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Love, Lust & Faking It: The Naked Truth About Sex, Lies, And True Romance



Synopsis

New York Times best-selling author Jenny McCarthy returns to her comic roots in this candid, wise, and witty look at women, men, sex, romance, heartbreak, love, and how (not) to fake it. In *Belly Laughs*, Jenny McCarthy told you what you could really expect when you're expecting. In *Baby Laughs* and *Life Laughs*, she gave you the unfiltered ups and downs of motherhood and marriage. Now, in *Love, Lust & Faking It*, the inveterate truth teller turns the lights on for a funny, often poignant, and no-holds-barred look at the essence of relationships: love and sex. Jenny explores the intensity of first love, introducing us to Tony, the boy of her teenage dreams, and Tubby, her dirty, sexy, stuffed teddy bear. She takes us on a whirlwind tour of the world of aphrodisiacs and fetishes, explains the importance of playing doctor and other nice and naughty fantasies, and gives thanks for the pleasures of chocolate. And she sets the story straight on STDs, man junk, and lady bits, why we really cheat, why women are master manipulators, the virtues of sex with the lights off, the power of a "loving no", the satisfaction of the perfect booty call, and so much more. Filled with humorous stories about her own outrageous exploits - from becoming a Playboy Miss October to the pain of getting a discount boob job to meeting Brad Pitt - as well as the lessons she's learned from family, friends, and fans, *Love, Lust & Faking It* takes on a subject the sex symbol, mother, television star, comedian, and divorcee can be trusted to examine with nothing but unvarnished honesty and earthy humor. Throughout, Jenny reminds us to aim higher, believe in true love, and, most of all, be kind to ourselves. And to have lots of fun and sex - without faking it.

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Customer Reviews

As a fan of Jenny McCarthy, I'm sorry to say that this book is awful. I have read her other books and enjoyed them, but this one felt like she was just trying to get anything on paper to get a paycheck. It is completely random, from astrology to an entire chapter that ends "just kidding, that never happened". It was seriously bad and I wish I didn't buy it on my Kindle so that I could get my money back. Not funny, not entertaining, not worth 11.99 for sure!! I only finished the book (because I couldn't return it mainly, but also) in the hope that it was going to get better and I was left disappointed.

As a fan of Jenny's other books, I absolutely couldn't WAIT for this one to come out. Reading her other "Naked Truth About...." books were seriously like having a conversation with your best friend. They made me laugh (hard and often) and made me cry because during that time, it was nice to know someone else had experienced what I was experiencing. I felt like she personally wrote those books for me! Not so with "Love, Lust and Faking It". Several chapters were boring 'interviews' with people she thought were relevant to whatever she was talking about which I'm STILL not sure that was. One WHOLE chapter was astrological signs that she got from a website. I also noticed she said "some websites say this" or "I read this on a website". I was also annoyed with the name dropping. There were some sections that sounded like advertisements for the people she was speaking to or about. ANNOYING. I finished the book in a little under two hours mostly because I skipped these filler chapters, hoping for something funnier and insightful like her previous books. The entire book felt to me like she was just throwing stuff together and hoping people bought it. I am so SO disappointed with this book and I'm sorry I spent money on it. Hopefully your next one is better, Jenny.

I am having a hard time understanding the few 5 star reviews. At first I was enjoying the book. The first few chapters were kinda funny but then the entire book became fact sheet from the internet. It is nothing but chapter after chapter of "Interviews" facts and stats from websites. There is a whole "Chapter" taken from the internet on "Astrological Signs". Next there is an entire section dedicated to "Sex facts" Again, info she took from another source to fill paper. Then there is an entire section for "Songs to do the nasty too". There is no funny banter about the songs, just lists of song titles. There is very little to read in this book and I was so sad. I was sucked in by all the Hype and the fact that I think Jenny is very smart and funny. But this book was neither. Jenny did very little talking or story telling of any kind. If you think you are going to learn about her and Jim's break up, you're wrong. If

you think your going to learn almost anything funny about Jenny, your wrong. Chelsea Handler only raves about this book because they are friends. And the clip from the back of the book says it all..." Even though this book is not as funny as mine, you should still buy it" Chelsea Handler. She is right, the book is no where near as funny as Chelsea Handler's. Save your money. Buy it used.

Okay, I know this is cliché, but "I don't usually write reviews of books." That being said, I felt compelled to add a voice of reason to the other reviews that make this book seem a lot better than it really is. After all, I partially relied upon them in for my own purchase decision. This book reads like a bunch of random emails or diary entries from someone who isn't a professional writer. Don't get me wrong, that's not necessarily a bad thing if done right, but in this case I think it just doesn't work. The author possesses no real authority on anything she writes about. The quality of research is beyond low. I think she just sat down every once and a while and knocked out easy, breezy thoughts from her head. There are points where she basically says the equivalent of, "Yeah, so I found these facts on some websites and stuff." The only pictures are two "taken with my iPhone" that are blurry and confusing. Several (boring) chapters are also devoted to recounting conversations she had with random people she wanted to interview. Much of the book began to tire me after a while, and near the end I began to skip portions that didn't catch my interest. Beyond that, I just didn't find the author particularly likeable. (I'm sorry!) I guess I thought of her as that spunky, fun girl from *_Singled Out_* and *_Playboy_*, but instead she had a kind of bad attitude about things, even sex. I found myself not caring about what she was writing because of that. And as she points out in the book, that spunky image from her early years was basically a made-up facade. Fine, but that girl would have been more interesting to listen to random thoughts like this from. To summarize, the book was boring and not really sexy at all, despite the sound of the title. I was disappointed because I went in wanting to like it.

i also saw jenny mc carthy on oprah & immediately ordered the book. i loved all the questions on the show & she was so funny! unfortunately that does not translate to the book. the chapters are laughably short. i agree it seems like a bunch of random emails from a (debatably) funny friend. i wanted to like it but i just didn't.

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