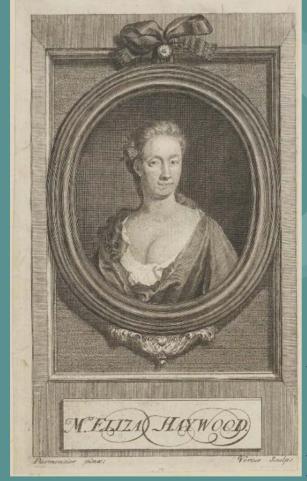
# Eliza Haywood (1693?-1756)

Erin Schilling



This portrait is Eliza Haywood, created by Georgia Vertue, circa 1700-1725.

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## Early and personal life

- Little is known about her early life, including discrepancies about her year of birth and family
- Her father was probably small shopkeeper, and it is not clear how she was educated.
- There are some discrepancies on her marriage, but it is confirmed she left her husband around the 1720s and supported herself and her two children by her personal literary pursuits.



- Started acting in Dublin around 1715, transitioned into playwriting
- Wrote romance and adventure novels which evolved into more conservative, developed novels at the end of her career; influenced Jane Austen
- Translated other works to support herself and kids
- Audience of middle-class women
- Produced more than 60 romances, secret histories and translations, edited two periodicals, composed guide and manner books and wrote essays



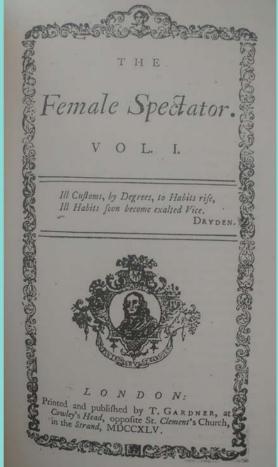
Frontispiece to the 1722 edition of *Love in Excess* (engraved by Elisha Kirkall).

The title page of The Female Spectator reprinted in Selected Works of Eliza Haywood, edited by

Alexander Pettit

## The Female Spectator

- Anonymously published this popular monthly journal from 1744-1746
- Purpose to comment on manners and bad practices in society (gambling, lying, etc)
- Topics introduced by conversation or letter followed by story
- Spinoff of Joseph Addison and Richard Steele's The Spectator





## The Spectator

- 1711-1712
- Bestseller
- Carried news but also commented on manners. morals and literature
- Popular model for showing different perspectives

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The title page of The Spectator, found on Learning the English Timeline.

## The Female Spectator

• "I believe I shall easily be understood to mean Marriage, since there is no one Ting, on which the Happiness of Mankind so much depends; it is indeed the Fountain-Head of all the Comforts we can enjoy ourselves, and of those we transmit to our Posterity" (54-55).

• In fine, there are no Words to express the Miseries of a loath'd Embrace; and she who sacrifices to Pride or Pique the Pleasures of her Youth, by marrying with the Man she hates, will soon, tho' too late to repair the irremediable Mischief, repent in the utmost Bitterness of Soul what she has done" (56).

## The Spectator

• "If those Speeches and Actions, which in their own Nature are indifferent, appear ridiculous when they proceed from a wrong Sex, the Faults and Imperfections of one Sex transplanted into another, appear black and monstrous" (252).

• "Women were formed to temper Mankind and sooth them into Tendernesss and Compassion; not to set an Edge upon their Minds, and blow up i them those Passions which are too apt to rise of their own Accord" (252).

## Female Spectator.

Ill Customs, by Degrees, to Habits rife, Ill Habits soon become exalted Vice.



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### The SPECTATOR.

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Monday, June 4. 1711.

Affing under Ludgate the other Day I heard a Voice bawling for Charity, which I thought I had iomewhere heard before. Coming near to the Grate the Prisoner called me by my Name, and defired I would throw fomething into the Box: I was out of Countenance for him, and did as he bid me, by putting in half a Crown. I went away reflecting upon the strange Constitution of some Men, and how meanly they behave themselves in all Sorts of Conditions. The Person who begged of me is now, as I take it, Fifty: I was well acquainted with him till about the Age of Twenty five; at which Time a good Estate fell to him, by the Death of a Relation. Upon coming to this unexpected good Fortune, he ran into all the Extravagancies imaginable; was frequently in drunken Disputes, broke Drawers Heads, talked and fwore loud; was unmannerly to those above him, and insolent to those below him. I could not but remark that it was the fame Baseness of Spirit which worked in his Behaviour in both Fortunes: The same little Mind was infolent in Riches, and fhamelels in Poverty. This Accident made me muse upon the Circumstance of being in Debt in general, and folve in my Mind what Tem-pers were most apt to fall into this Errour of Life. as well as the Misfortune it must needs be to languish under such Pressures. As for my self, my natural Aversion to that Sort of Conversation which makes a Figure with the Generality of Mankind, exempts me from any Temptations to Ex-pence; and all my Bufine's lies within a very narrow Compass, which is, only to give an honest Man who takes care of my Ettate proper Vouchers for his quarterly Payment to me, and observe what Linnen my Laundreis brings and takes away with her once a Week : My Steward brings his Receipt ready for my figning, and I have a pretty Implement with the respective Names of Shirts, Cravats, Handkerchiefs and Stockings, with proper Numbers

fure to observe upon what others do, with Relation to their Equipage and Oeconomy.

When I walk the Street, and observe the Hurry about me in this Town,

Where with like Hafte, the' different Ways, they run, Some to undo, and Jome to be undone.

Ifay, when I behold this vait Variety of Perfons and Humours, with the Pains they both take for the Accomplishment of the Ends mentioned in the above Veries of Denham, I cannot much wonder at above Vertes of Denham, I cannot men woosate rive Endeavour after Gain; but am extremely athomfhed that Men canbe fo infenfible of the Danger of running into Debt. One would think
It impossible a Man who is given to contract
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that Moment in which he transgretter Payment, fo much as that Demand comes to in his Debtor's Honour Liberty and Fortune. One would think that he did not know that his Creditor can fay the worst thing imaginable of him, to wit, That he is unjust, without Defamation, and can sieze his Person without being guilty of an Assault. Yet such is the loose and abandoned Turn of some Mens Minds, that they can live under thefe constant Apprehentions, and still go on to encrease the Cause of them. Can there be a more low and fervile Condition, than to be ashamed, or afraid, to see any one Man breathing? yet he that is much in debt, is in that Condition with relation to twenty debt, is in that condition with relation to seeing different People. There are indeed Gircumflances whetein, Mep of honelt Natures may become fiable to Debts, by fome unadvifed Behaviour in any great Point of their Life, or mortgaging a Man's Honefty. as a Security for that of another, and the like but these Instances are so particular and circumstantiated, that they cannot come within general Confiderations : For one fuch Case as one of these, there to know how to reckon with my Laundress. This are ten, where a Man, to keep up a Farce of Retibeing almolt all the Business I have in the World one and Grandeur within his own Houle, shall for the Case of my own Affairs, I am at full Lets shrink at the Expedition of furly Demands at his