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SUSAN REINHARDT TAKES ON DOMESTIC LIFE IN

DON'T SLEEP WITH A BUBBA, JUST PUBLISHED BY KENSINGTON BOOKS

Award-winning writer **Susan Reinhardt** is “a modern-day, southern-fried Erma Bombeck or Dave Barry,” says Booklist. She’s the author of the celebrated **Not Tonight Honey, Wait ‘til I’m a Size 6**, which the Chicago Sun-Times calls “wickedly fun...like hanging out with your bluntest, most mischievous friend, the one who never fails to crack you up.” Now, the laughter resumes as Reinhardt takes on domestic life in a new collection of essays, **DON'T SLEEP WITH A BUBBA**, a Kensington Books trade paperback original.

Susan Reinhardt once loved a Bubba, so she speaks from personal experience. According to Reinhardt, a “Bubba” is a bumpkin with a bad attitude who “terrorizes cats, gets mean on liquor, chews, spits, totes a gun, and drives a Ford F-150,” but despite these traits, if a woman sleeps with one, they can get “all mixed up emotionally...and end up marrying him.” In addition to the “Bubbas” of the world, Reinhardt uses her own unique life stories and experiences to tackle everything from the truth about married life, love, sex, growing older, sibling rivalry, doggy liposuction, and of course, her mother, in **DON'T SLEEP WITH A BUBBA**.

In “**Don’t Sleep with a Bubba**” Reinhardt:

1. Encounters a drunken horseman, the first to ever get a DWI on horseback while getting Happy Meals from McDonald’s. The boozy horseman said his steed was upset he didn’t get a good toy in his Happy Meal.
2. A husband addicted to cutting hair, even though he has no license. His snipping disorder replaced an addiction to Internet checkers when he began giving every creature with a heartbeat a set of Herman Munster-like bangs, including the dog. Only the bangs he cut for the dog were “ass bangs,” just above his fanny.
3. Reinhardt also discusses her friend’s poor dog that had her va-gee-gee liposuctioned. Yes, doggy lipo of the most private nature. Reinhardt called the vet to see if she could get a bit of fat suctioned at an animal hospital and got an earful instead.
4. The author has a rich sister who has done everything from painting her dead grass green, to selling a Jesus pancake on the Internet, as well as her first husband’s jewelry.
5. She discusses with vivid candor her experiences as a 17-year-old college freshman and survivor of date rape at a frat house.

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6. The author includes in the collection, tales of her accidentally giving her diva Pomeranian an antidepressant, instead of his pain meds prescribed and the change of pooch behavior that ensued.

7. She will discuss romantic issues such as proper kisses and how to tell when a woman wants to be kissed if at all. She gives names for the kissing styles of most men: From the Battering Ram to the Great Salivator, she will fill you in on puckering up.

In other chapters, Reinhardt takes on teens with their pants hanging at their crotches, a cussing toddler who learned her language from Eddie Murphy movies, her big trip to HBO studios and Hollywood where she lost her Mee Maw granny panties. The book includes dozens of other hilarious stories in this collection that mixes humor and heartache in a way that leaves a reader feeling she/he can survive anything, including the darker sides of life such as depression and mental illness.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:

Susan Reinhardt's columns are syndicated through Gannett newspapers. She has also written features which have appeared in the Washington Post, London Daily Mirror, Newsday and other Tribune Media and Gannett publications, and she has won dozens of awards for her writing, including three Best of Gannetts. Reinhardt was born in South Carolina, raised in Georgia, and currently lives in Asheville, NC.

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