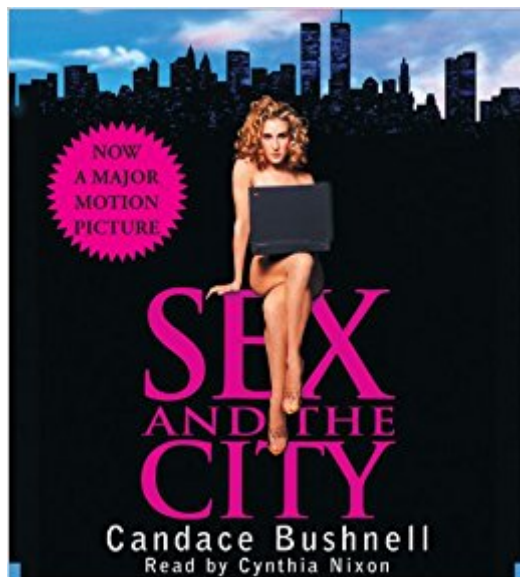


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# Sex & The City



## Synopsis

Enter a world where the sometimes shocking and often hilarious mating habits of the privileged are exposed by a true insider. In essays drawn from her witty and sometimes brutally candid column in the New York Observer, Candace Bushnell introduces us to the young and beautiful who travel in packs from parties to bars to clubs. Meet Carrie, the quintessential young writer looking for love in all the wrong places; Mr. Big, the business tycoon who drifts from one relationship to the next; Samantha Jones, the fortyish, successful, testosterone woman who has sex like a man; along with Psycho Moms, Bicycle Boys, International Crazy Girls, and the rest of the New Yorkers who have inspired one of the most watched TV series of all time.

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## Customer Reviews

The "Sex and the City" columnist for the New York Observer documents the social scene of modern-day Manhattan. The reader gets an introduction to "Modelizers," the men who only have eyes for models, as well as a more common species, the "Toxic Bachelor." Reading like a society novel gone downtown and askew, Sex and the City is a comically sordid look at status and ambition and the many characters consumed by the sexual politics of the '90s. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

"We're leading sensory saturated lives," announces jetsetting photographer and playboy Peter Beard in a roundtable discussion of menages a trois, setting the tone of opulent debasement that suffuses this collection of Bushnell's punchy, archly knowing and sharply observed sex columns

from the New York Observer. Prowling the modish clubs, party circuit and weekend getaways of rich and trendy New York society (most of whose denizens are identified by pseudonyms), Bushnell offers a brash, radically unromantic perspective. She visits a sex club and dates a Bicycle Boy ("the literary romantic subspecies" whose patron saints are George Plimpton and Murray Kempton). But in most chapters she keeps to the sidelines, deploying instead her alter-ego Carrie (like the author, a blonde writer from Connecticut in her mid-30s), whose sweet if feckless romance with Mr. Big?a nondescript power player?serves as a foil for the hilarious, unsentimentalized misadventures of her peers. These include model-chasers like Barkley, 25, a painter with the face of a Botticelli angel whose parents pay for his SoHo junior loft, and Tom Peri, the "emotional Mayflower," who ferries newly dumped women to higher emotional ground and is then invariably dumped. The effect is that of an Armistead Maupin-like canvas tinged with a liberal smattering of Judith Krantz. Collected in one volume, Bushnell's characters grow generic, but in small doses these essays are brain candy that will appeal equally to urban romantics and anti-romantics. Copyright 1996 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

My copy of the book itself is a BAD edition. There are pages that don't correspond from sentence to sentence. The last few chapters are an entirely different FONT/print than the rest of the book, too. The actual writing is a rather depressing read as well. I am always curious about an actual book from which any visual media is derived; the tv show is definitely much more polished & the observations (about relationships) have a certain level of depth completely lacking in this grim write up of extremely shallow & aimless living.

I am a die hard fan of the tv series and the films, so naturally this juicy book was mandatory. There is plenty of sex, drugs, parties, careers, from Manhattan to Aspen. Carrie, Big, Miranda, Samantha, Stanford, and even Skipper are all here, but I miss the tv character Charlotte not in the city or the book. There are plenty of relationship twists and fallouts and the gossip that you have with it is fun for a beach read or bedtime stories.

I was hoping for the writing talent of the writers of the show. That group is far wittier. This was a bit of a let down. It showed what was up with the "IN" crowd back in the day, but it doesn't contain as much style and fashion swag as I thought it would. If you want the wit, stick with the HBO TV series. I can see where the series pulled from, and it's the shows that I didn't like. (Ex. The Modelizers and addressing the camera directly and where they'd "interview" the "average" New Yorker.) Learn from

me. Stick with the HBO TV series--and not the book or the movie. I can finally say, the TV show is better than the book. It's usually the other way around...

I'm just a fan of the show and the book is a fun read too

I just enjoy the show so much more. This book was a little hard to follow, personally I like when characters are more developed and there are less. However, I believe the author was trying to depict the life in New York City, which might be a little too fast-paced for me!

if you are expecting the TV series, you will be disappointed.

Candace Bushnell brings to life dating in the concrete jungle. Having lived in Manhattan through that exact period, I can attest that her expose is as accurate as it is entertaining. It's worth reading even if you watched every season of the show.

I'm a die hard SATC fan, but this book is what the show is an adaptation of. Don't read it expecting to have everything the same. It's still a great read!

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