



**It's Time to Take Out the Trash!**

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(Mark is on safari, so we have the pleasure of hearing from Mrs. Pitman this month. Thanks Alicia - SEM)

There are a lot of things that stick out when it comes to writing this episode of Taking out the Trash.

Since I can really only write about one, and the boys refuse to give me my own section, I picked one very near and dear to my heart. Being 7 months pregnant, a lot of shit bugs me but this ridiculous way of naming your child Amy and spelling it Amiee is fucking bullshit. I cannot emphasize it enough, it's just fucking stupid. I hear the excuse that it's to be 'different' and it's so cute. If you wanted to be fucking different, here's a helpful hint, try a name other than Amy. Cute? It isn't fucking cute when I have to sound it out three times just to get an idea of what the fuck it's supposed to be.

A lot of people ask me what we're going to name our child. I prefer more traditional names but that's just because I'm normal. We love the name Jack. Someone says to me the other day, "Why don't you spell it Jax, or Jak". I said "Because fortunately I am able to spell and passed the third fucking grade". I cannot tell you how many times I see it. I was at Arden Fair Mall today and boy did I feel 'uncool'. - That's a whole different TOT. Anyway, this girl was ringing me up and her name was Kourtnee. I looked at it and the first thing that came to my mind was, "Why". So I said, "That's an interesting way of spelling your name", and she tells me that she changed it because she liked the spelling better and wanted to be different. Of course I said "Wow you went to all that trouble and just changed the spelling? Wouldn't you change the whole thing? You can figure out the rest..... Let's just say, legally, she's a Courtney. God Forbid! She was definitely 'different' and her name wasn't the worst of it. Oh, then there is the new spelling of Melissa - Malyssa. When does it stop?

Why would you make it even MORE difficult for your child than it already has to be? My daughter is in the 1st grade and it's horrendous in her class. There is an Arron, Taylore, Kyleigh, Madyson, Trajan (which reminds me of condoms, no way around that) and Ryeane. When the class list came home, I seriously wondered if this Teacher should be Teaching my child. Then I confirmed that it wasn't spelling errors. It bugs the fucking shit out of me. No wonder kids are so fucked up and can't fucking read.

It's NOT cute. It's NOT special. It doesn't separate your child from all the other Amy's out there. It's just fucking stupid! If you must go out on a limb and name your child Apple, Moses, or Suri, go right fucking a head, just spell it right for Christs sake!

Children are a reflection of their parents. (God help mine) I'd say you're off to a pretty shitty start if you can't even spell their name right.

-A.Pitman