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Sex books sell... especially on the Web

There's a reason online sites like Amazon.com, Alibris.com and AbeBooks.com are doing so well — book lovers can indulge their book, um, lust without the cashier making sometimes catty comments.

Especially when we're buying sex manuals.

According to Richard Davies, the PR and publicity manager at AbeBooks.com in Victoria, British Columbia, the Web site's top-selling sex book this year has been a Christian sex manual.

Letting the numbers speak for themselves, Davies identified AbeBooks' bestselling...

- Sexual memoir — 'How to Make Love Like a Pornstar' by Jenna Jameson.
- Erotic novel — 'The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty' by A.N. Roquelaure [Anne Rice].
- Novel about sex — 'Lolita' by Vladimir Nabokov.
- Book about seduction — 'The Game: Penetrating the Secret Society of Pickup Artists' by Neil Strauss.
- Book about gay sex — 'Queer London: Perils and Pleasures in the Sexual Metropolis, 1918-1957' by Matt Houlbrook.

Davies found other surprises too in AbeBooks' top-10 list, reprinted below for your enjoyment.

AbeBooks.com's top 10 bestselling sex manuals in 2007

1. 'Intended for Pleasure: New Approaches to Sexual Intimacy in Christian Marriage' by Ed & Gaye Wheat.
2. 'Passionate Marriage: Keeping Love and Intimacy Alive in Committed Relationships' by David Schnarch.
3. 'She Comes First: The Thinking Man's Guide to Pleasuring A Woman' by Ian Kerner.
4. 'The Tao of Sexology: The Book of Infinite Wisdom' by Stephen Thomas.
5. 'The Sexual Teachings of the White Tigress: Secrets of the Female Taoist Masters' by Hsi Lai.

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6. 'The Multi-Orgasmic Man: Sexual Secrets Every Man Should Know' by Mantak Chia & Douglas Abrams Arava.

7. 'Taoist Secrets of Love: Cultivating Male Sexual Energy' by Mantak Chia & Michael Winn.

8. 'The Sexual Teachings of the Jade Dragon Taoist Methods for Male Sexual Revitalization' by Hsi Lai.

9. 'Satisfaction: The Art of the Female Orgasm' by Kim Cattrall & Mark Levinson.

10. 'Hot Monogamy: Essential Steps to More Passionate, Intimate Lovemaking' by Patricia Love and Jo Robinson.

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