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**Powerhouse Pundits Rachel Kramer Bussel and Susie Bright
Present the Year's Boldest Writing About Sex and Culture**

In *Best Sex Writing 2012*, (publishing by Cleis Press on January 10, 2012) editor Rachel Kramer Bussel and judge Susie Bright present the year's most challenging and provocative nonfiction articles on this endlessly evocative subject. The essays here comprise a detailed, direct survey of the contemporary American sexual landscape and are drawn from sources as disparate as Salon.com, *The Village Voice* and *Playboy*.

Renowned sexpert Susie Bright writes in the foreword, "We're here to reveal the well-sharpened pitchforks of sexual hypocrisy" and that's just what Tim Elhadj does in his essay "An Unfortunate Discharge Early in My Naval Career," that first appeared in *Guernica. Ms.* Executive Editor Katherine Spillar writes about the illicit sexual relationship between US senator John Ensign and his female campaign treasurer in "Sex, Lies, and Hush Money," then goes on to reveal the powerful web of male political figures who allegedly helped to cover it up. Award-winning journalist and novelist Lynn Harris shares what it's like to "Date with an STD" and *Village Voice* staff writer Camille Dodero contributes a charming essay from the *Voice* called "Guys Who Like Fat Chicks."

As Rachel Kramer Bussel writes in her introduction, "I hope *Best Sex Writing 2012* informs, incites and inspires you. I hope it inspires you to write and tell your own sexual story, because I believe the more we talk about the many ways sex moves us, the more we work toward a world where sexual shame, ignorance, homophobia and violence are diminished."

Covering topics including sex and aging, female pleasure workshops, porn star celebrities, slut walks, teen sex laws, and many more, this collection is timely and provocative and presents a wide variety of opinions about the most cutting edge issues facing our culture today.

Rachel Kramer Bussel, of *Penthouse Variation* fame, is sex columnist for *New York Magazine.com* and writes two of today's top rated blogs. She's been featured on national media such as the "The Gayle King Show," "Top Chef," "The Martha Stewart Show" and many more. She's edited the *Best Sex Writing* series since 2008. A prolific erotica editor, Kramer Bussel's titles include *Spanked*, *He's on Top*, *She's on Top*, *Do Not Disturb*, and *Naughty Spanking Stories from A to Z*. Rachel lives in New York City, you can visit her at www.rachelkramerbussel.com.

Susie Bright is author of *Big Sex Little Death* and the cofounder of the first women's sex magazine, *On Our Backs*. She has a weekly talk show called "In Bed with Susie Bright," distributed by audible.com. Susie Bright lives in Santa Cruz, California.

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