

**‘Fat people are brilliant in bed: if I’m sitting  
on top of you, who’s going to argue?’**

*Jo Brand*

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toe-curling confessions and sexy bons mots**



**‘Women should be obscene and not heard’**

*John Lennon*

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EDINBURGH AND LONDON

**For my boys, John, Scot, James and Callum**

# INTRODUCTION

'It's only kinky the first time.'

The interpretation of sex and sexual pursuits seen as harmless to some is sure to be condemned as an outrage to others. Sex is promoted everywhere. No longer hidden and forbidden, it is now direct and often leaves nothing to the imagination.

Women in particular have sexual freedom as never before and waste no time in advertising themselves. *X Factor* judge and former Pussycat Dolls singer Nicole Scherzinger, reflecting on her showbiz career, said: 'I sometimes wish I were more slutty. I would probably be a lot more successful.' Actress Joanna Lumley, however, issued some no-nonsense advice to young women: 'Don't look like trash, don't get drunk, don't break your heels and stagger about in the wrong clothes at midnight.'

In the medium of popular music, artist Beyoncé aims to look sexy: 'At the Billboard awards my skirt was so tight they had to lift me on stage.' Others like singer Adele take a different approach: 'The focus on my appearance has really surprised me. I've always been a size 14-16. I don't care about clothes. I'd rather spend my money on cigarettes and booze.'

Even politicians are not immune to the lure of sexual activity. Some find it fascinating, like politician Jacqui Smith admitting 'pornography fascinates us - media and public alike'. This proved true, as her husband admitted inadvertently charging pornographic videos on expenses.

Others like Chief Secretary to the Treasury Danny Alexander, commenting on the love life of a former Lib Dem MP, are baffled: 'I just don't know where people find the time.'

Pleasure comes in many forms, and even royalty are happy to indulge: 'There is nothing like a good bong' - The Prince of Wales on being the first to test the Royal Jubilee Bells, 2012.

It is clear that, whatever our age or status, sexuality in all its forms is a popular activity, hard work, entertaining and often bizarre. Actress Felicity Kendal acknowledges its popularity in response to a report that revealed women over 50 are having more sex than in their youth: 'They couldn't have had more than I had, but it was only ever one at a time.'

According to author Kathy Lette, sexuality is often entertaining and challenges old stereotypes: 'I doubt that any man would have trouble multi-tasking at, say, an orgy.'

Finally, Lady Gaga, no stranger to the bizarre, explains her unique style: 'So basically I did this whole show carrying 100 lbs, looking out of one eye, dancing. Then my tits explode at the end. 'It's not as easy as it looks.'

In any collection of quotations there is a need for accuracy - quotations are frequently attributed to people who never said them, or who said them in quite a different form or context to the one in which they are represented.

The quotations in this book are derived from a variety of sources: books, magazines and interviews. The quotes are assumed to be accurate and all were obtained from previously published or broadcast sources. The quotes are, of course, the opinion of those who first spoke or wrote them. As much information about the speaker is included as has been possible to find.

# **ACRONYMS**

## **SIECUS**

Sex Information and Education Council of the United States. SIECUS was founded in 1964, when one in two marriages was warped by sexual problems.

## **SINBADS**

Women who are: Single In Need of Blokes, in Absolutely Desperate State

## **USWISOMWAGMOHOTM**

United Single Women In Search Of Men Who Aren't Gay, Married, Or Hung-up On Their Mothers

## **SCUM**

Society for Cutting Up Men manifesto

## **The PC is the LSD of the '90s**

**Timothy Leary**, American psychologist

## **WIFE**

Washing, Ironing, Fucking, Etc.

## **SHICPMP**

So Happy I Could Piss My Pants

## **THTH**

Too Hot To Handle

## **IMFAO**

In My Fucking Arrogant Opinion

# ACTING

Strip Club Shock – Magistrates May Act on Indecent Shows  
*Daily Mirror* **headline**

I'm glad you like my Catherine. I like her too. She ruled 30 million people and had 3,000 lovers. I do the best I can in two hours.

**Mae West (1893-1980), American actress, speaking from the stage after her performance in *Catherine the Great***

Dramatic art in her opinion is knowing how to fill a sweater.  
**Bette Davis (1908-1989), American actress, on Jayne Mansfield**

I just pretended I was a cartoon. I exaggerated every move. Every time I made a movement, I would think like a cartoon.  
**Kim Basinger, American actress, on her role as a cartoon seductress**

All those actresses who turned the film away are stupid. I believe that if you have the right equipment and a point of view, that's a deadly combination.  
**Sharon Stone, American actress, on her role in the film *Basic Instinct***

Some American producers discuss actresses as if they were a load of cows.  
**Jackie Collins, British novelist**

A good actress lasts, and sex attraction does not.  
**Brigitte Bardot, French actress turned animal-rights campaigner**

I have made enough faces.

**Greta Garbo (1905-1990), Swedish actress, refusing ever again to perform, c.1946**

Acting is not very hard. The most important things are being able to laugh and cry. If I have to cry, I think about my sex life. And if I have to laugh - well, I think of my sex life.

**Glenda Jackson, British Labour Party politician and former actress, describing her acting technique**

Everybody's attracted to sex. So I'm learning to use it a lot better than I used to, because if we ain't using it, we're wasting it.

**Kim Basinger, American actress**

## **ADVICE**

A man can be a great lover, but no matter how well he performs, sex won't compensate for personality, intelligence, consideration, and whatever else you may be looking for. You may think you're in love when the passions of sex get hold of you, but if you didn't love the man before, you won't love him after. Like him, maybe - but not love him!

**Mae West (1893-1980), American actress**

Ladies, here's a hint; if you're playing against a friend who has big boobs, bring her to the net and make her hit backhand volleys. That's the hardest shot for the well-endowed.

**Billie Jean King, American tennis player, winner of 12 Grand Slams**



The strongest possible piece of advice I would give to any young woman is: don't screw around and don't smoke.

**Edwina Currie, British novelist and former Conservative MP**

Never be possessive. If a female friend lets on that she is going out with another man, be kind and understanding. If she says she would like to go out with all the Dallas Cowboys, including the coaching staff, the same applies. Tell her 'Kath, you must go right ahead and do what you feel is right.' Unless you actually care for her, in which case you must see to it that she has no male contact whatsoever.

**Bruce Jay Friedman, American novelist and screenwriter, in *The Lonely Guy's Book of Life*, extracted in *Esquire* magazine, 1977**

So this gentleman said a girl with brains ought to do something else with them besides think.

**Anita Loos (1893-1981), American screenwriter of *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes*, 1953**

The only time to believe any kind of rating is when it shows you at the top.

**Bob Hope (1903-2003), American comedian, in *Playboy* magazine, 1973**

You must try harder at your French letters.

**Phillip Schofield, British TV presenter and actor, advising children on writing in French**

Don't try! You have too luscious a bosom to keep the conversation general.

**Madame Auberon de Neville (1825-1899), French hostess known for her salon**

In lovemaking, feigning lovers succeed much better than the really devoted.

**Ninon de Lenclos (1620-1705), French author and courtesan**

Men should keep their eyes wide open before marriage, and half-shut afterwards.

**Madeleine de Scudéry (1607-1701), French writer**

When you're bored with yourself, marry and be bored with someone else.

**David Pryce-Jones, British writer, in *Owls and Satyrs*, 1961**

You don't want to work here. After all, how many ways are there to say 'big tits'?

**Shel Silverstein (1930-1999), American singer and children's writer**

Never hurt a man whom you respect nor a woman whom you do not deeply love.

**George C. Scott (1927-1999), American actor and director, in *Esquire* magazine, 1965**

A woman seldom asks for advice until she has bought her wedding clothes.

**Joseph Addison (1672-1719), British writer and politician, in the *Spectator*, 1712**

There are two guidelines in good sex: don't do anything you really don't enjoy, and find out your partner's needs and don't balk if you can help it.

**Dr Alex Comfort (1920-2000), British sexologist and author of *The Joy of Sex*, 1972**

Trust your husband, adore your husband, and get as much as you can in your own name.

**Joan Rivers, American comedienne, repeating advice from her mother**

Why should we take advice on sex from the Pope? If he knows anything about it, he shouldn't.

**George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright**

Some women choose to follow men, and some women choose to follow their dreams. If you're wondering which way to go, remember that your career will never wake up and tell you that it doesn't love you any more.

**Lady Gaga, American singer**

If he invited you out, he's got to pay.

**Beyoncé, American singer**

## **AFFAIRS**

What I have seen of the love affairs of other people has not led me to regret that deficiency in my experience.

**Mrs Clandon, in *You Never Can Tell* by George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright**

Just how difficult it is to write a biography can be reckoned by anybody who sits down and considers just how many people know the real truth about his or her love affairs.

**Rebecca West (1892-1983), British writer**

I don't remember any love affairs. One must keep love affairs quiet.

**Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor (1896-1986)**

I knew about the affair ... [I] told Paddy ... 'Look, kiddo, you've got to come clean or people will think that it's something much worse.'

**Jane Ashdown, wife of former Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown, on his much-publicised affair**

Baloney!

**Barbara Bush, wife of President George Bush, on the allegations that he had an affair**

I don't sleep with married men, but what I mean is that I don't sleep with happily married men.

**Britt Ekland, Swedish actress**

Some of the greatest affairs I've known involved one actor unassisted.

**Wilson Mizner (1876-1933), American playwright**

[Americans are] better at having a love affair that lasts ten minutes than any other people in the world.

**Stephen Spender (1909-1995), American poet laureate**

Alex, I can't see why having an affair with someone on and off is any worse than being married for a course or two at mealtimes.

**Bob, in *Sunday Bloody Sunday* by Penelope Gilliatt (1932-1993), British screenwriter**

Sara could commit adultery at one end and weep for her sins at the other, and enjoy both operations at once.

**Joyce Cary (1888-1957), Irish novelist, in *The Horse's Mouth*, 1944**

Mick screws many but has few affairs.

**Bianca Jagger, model, activist and ex-wife of Mick Jagger**

In Europe, extramarital affairs are considered a sign of good health.

**Jean-Pierre Detremmerie, Belgian politician, commenting on Bill Clinton's alleged affairs**

If I had as many love affairs as you have given me credit for, I would now be speaking to you from a jar in the Harvard Medical School.

**Frank Sinatra (1915-1988), American singer**

I used to date the lead singer of the Cranberries, but she cheated on me. Turns out she had some turkey on the side.

**Jarod Kintz, American writer, in *It Occurred to Me***

I haven't trusted polls since I read that 62 per cent of women had affairs during their lunch hours. I've never met a woman in my life who would give up lunch for sex.

**Erma Bombeck (1927-1996), American writer**

## **AGEING**

Now that I'm over 60 I'm veering toward respectability.

**Shelley Winters (1920-2006), American actress**

I refuse to admit that I'm more than 52, even if that does make my sons illegitimate.

**Lady Nancy Astor (1879-1964), first woman to sit as an MP in the House of Commons**

The lovely thing about being 40 is that you can appreciate 25-year-old men more.

**Colleen McCullough, Australian writer**

A man's as old as he's feeling, a woman as old as she looks.

**Mortimer Collins (1827-1876), British writer**

When a woman tells you her age, it's all right to look surprised, but don't scowl.

**Wilson Mizner (1876-1933), American playwright**

The age of a woman doesn't mean a thing. The best tunes are played on the oldest fiddles.

**Ralph Waldo Emerson (1803-1882), American writer**

Middle age is the time when a man is always thinking that in a week or two he will feel as good as ever.

**Don Marquis (1878-1937), American humorist and writer**

You know, when I first went into the movies Lionel Barrymore played my grandfather. Later he played my father and finally he played my husband. If he had lived, I'm sure I would have played his mother. That's the way it is in Hollywood. The men get younger and the women get older.

**Lillian Gish (1893-1993), American actress**

The older one grows the more one likes indecency.

**Virginia Woolf (1882-1941), British writer**

I've always been a bit more maturer than what I am.

**Samantha Fox, former British glamour model**

When a woman in love reaches a certain age, though her heart may cease to sing, her eyes remain veiled with gratitude.

**Colette (Sidonie-Gabrielle, 1873-1954), French writer**

I'm 40 and no woman knows what falling in love can mean until she's 40.

**Marie Lloyd (1870-1922), British music-hall singer**

The great thing about being 30 is that there are a great deal more available women. The young ones look younger and the old ones don't look nearly so old.

**Glenn Frey, American singer and founding member of The Eagles**

A lot of people start to fall to bits at 30 ... quite honestly once you are able to reproduce you're over the hill. You start to go downhill at 18 physically.

**Mick Jagger, lead singer of the Rolling Stones**

Time and trouble will tame an advanced woman, but an advanced old woman is uncontrollable by any earthly force.

**Dorothy L. Sayers (1893-1957), British writer**

Every man over 40 is a scoundrel.

**George Bernard Shaw (1856-1950), Irish playwright, in *Maxims for Revolutionists***

She may very well pass for 43 in the dusk, with a light behind her!

**Mortimer Collins (1827-1876), British writer, in *The Unknown Quantity*, 1876**

A man is only as old as the woman he feels.

**Groucho Marx (1880-1977), American comedian**

One searches the magazines in vain for women past their first youth. The middle-aged face apparently sells neither perfume nor floor wax. The role of the mature woman in the media is almost entirely negative.

**Janet Harris, American writer, in *The Prime of Ms America*, 1975**

**AIDS**

Take the wife.

**Edwina Currie, British writer and former Conservative MP, advising businessmen travelling abroad on how to avoid catching AIDS**

It could be said that the AIDS pandemic is a classic own-goal scored by the human race against itself.

**Anne, Princess Royal**

Every time you sleep with a boy, you sleep with all his old girlfriends.

**AIDS poster, 1987**

Several times a day they show a television cartoon in which a lustful-looking bee flies from flower to flower while a voice-over says, 'There is a disease that spreads through sex.' At the end of the cartoon the bee drops down dead. We would like to make it quite clear that bees are not promiscuous. They do not carry AIDS. And they do not visit flowers for sex, but for nectar. We feel bees and flowers are too gentle a topic to be associated with AIDS.

**Ton Kemps, secretary of the Dutch Beekeepers' League, protesting against the Dutch Government's anti-AIDS campaign**

The most frightening fact about AIDS is that it can be spread by normal sex between men and women. This is still rare in Scotland.

*Scottish Sunday Mail*

For the first time in history, sex is more dangerous than the cigarette afterwards.

**Jay Leno, American chat-show host**

**ALIMONY**



You never realise how short a month is until you pay alimony.

**John Barrymore (1882-1942), American actor**

If the income tax is the price you have to pay to keep the government on its feet, alimony is the price we have to pay for sweeping a woman off hers.

**Groucho Marx (1880-1977), American comedian**

Alimony is the curse of the writing classes.

**Norman Mailer (1923-2007), American writer and political activist**

The high cost of leaving.

**Anon**

Bounty after the mutiny.

**Johnny Carson (1925-2005), American television host and comedian, on NBC's *Tonight Show*, 1984**

The claim for alimony ... implies the assumption that a woman is economically helpless.

**Suzanne La Follette (1893-1983), American feminist writer**

## **ART**

Why should I paint dead fish, onions and beer glasses? Girls are so much prettier.

**Marie Laurencin (1883-1956), French painter, quoted in *Time* magazine, 1956**

A painting of a nude Mick Jagger, taken from the rear by Cecil Beaton, was sold by London auctioneers Bonham's yesterday for £1,050.

**Report in the *Evening Standard*, 16 July 1986**

I called the drawing 'HRH Royal Britannia': I wanted the image to have a romantic title and also be strong and sexy and strident.

**Tracey Emin, British artist, on her latest drawing of HM Queen Elizabeth, 2012**

# **BAD**

I believe that it's better to be looked over than it is to be overlooked. And that a girl who keeps her eyes open is always the kind to look out for. I know the difference between a good man and a bad one, but I haven't decided which I like better.

**Mae West (1893-1980), American actress**

I don't think that the wrath of God descends on bad girls. No, I think bad girls have a ball and die having a ball. The life my characters lead - having affairs, living from one party to the next ... and going shopping - this is their idea of a ball. It's not up to me to say, 'Girls, this isn't the sort of ball you should be having.'

**Shobhaa De, Indian writer**

There is no worse evil than a bad woman; and nothing has ever been produced better than a good one.

**Euripides (c.480-406 BC), Greek playwright, in *Melanippe*, fifth century BC**

It's the good girls who keep the diaries; the bad girls never have the time.

**Tallulah Bankhead (1902-1968), American actress**

I'm not a bad girl, I'm just a good girl who does bad things.

**Anon**

I just sort of wish people would dance differently. It reminds me of teenage sex.

## **Laurie Anderson, American musician**

There's nothing better than good sex. But bad sex? A peanut butter and jelly sandwich is better than bad sex.

**Billy Joel, American singer**

The worst sex I've ever had has always been great.

**Vince McMahon, American sports commentator, in *Esquire*, 2005**

## **BACHELORS**

We are lads. We have burgled houses and nicked car stereos, and we like girls and swear and go to the football and take the piss.

**Noel Gallagher, British singer, in interview, *Melody Maker*, 1996**

A bachelor's virtue depends upon his alertness; a married man's depends upon his wife's.

**H.L. Mencken (1880-1956), American writer and humorist**

Never trust a husband too far, nor a bachelor too near.

**Helen Rowland (1875-1950), American writer and humorist**

Bachelors are not fashionable any more. They are a damaged lot. Too much is known about them.

**Lord Caversham, in *An Ideal Husband* by Oscar Wilde (1854-1900), Irish playwright**

Being a bachelor is the first requisite of the man who wishes to form an ideal home.

**Beverley Nichols (1898-1983), British writer**

A bachelor never quite gets over the idea that he is a thing of beauty and a boy forever.

**Helen Rowland**

A bachelor has to have inspiration for making love to a woman, a married man needs only an excuse.

**Helen Rowland**

I'm o'er young, I'm o'er young,  
I'm o'er young to marry yet!  
I'm o'er young, 'twod be a sin  
To tak me frae my mammy yet.

**Robert Burns (1759-1796), Scottish poet, in *Aye Waukin O***

People always assume that bachelors are single by choice and spinsters because nobody asked them. It never enters their heads that poor bachelors might have worn the knees of their trousers out proposing to girls who rejected them or that a girl might deliberately stay unmarried because she didn't want to spend the rest of her life filling a man's stomach with food and washing his dirty shirts.

**Jilly Cooper, British novelist, in *Angels in a Rush***

No unmarried woman can be polite to a bachelor without beginning to speculate how he would look in a wedding coat. This fact, which is too obvious to need proof, makes friendly dealings with them somewhat strained.

**H.L. Mencken (1880-1956), American writer and humorist**

Most men are [married]. I say countries go to war. The question is - is it a good idea? I live alone (a bachelor flat in

Teddington) and any woman would love to get their hands on it and do it over. But I have freedom and the only person I have to please is me.

**Benny Hill (1924-1992), British comedian**

## **BEAUTY**

For the butterfly, mating and propagation involve the sacrifice of life; for the human being, the sacrifice of beauty.

**Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832), German writer**

Is it too much to ask that a woman be spared the daily struggle for superhuman beauty in order to offer it to the caresses of a subhumanly ugly mate?

**Germaine Greer, Australian feminist writer**

I love being a woman. You can cry. You get to wear pants now. If you're on a boat and it's going to sink, you get to go on the rescue boat first. You can wear cute clothes. It must be a great thing, or so many men wouldn't be wanting to do it.

**Gilda Radner (1946-1989), American actress**

We have to have faith in ourselves. I have never met a woman who, deep down in her core, really believes she has great legs. And if she suspects that she might have great legs, then she's convinced that she has a shrill voice and no neck.

**Cynthia Heimel, American feminist writer**