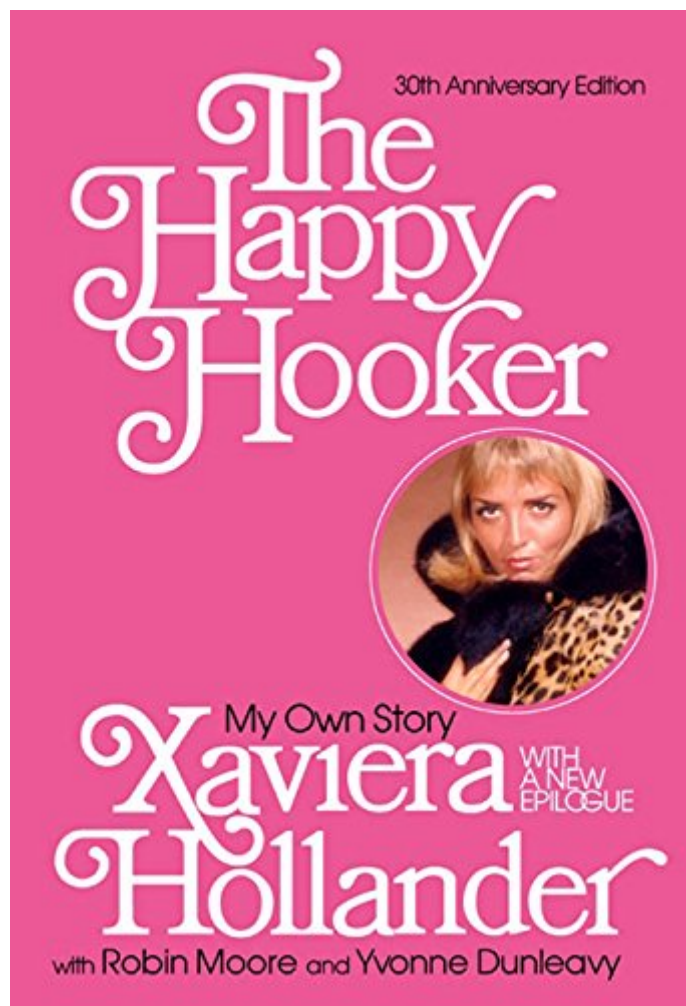


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The Happy Hooker: My Own Story



Synopsis

How did you first learn about sex? If you grew up in the 1970s, it may have been from a gleefully lusty tour guide named Xaviera Hollander. In the late 1960s -- that era of sexual chaos, when Playboy Clubs and love-ins were competing for national attention -- a beautiful, intelligent young Dutch secretary named Xaviera de Vries moved to New York, grew swiftly tired of her desk job . . . and soon became the most visible and glamorous madam the city had ever seen. As Xaviera Hollander, she published a shockingly candid account of her life behind the brothel door. The Happy Hooker shot straight to the top of the bestseller lists, sold more than fifteen million copies, and made this enterprising young woman an international phenomenon. Thirty years later, these delightfully explicit tales of the '60s and '70s swingers' scene -- including countless jaw-dropping stories of lesbianism, bondage, fetishism, and more -- remain as titillating as ever, charged with the mix of shrewd observation and uninhibited appetite that made Hollander an irresistible storyteller. The Happy Hooker is a classic: the world's greatest book on the world's oldest profession.

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Customer Reviews

I actually heard about Xaviera while reading "The Savage City" by T.J. English. Xaviera played a large (unwitting) role in wiretapping a corrupt NYPD officer who therefore took down other corrupt cops in the 70's. I honestly don't know what I was expecting with this book, but it failed on so many levels. The purpose of the book was to tell the tale of how Xaviera came to be the highly successful madam of her day. Instead she talks about her relationship with sex and why she loves it so much. The book was written using a ghost writer and the ghost writer did a poor job. I understand they were trying to be descriptive and almost seductive but it came across cheap and a tad bit of fantasy. I can't tell you how many times I rolled my eyes or laughed at the absurdity of it all. Trust me, I'm not a prude when it comes to sex, I just thought this book was not done with good taste. A good editor should have been able to pull this book back on track. Clearly that person either couldn't or didn't want to help. I say...there's nothing to read here. Skip it!

I sneaked this book out of my grandfather's hidden collection in the mid 1970s, when I was 12-13 years old and grandfather was about 90 years old. I loved it then and can't wait to reread it.

Still a great read after all these years. I first read portions of this book in the early 80's and I had always wanted to finish reading it. With the help of my Kindle, I had the chance and I am glad I did. Xaviera is fascinating. Warning: This book isn't for the clergy...(ahem)

Anyone who can sell well over 15 million copies of their book, must have something going for them. In Xaviera Hollander's case it's SEX! SEX! SEX! That subject always seems to sell, but what makes THE HAPPY HOOKER such a sinful delight, is just how much she enjoyed her work as the world's most famous madam and ever active prostitute. As so thoroughly and often clinically described, she really knows how to turn on both men and women and even both at the same time. And because of that she was bound to attract the attention of the not so understanding competition and the police. In 1960's New York, police corruption was rampant to say the least, Xaviera's co-author Robin Moore certainly knows that subject from having written THE FRENCH CONNECTION. I imagine he helped with that side of the book whilst MISTRESS Hollander concentrated on what she knows best. Her customer's tales and fetishes, their needs and demands, may not be everyone's cup of tea, but there's plenty on offer here for any reader whether at bedtime or on that break from work. Numerous studies show prostitution should be fully legal, controlled and regarded as any other "service" industry. Of course we're a long way from that happening. But pornography took a while to be fully accepted and look how well that's done, specially on wall street. Don't forget illegal gambling,

off-track betting and the numbers racket and interest only loans becoming legit as well. Where would the evildoing politicians be without the sex for sale industry. Xaviera's financial climax came in writing this book, not from running her brothel which at best had a hard job breaking even, what with all the police raids, lawyer expenses, payoffs and bad debts she had to contend with in her business. As she said and then there are the clothes for the "sissy boys", the whips and chains, condoms, bed laundering and all that lubricant. With all that in mind, how many of us can truly say we enjoy what we do? THE HAPPY HOOKER is both horny and honest about what she once did.

I compared the Happy Hooker to Fifty Shades of Gray. To me, The Happy Hooker rated far above Fifty Shades of Gray. Both books, obviously can be credited with being the sex book of their time but I think Happy Hooker delivered much more insight and plot substance. What if the main character in Fifty Shades wouldn't have been a so very very rich. Would the reader have taken him seriously or would we have just thought of him as another pervert? I think Happy Hooker was so much more honest and more into human insight.

I enjoyed this book on so many levels. The author's background and brutal honesty were interesting and eye opening..she tells it like it is including the ups, downs, and stereotypes of her profession..A fascinating look inside the business coupled with her true stories make it an easy and enjoyable read..I recommend it to anyone who wants a juicy peek inside the world of madams..from a true legend in this field..

Interesting stories. It is written as if telling the story in a conversation, meaning there is sometimes rambling or confusion when she speaks of a story within a story when she is then reminded of another story. Also, didn't feel like there was much of a conclusion. It just ended. Also, be prepared for the explicit details within her remembrance of her sexual excursions.

Xaviera must be in her late 70's by now and reading her life story can still give us guys boners. She sure had an interesting life and made a lot of money doing things she loved to do. I bought this book to give as a gift to a pen pal who lives in ND, and she said she really enjoyed it.

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