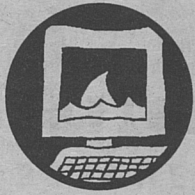


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A Woman's Guide to Sex On-line

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All right, girls. Admit it. You visit those 'erotic' sites on the Web and lurk in the saucy chat rooms to check out the hot talk. Heck, if I see a site with the word 'Swedish' in its title, I go gaga. And my mother thought I loved Abba for their songs...

Anyway, as I'm sure you have already found out, not all adult sites are created the same. Most are made for the type of male for whom *Swank* is intellectual reading. The women in these sites appear to be the end products of a plastic surgeon's knife, many with boobs the size of bowling balls. Then there are the sites for practices that even the most jaded wouldn't find the least bit erotic. What's a hot-to-trot female to do?

To our rescue comes *The Woman's Guide to Sex on the Web* by the authors of that seminal tome, *The Good Vibrations Guide to Sex*, now in its second edition. Anne Semans and Cathy Winks

have combed the Web and found the sites that best combine content, Web construction, and just plain sexiness. The book is divided into sections describing the different types of adult sites available on the Web, including erotica, personality, information, sex education, shopping, and chat.

Of course the *Guide* isn't all fun and games. With adult sites you also get controversies concerning privacy, free speech, and the law. Semans and Winks discuss these issues in great detail, giving excellent advice on how to protect your privacy using tools such as using encryption software.

The best part of *The Woman's Guide to Sex on the Web* is the authors' attitude toward the Internet and the Web. They are so upbeat about the power of the medium to change women's lives that it is almost infectious. I got the feeling while reading it that even if the topic were sites about support hose for women or something equally dull, I would still get caught up in their enthusiasm. To boost their case about how

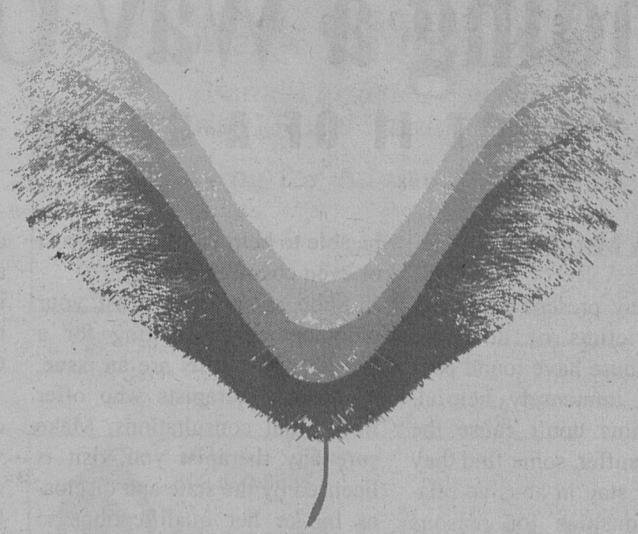
the Web can be a positive force, they have sidebars with quotes from women who have found what they needed on the Web, be it an erotica site or information on yeast infections

So there you have it girls. Thanks to Anne Semans and Cathy Winks, it will no longer be just the guys who will have all the fun on the web!

FYI

The Vermont Queer Writers' chat is on Wednesday nights from 8pm to 10pm. For more information, go to www.mon-gooseontheloose.com/qink.

One of the best GLBT sites on the web is the Gay Financial Network (www.gfn.com), and now it has expanded to include daily and up-to-date financial information relevant to the GLBT community. If high finance isn't your thing, there is still plenty to check out. The site offers columns by noted writers such as Deb Price as well as entertainment and lifestyle articles.▼



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