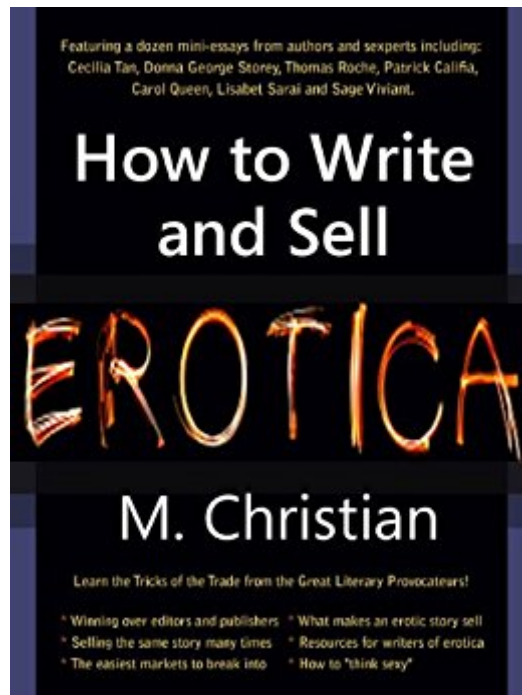


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# HOW TO WRITE AND SELL EROTICA: Tricks Of The Trade From The Field's Most Successful Author



## Synopsis

"Want to write erotica and GET PUBLISHED? Then do yourself a favor and buy this book!" -Marilyn Jaye Lewis, author, founder The Erotic Authors Association. No one knows more about writing and selling erotica, from inspiration to publication, than M. Christian. The author of over three hundred stories, eight collections of his own shorter work, five novels, and the editor of over two dozen anthologies, he has seen process from every point of view, as writer, editor and publisher. In this unique insider's guide, he makes the path easy for others with lifesaving tips, hard-earned lessons and personal observations, including how to:

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M. Christian's "How to Write and Sell Erotica" is a collection of short essays drawn from his regular blog postings on the Erotica Readers and Writers Association (ERWA) website. As one might expect from their origins in the blogosphere, the style of these pieces is personal, pithily opinionated and, at times charmingly irreverent; informal but always informative. Topics are wide ranging,

touching on numerous issues of concern to established and aspiring writers of genre (i.e. non-literary) erotica. I especially like Christian's definition of erotica as works that "do not blink" when it comes time to describe sexual activity--a healthy counterweight to the sort of prissy detachment found in books like Elizabeth Benedict's "The Joy of Writing Sex" (1996), which perpetuates the stifling literary practices of twee metaphor and turgid simile in bedroom scenes. Christian's repeated observation that, in our society, if you cut off somebody's head "you get an R rating; if you show someone giving h\*\*\*, you get an NC-17" is right on the money in addition to being funny as hell because it's so maddeningly true. I find moving, his suggestion that, perhaps, someday society will achieve such a level of enlightenment, frankness and maturity that erotica will disappear as a separate genre--would that it could be so in our lifetime. Like Susie Bright in her classic "How to Write a Dirty Story", Christian does his share of cheerleading, offering encouragement and inspiration, though usually with a healthy dose of realism and a plea to maintain a set of realistic expectations. There are so many marvelous quotable passages in these essays I find it hard to choose only one;"One more thing you could do [by writing erotica] is help people. We don't like sex in this country.

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