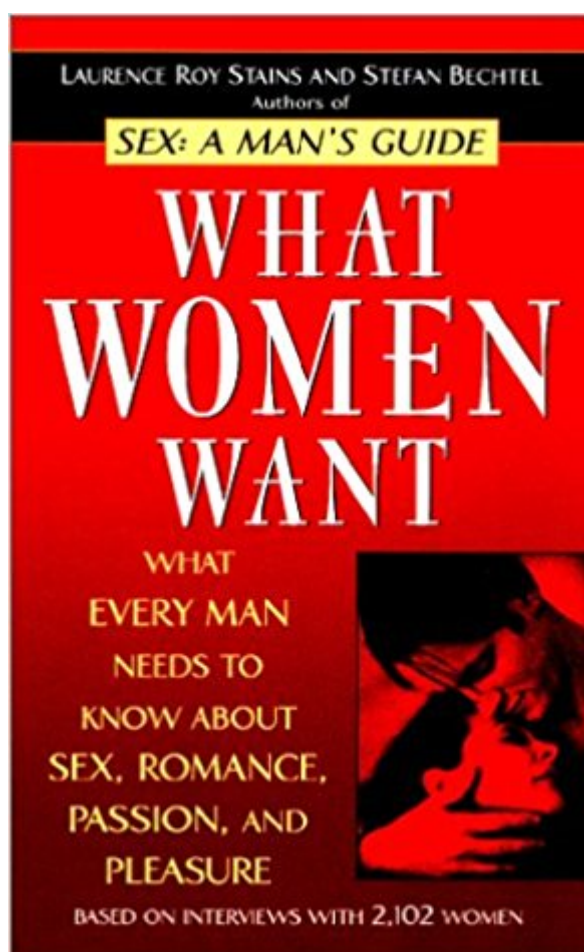


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# What Women Want: What Every Man Needs To Know About SEX, Romance, Passion And Pleasure



## Synopsis

2,102 women invite you between these covers. These women want to share intimate secrets about their sex. Secrets that most mortal men never get to hear. You'll learn their real desires-- and exactly what it takes to woo, win, and please them, now and forever. *What Women Want* is the most comprehensive, revealing, fascinating study of women and sex ever undertaken on behalf of men like you. Inside, Laurence Roy Stains and Stefan Bechtel-- the authors of *Sex: A Man's Guide*, a million-copy bestseller-- report in eloquent, manly language on their findings from interviews with more than 2,100 women. These women let their hair down. They tell how often they fake orgasm and why. (You'll be surprised.) They talk about whether they are after your money, your soul, or both. They reveal what makes them hot and what turns them cold. And they confess that they like sex. They really do. And they really do like men. But they know better than to tell you that. For the first time, under one cover, you have in your hands the indisputable truth about what women think about love, men, sex, and relationships. Read this book, and you'll have an unfair advantage in matters of love-- where all is fair-- and in the war of the sexes-- where victory occurs only when everybody wins.

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Acknowledging fundamental differences between the sexes without falling into the trap of gender bashing or stereotyping, coauthors Bechtel and Stains take on the formidable task of guiding men through the seemingly endless contradictions that constitute what women want from men. Drawing

primarily from the candid responses of more than 2,000 female interview subjects, they offer insight and practical advice fit for the romantic novice or pro on topics as diverse as ways to divvy the challenge of child care, differing communication styles (men's "report talk" vs. women's "rapport talk"), dealing with a mate who earns more, tips for spicing up the marriage bed (including remembering to "date" your wife), the 12 commandments of dating (showering and brushing teeth top the list) and suggestions for ending a relationship. Above all, they stress the importance romance holds for most women. The authors cover nearly every imaginable topic related to living with and loving women, and men seeking help in the more mechanical aspects of lovemaking won't be let down; entire chapters are devoted to foreplay, oral sex, fantasies, orgasms and accounts of "best sex ever." A lighthearted approach and straightforward style (topic-specific chapters, highlighted main points, humorous analysis and plenty of charts) make this manual perfectly suited for cover-to-cover reading or a quick perusal. (Apr.) Copyright 2000 Reed Business Information, Inc.

**What Women Want** What EVERY MAN Needs to Know About SEX, Romance, Passion, and Pleasure On the heels of their million-copy best-selling *Sex: A Man's Guide*, Laurence Roy Stains and Stefan Bechtel have produced the most definitive and useful sexual-relationships guide ever for men. Of course, they had the help of 2,102 very candid women. These two exceptional sex researchers convinced women to talk frankly about things they usually only talk about with one another. And then the authors translated, but only where necessary, into common, comprehensible language for guys. You'll hear women bare their souls and offer intimate, startlingly honest secrets of womankind. Such as: \* Secret tests women use on men-- and why \* Why you should never share your sexual past with your mate \* What most turns women on about their husbands and lovers \* Who's really more afraid of commitment \* What little tricks consistently bring women to orgasm \* Why women expect you to know what they're really thinking-- even when they say something completely different-- and why they get mad when you don't

**What Women Want** is honest, frank, and funny-- and essential for any man who cares about women, sex, and happiness.

**ABOUT THE AUTHORS** Laurence Roy Stains and Stefan Bechtel have coauthored two previous books, *Sex: A Man's Guide*, with more than one million copies in print, and *The Good Luck Book*. The two also were founding editors of *Men's Health Magazine*. Stains has written for the *New York Times Magazine*, *Rolling Stone*, *GQ*, *Money*, *Worth*, *USA Weekend*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Chicago Tribune*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Philadelphia Inquirer Sunday Magazine*, and other publications. In 1980, as founding editor of the alternative-energy magazine, *New Shelter*, he hired an aspiring humorist named Dave Barry to write a monthly column. He lives with his family outside

Philadelphia. Bechtel has been married to his wife, Kay, for eighteen years and is the father of two above-average children, Adam and Lilly. He is the author of *The Practical Encyclopedia of Sex and Health*, which has more than one million copies in print and has been translated into Chinese, Korean, and Polish. He is also coauthor of *Katherine, It's Time*, a non-fiction novel. His articles have appeared in *Esquire*, *Reader's Digest*, *American Way*, the *Washington Post*, and other publications.

"Men don't understand that listening to a woman is one of the best ways to say 'I love you.'" ~ Denise Laurence Roy Stains and Stefan Bechtel interviewed 2,102 women from the United States and Canada. What they found was some very revealing information about both sexes. For the most part, women were especially honest with their answers. While this book has some dating advice (don't talk about other women - it is a turnoff) I'd recommend this mostly for married couples because of all the advice about sex and raising a family. Most of the book is about sex but there is also some information on how to be a better father, inspire your wife (women get turned on when men help with the housework) or how to make your marriage last (dividing up household chores and romance). There are tips on romance and surprising facts about how some women actually are not getting enough sex. You always hear the opposite. For men who want their wives to open up to more sexual experiences there is a lot of helpful advice. At first this book might be tough for some men to handle because it also presents some of the negative aspects of relationships. Some of the women who took the surveys are obviously not completely happy and do have some complaints. If men can make it through the first few chapters it gets better and more interesting. I thought it was great that one entire chapter is dedicated to: "How to Listen to a Woman." The chapter on good communication is worth the price of the book, although I think men would be more interested in talking if a woman didn't complain about life so much. There is a short section on finances and a discussion about how to handle it if the man makes more money or if the woman makes more money. There is a chapter about the importance of spending time with guy friends and a final word about making your relationship last (a 17 point cheat sheet list). I enjoyed reading this book because it focuses on what other women are experiencing in relationships. I definitely want my husband to read this book because I think it would strengthen our marriage. Here are some other books I think you will enjoy: *Cracking the Communication Code: The Secret to Speaking Your Mate's Language* *The Five Love Languages: How to Express Heartfelt Commitment to Your Mate* *Love & Respect: The Love She Most Desires; The Respect He Desperately Needs* *For Women Only: What You Need to Know about the Inner Lives of Men* *The New Physics of Love: The Power of Mind & Spirit in Relationships (Six Cassettes and Study Guide Box Set)* *Men Are from Mars, Women Are*

from Venus: The Classic Guide to Understanding the Opposite Sex Who's Pushing Your Buttons?~The Rebecca Review

This book is awesome. It's written by guys FOR guys but it interviews over 2,000 women. From the chapters on dating and companionship to the chapters on sex and intimacy, there are thousands of tidbits in here that make you sit up and pay attention. In some ways the book illustrates that men and women really DO see things differently -- we all knew that but didn't really know what to do about it, with this book, now we do! If women speak a "foreign" language then this book is the code book that makes it all clear. Hey one of the best tips is that women want someone who pays attention more than they want a CEO...easy enough to handle!

Got this book for my husband he liked it but it was a little out dated not really for the new new world

Premise is intriguing but it falls down. I still know less than ever about what women really want. NO HELP>

Gives some great insights for Men. Essentially it says, listen to your woman, help her feel special and be considerate and show her how much you appreciate her and it will all return to you many-fold... The big benefit a man can learn from reading this book is it "identifies the different challenge areas"... a guy can implement the behavioral changes almost like a "how to manual".

THIS IS A VERY INTRIGUING BOOK. IT'S QUITE INFORMATIVE AND ANSWERS LOTS OF QUESTION THAT LOTS OF PEOPLE OUT THERE MAY HAVE. I'M WITHOUT A DOUBT HAPPY ABOUT THIS PURCHASE.

The interviewees aren't unable to understand each other because they're different sexes. They're unable to understand each other because they're idiots. This book is like textual kabuki based on the simplest and most insulting male and female stereotypes. Perhaps my alarm is evidence of a generation gap, though I can name many women of various ages I believe would recoil with horror from 95% of the advice from the authors and interviewees. I believe all the examples in this book have the same problem at the core: these people didn't marry or partner with someone they respected. Now, they tell the authors, they have to talk themselves out of thinking their partner's requests, priorities or responses are silly. Clue: if you don't understand someone and don't respect

and appreciate how that person operates... don't. marry. them. Everyone wants something different. I want to swallow, enjoy backdoor activities, and have occasional threesomes followed by a round of dissertation editing. I have never thought about anything other than sex while having sex, and I don't fold laundry or obsess over other sisyphusian tasks. I would never choose between looks and money because I'm in it for the intellectual rapport. Others want something else, but I don't think anyone wants a life that looks like anything out of this book. If you don't want to be married to someone incapable of generosity or insight, read this and avoid people who hold opinions and beliefs similar to those expressed by the men and women quoted at length. That's the only use for it I can imagine.

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