

## YOU CALLED ME WHAT?

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The heading is a book by John Perry published in 2006, subtitled 'The Sun Guide to Celebrity Names', which is the source for most of the following. Many famous and not-so-famous people have given their children outlandish handles. Eccentric rocker Frank Zappa started it with **Diva Muffin**, **Dweezil** and the ear-catching **Moon Unit**. Others followed the trend, for example David Bowie's son **Zowie Bowie**, Sylvester Stallone's **Sage Moonblood**, John Mellencamp's **Speck Wildhorse** and actor Jason Lee's bizarre **Pilot Inspektor**. American comic/magician Penn Jillette has a daughter called **Moxie CrimeFighter**, hip-hop artist Erykah Badu has **Seven Sirius** and **Puma**, actress Shannyn Sossamon's son is called **Audio Science** and singer/songwriter Donovan has the spacy **Astrella Celeste** and **Oriole Nebula**.

Sometimes whole families have unusual names. Bob Geldof has children named **Peaches Honeyblossom**, **Fifi Trixibelle** and **Pixie**. They have a half-sister called **Heavenly Hiraani Tiger Lily**. Celebrity chef Jamie Oliver and his wife Jools have **Petal Blossom Rainbow**, **Poppy Honey**, **Daisy Boo**, **Buddy Bear** and their latest son **River Rocket**.

It should be noted that many people saddled with exotic names from birth choose to change them when they are older.

Of course it is not only stars who bestow weird and wonderful names on their offspring. Here is an A to Z of unconventional given names I have collected from New Zealand newspapers and electoral rolls over the last few years.

F = female M = male

**A-One** (M) has a brother called **Miracle**  
**Black** (M)  
**Chrysogonous** (M)  
**D'Aaguan** (M)  
**Emanon** (M) 'No name' backwards, has a brother **Nevaeh**  
**Fantasia** (F)  
**Gaybrania** (F)  
**HMS Helles** (M)  
**Illuzion** (F)  
**Justice-Krimson** (M) has a brother called **Raysharn-Rushar**  
**Klezhay-Jeorjah** (F)  
**Longjohn** (M)  
**Matrix** (M)  
**Nature** (F)  
**Ozone** (F)  
**Preventive** (M)  
**Queenisha** (F)  
**Reggae** (M)  
**Sweetheart** (F)  
**Telyzshaun** (F)  
**Unity** (F)  
**Valvina** (F)  
**Wiseguy** (M)  
**Xharndaan** (F)  
**Yonder** (F)  
**Zaitaeyah** (M)