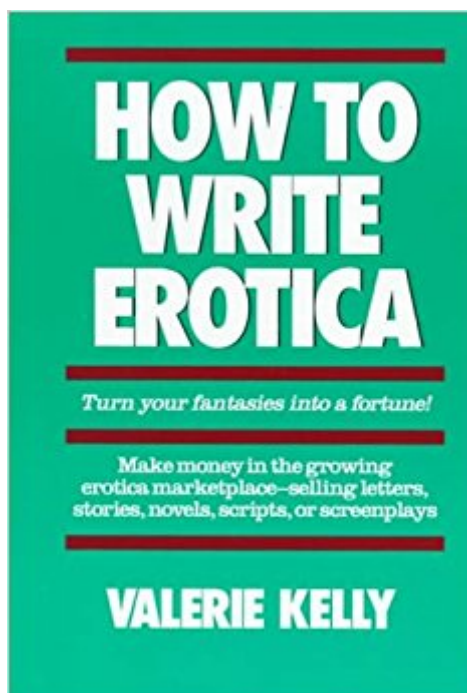


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# How To Write Erotica



## Synopsis

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A Guide to Writing Erotica

Its a pretty cool book...for short stories/erotics based from the 80's. Its not a bad book, a lot of the time it talks about one subject and then she shows you a story, normally a few pages long on what type of erotic it is... basically giving you examples to whatever type of erotic she's talking about. I honestly don't think its a great book as its really geared towards the 80's. That being said however there are some cool exercises in the book that I think I'll be able to take advantage of. There's also a list of sensual/sexual words you can use in a story which is pretty cool too. I'm giving it a 4 stars based on the fact that I paid about 4-5 bucks for it used and the exercises in the back and the sensual word list is worth it to me. I'm not interested in publishers that are looking for these kind of writers (especially since the information is really old, the list is probably not even accurate anymore). Also, some of the stories seemed a bit off to me... more old style flow, which probably worked great in the 80's but just sounds a bit weird to me in 2012. Still, if you can get a used copy I think you'll find it worth it for the word list/exercises alone. Just depends on what you're looking to use it for... :) Worth a read anyways.

I bought this book hoping to get a few helpful tips for my first foray into writing. In fact, I got much more than helpful tips. This book discussed topics I hadn't even thought of, gave advice on acquiring an agent and approaching publishers/editors, as well as listing writing styles geared toward different markets within the erotica genre. I found this book helpful and more.

The glossary in the back is useful. Some good examples of how to add emotion and reader engagement.

This book is very educational and informative. It provides insight on how to write erotica and how to get it published and interesting statistical data on the likelihood of erotica being published in regards to other types of prose and poetry. Ms. Kelly definitely speaks to the matter. Samuel M. Milligan Jr.

So far I love the book. And although I haven't read all the way through it... It's just what I was looking for.

I've read a lot of books on this subject and I have to say that this book is probably the best, although Mike Bailey's 'Teach Yourself Writing Erotica' is excellent as well. Valerie Kelly's book differs from the many other books on the subject, however, as it should really be entitled 'How To Write Porn'. No, I don't mean to demean her work - what I'm trying to say is that all of the other books about writing erotica deal with writing novels only and talks about more literate erotica. Valerie Kelly concentrates more on writing more hardcore short pieces for magazines and is the only book that I have seen that covers this subject. The book is filled with excellent and entertaining examples as well as a lot of common-sense advice presented in a logical and easy to read format. The only thing that lets this book down is its age as it is now 16 years old. The information at the start of the book about how magazines are put together seems like something out of the dark ages these days. If the author or publisher ever comes across this, then please consider producing a second edition that is more up-to-date. There's definitely a market for it.

Thank you Valerie for pointing me in the right direction to write erotica and exciting love scenes, and how to deal effectively with the agents and publishers in the marketplace. This is a very valuable book for writers that are going in the new direction of writing modern novels. The readers and buyers now expect very poignant, romantic, hot and sexy scenes. This book will get you there without being gross or stupid. A good resource for progressive writers. Well done!

Although the book is old, the subject matter hasn't changed for years. This is a level 1 book, and perfect for someone interesting in writing their first erotica.

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