

# VARIETY

(London) Rumor has reached our UK office that Ms. Maddy Bell is looking for funding to bring her books to the stage, in particular the "Gaby" series. We are not sure if this will be a drama, comedy or musical at time of print. This reporter would love to see this as a series of musicals with all of the flamboyant outfits of Gaby.

We were unable to contact Ms. Bell to confirm this rumor. We have it on good knowledge that the Olsen twins, Mary-Kay and Ashley were turned down for the



roles as Drew/Gaby and Maddy. The cast will be made up of all UK actors. There is no set date for the casting call.

Both the BBC and Warner Brothers have expressed an interest in obtaining the rights for the book. The BBC wants to make a weekly sitcom using the production team that created "Are you being served?" Warner Brothers was unavailable for comment.

Maddy Bell has recently started a 'Gaby' line of collectables including t-shirts, mouse pads, baseball caps and underwear.

## Sideline:

Gaby is the most beloved reluctant transgender teen in the UK. The series of books follow the slow transition of Drew Bond, a troubled youth, into the adorable, well adjusted and likeable girl, Gabrielle.

These books go into depth and give a unique perspective on a teen who is confused about his/her sexuality and how his/her family and friends support his decision to become female.

## Pros:

*"A wonderful set of books that will help many troubled teens come out of the closet. I would love to see every school in the UK to allow boys and girls to dress in the way they wished"* Bruce "Betsy" Queen, Gay activist.

## Cons:

*"This type of book only promotes and acknowledges bad and socially unacceptable behavior. That boy needs treatment, personally I would prescribe shock treatment for boys like Drew."* Dr. Prudence Pushwater .

