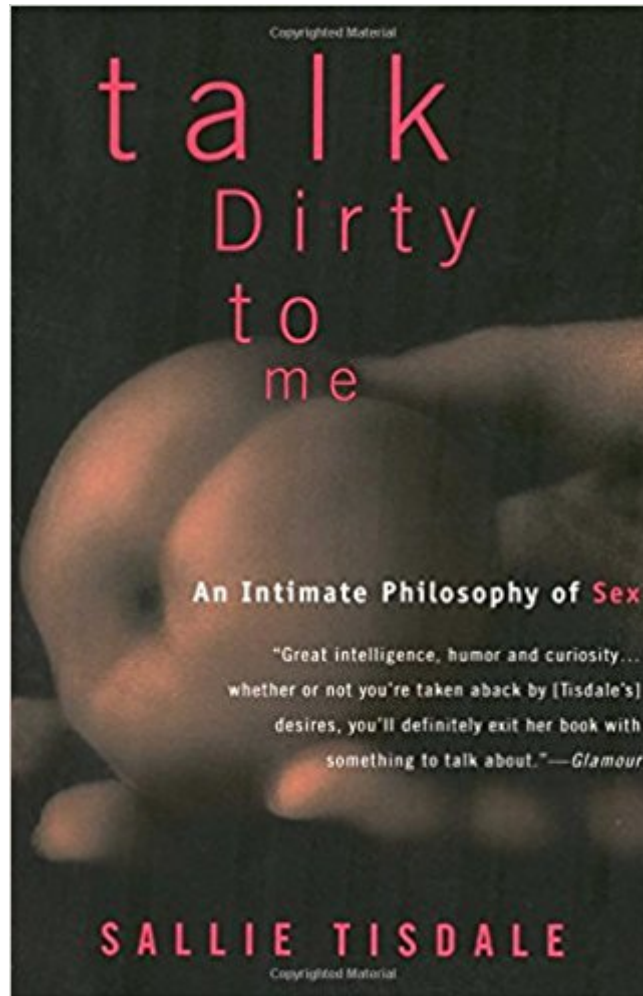




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# Talk Dirty To Me: An Intimate Philosophy Of Sex



## Synopsis

We live in a world in which almost every public image—every interaction—carries an element of sexual desire. And yet it is nearly impossible for us to talk openly and honestly about sex. *Talk Dirty to Me* is author Sallie Tisdale's frank, funny, and provocative invitation to the conversation we've been waiting for—but have been too afraid to start. Sallie Tisdale shuns the dry style of academics and takes us on a journey through gender and desire, romance and pornography, prostitution and morality, fantasies and orgasm. She guides us through her field research of peep shows, XXX stores, and even the pornography collection of the British Library. Interweaving her own personal feelings, experiences, and revelations, she presents a brilliant, fascinating, and wholly original portrait of sex and sexuality in America, while encouraging us to explore and create our own "intimate philosophies."

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Tisdale's provocative look at sexuality relates personal experiences alongside meditations on subjects such as pornography and prostitution. Copyright 1995 Reed Business Information, Inc.

Tisdale (*The Long Search for Home in the Pacific Northwest*, LJ 3/1/93) has written a beautiful book that presents a very personal philosophy and experience with sex. She divides the book into four phases—desire, arousal, climax, and resolution. The author's journey toward sexual awakening and freedom begins by posing the question, "Why are we so unhappy about our own sexual acts and the acts of others?" Poetically exploring issues such as sexual orientation, pornography, feminist

politics, and prostitution, Tisdale moves eloquently from Plato's Symposium and Japanese Ukiyo-e art to Annie Sprinkle and Masters and Johnson. She concludes by conceding that most ethical systems are imperfect and that "the translating of belief into behavior is the most radical sexual behavior of all." This is a book for any reader who has pondered "What is all the fuss about?" and could well serve as a complement to Diane Ackerman's *A Natural History of Love* (LJ 5/15/94). Recommended for academic and public libraries. Dana L. Brumbelow, Auburn P.L., Alabama Copyright 1994 Reed Business Information, Inc. --This text refers to an alternate Paperback edition.

I must say, I really enjoyed Sallie Tisdale's prose. She's super funny, and she covers a lot of ground throughout the text. In some aspects, this over-arching review of everything philosophically sexual is great, because it gives readers a little taste of everything. At the same time, however, this left me feeling just a little dissatisfied ... I wanted her to say more! Now, one can't expect to cover everything in great detail in a span of 352 pages, I understand, which is why I gave his book 4 stars. It really is a great, funny, and pretty informative read. I'd recommend it, definitely.

Needed this book for my Philosophy of Love and Sex class, great read. Will be reading again

This book was required for a philosophy class I took to acquire my Bachelor's degree.

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Sooooooooo smart! Essential reading for any sex/intimacy geek. What a FIND at my local Half Price! I would LOVE to hear Salli's thoughts on sex + culture today, given how much more epic our sexual schizophrenia has become since this was first published! Salli, I hope you will write something! (if you haven't yet)? Maybe I need to dig around for it. Anyways, this is a gift...Thank you for it!

I read this book in a weekend, and I'm a slow reader. If I had to sum up this book in one word, it would be "deprogramming". It teaches the reader to suspend his or her presuppositions and

approach sex from a fresh standpoint. She breaks stride with the traditional feminist camp in her discussion of pornography and prostitution by questioning the ideas that many feminists (and I tend to count myself as one) take for granted. She discusses our "sex-drenched, sex-phobic" culture and critiques many of the philosophical ideas that underlie many common views. Highlights include her discussion of the Adam and Eve myth, Augustinian Christianity, sexual taboos, homosexuality, and transgender issues. At one point, she comments that most authors who write about sex do so in a way that seems as if they're afraid that anyone who reads their work will be afraid that they are actually turned on by the subject. Tisdale is not one of these authors. Her language is frank and honest but not gratuitously shocking. I teach a college philosophy course and we will soon be spending two weeks on this book. My students are eagerly awaiting those lessons. The current lack of interest that academic philosophers have in these issues is unfortunate. We talk about sex all the time and it is such a big part of our lives, yet so many think that the ideas that we approach our sexuality with are not worthy topics for rigorous examination and discussion. We need more writers like Tisdale who are willing to discuss these issues in an honest and intelligent way. Buy this book!

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