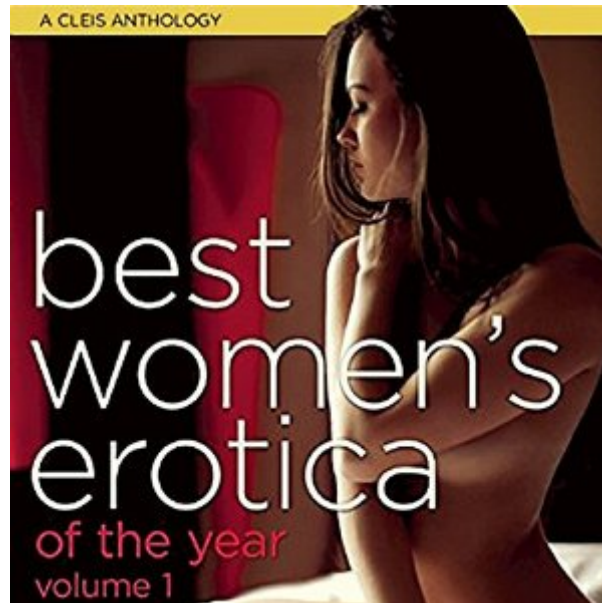


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# Best Women's Erotica Of The Year, Volume 1



## Synopsis

Best Women's Erotica of the Year, Volume 1 delivers risky, romantic, heart-pounding thrills. Joyful, daring, and authentic, these steamy stories revel in erotic adventure, from the sparks between strangers to the knowing caresses of longtime lovers. These stories are not merely erotic but filled with strong characters and clever narratives showing how sexual experience is different for everyone. This anthology is a glorious celebration of the finest and friskiest female erotic fiction today.

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## Customer Reviews

So here's what's funny about this book. I usually blast through collections of erotica, eating them like junk food at my left elbow while half my mind is somewhere else. Not this time. I read the first story, breathed a "thank you" to the empty room, read the second one, and stopped. I thought, "this really is literature." I thought about the stories, for the sake of the stories. I wound them through the fingers of my day, considering characters and motivation. And sex. That too. Every story has its steam. Every story has its moments of this into that, tasting, smelling, undulating, yes, of course. It is, after all, erotica. But there is a grace here, a quality, a depth, a craft of story itself that is often disappointingly missing in the world of the explicitly sexy. This is erotica in its mature form, erotica grown up and acting its best. It is a delight. It is engaging and even potentially challenging without losing sight of the possibility of getting you off. I highly recommend it. To savor. Pairs well with long baths or long train rides, sipped between appointments, or clean sheets and a curious lover or two.

I wasn't sure what to expect with this collection. I usually read historical romance/erotica novels and was wary of modern stories and short ones. But OMGosh did this book prove me wrong. I couldn't put it down and read the whole thing in a day...most of it in public which was not the best decision as these stories are HOT HOT HOT. The stories themselves are varied and unique. With my preference for novels, I was particularly impressed how well the authors developed their characters and their settings- every story totally sucked me in, whether it was set in 1899 NYC or at one of THOSE leadership retreats at an advanced rope course in the woods. I even enjoyed the stories where I wasn't quite into the sex acts themselves! My fave stories, which I plan on returning to MANY times, are: Demimonde, Date Night, Starstruck, Matilda's Secret, Alvin's Night, and Enter Me. If you love erotica, historical, modern, or otherwise, this is a must-have! And if you're looking for new ideas to spice things up in your own sex life, solo or partnered, this is a must-have!

Erotic Excellence. Author and editor, Rachel Kramer Bussel, is widely known for her outstanding erotic fiction. And her latest publication, Best Women's Erotica of the Year, definitely lives up to its name. Each story within this intimate collection is unique, well written, and sexy as hell. With so much sexual variety, there is something tantalizing for everyone to enjoy. While each story is worth savoring, a few in particular really stood out. The Carnalarium, written by Rose Caraway, i.e. The Sexy Librarian, seamlessly weaves together pleasure and pain. Rose's sharp and descriptive writing style brings to life a dungeon of sexual debauchery, a perfect setting for her well-developed characters to explore the themes of love and freedom. Enter Me, written by Tabitha Rayne, is a tender yet triumphant tale of a woman who rediscovers her sexual identity after losing her hearing. Tabitha's command of language fully engages her readers, taking them on a journey that is both emotionally moving and extremely HOT. Flying Solo, written by none other than Ms. Brussel herself, offers an exceptional and very distinctive perspective on honesty and the open marriage. This story is quivering proof why Rachel is an authoritative figure within the erotic genre. Readers of erotica will not be disappointed with this book. It will leave you wet, breathless, and begging for more.

A thrilling and fun collection, this book includes terrific stories that present readers with a variety of perspectives, settings, preferences, attitudes & turn ons, and I wholeheartedly believe it deserves the title "Best" Women's Erotica of the Year. Though it might seem ridiculously academic to comment on the quality of the writing itself in a book of erotica, the quality of writing itself was a turn on! Personally I often feel erotica can be cringe-worthy--unbelievable scenarios, silly people and unlikely reactions. But the characters in these stories were strong (not in a cheesy "you go girl!" type

way, but true their goals and desires), the storylines were genuinely interesting, and the sex--yes, the hot and steamy sex--was great. It felt like a revelation! Editor Rachel Kramer Bussel deserves great praise for putting together such a joyous and heart-thumping anthology, including a wide swath of writers who are only similar in their celebration of the female libido!

Very smart and sexy, the stories are varied enough that lovers of erotica will discover a lot to like. Usually in a short story collection I'll find some stories good, but not be able to even finish reading some of them. In this collection, even the stories that depicted situations I wouldn't ordinarily find erotic were compelling, and situations that would seem implausible in real life were written in a way that seemed realistic. I was pleasantly surprised at how good the book is as a whole. You'll want to read them again--maybe out loud to a lover! These stories are all well-written, with lots of new writers, as well as familiar names.

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