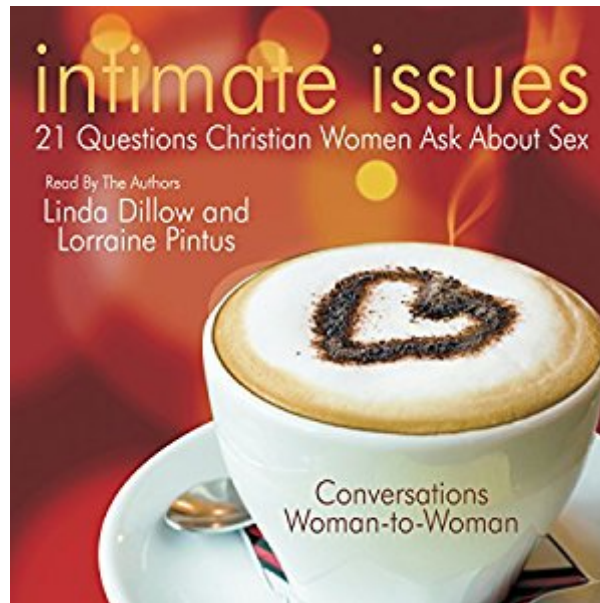




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Intimate Issues answers the twenty-one questions about sex most frequently asked by Christian wives, as determined by a nationwide poll of over one thousand women. Written from the perspective of two mature Christian wives and Bible teachers—two women who you will come to know as teachers and friends—Intimate Issues is biblical and informative: sometimes humorous, other times practical, but always honest. Through its solid teaching, warm testimonials, scriptural insights, and experts' advice, you will find resolution for your questions and fears, surprising insights about God's perspective on sex, and a variety of practical and creative ideas for enhancing your physical relationship with the husband you love. With warmth and wisdom, authors Linda Dillow and Lorraine Pintus speak woman to woman: examining the teachings of Scripture, exposing the lies of the world, and offering real hope that every woman's marriage relationship can become all it was intended to be in God's design. --This text refers to an out of print or unavailable edition of this title.

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Written with compassion, humor, and understanding, Linda Dillow and Lorraine Pintus answer every married couples' burning questions about what is appropriate and acceptable in the marriage bed. If you've got questions that have gone unanswered, want more intimacy with your spouse, or feel ashamed of your past sexual life, this is the book for you! Safe, sound biblical teaching. Some of the answers may surprise you!

Every single female christian should read this. Single, engaged, married; doesn't matter. This speaks to so many issues that face women in our culture. As a man, I will definitely consult this book when raising my daughters through their impressionable years, and make sure they have a copy on their wedding day.

Okay, I'm not woman; but my wife is, and we both read and liked this book. Here's our combined review: Pros: 1. Easy to read - Conversational style of writing and clear points. We each read it in one sitting. 2. Adults only - Sometimes a grown-up discussion is required. This is a book for married women (and men). It is explicit and direct (without being crude) about physical sexual information. It is definitely not appropriate for girls (or boys). 3. Scriptural approach - Instead of just giving motherly advice, the authors take the Bible seriously and frequently use it as a home base to direct their thoughts. Mind you, this is not a Bible study per se'. There is plenty of 21st century, frank counseling advice, but it is blended and based upon Biblical principles. Provides a scriptural index to locate where specific passages are mentioned - useful to Bible teachers. 4. Practical - Lots of ideas for rekindling relationship, romance, plain sex and other aspects of adult relationship. These are ideas you can start this week. 5. Both authors relate from personal experience - Both have personally wrestled with sexual questions and counseled many women. These personal accounts add a human dimension to the principles discussed. This isn't just another "name it and claim it" woman's book. Many personal stories are provided including tough ones where women are still struggling/praying through difficulties. This book explains their stories. 6. Focuses on Song of Solomon - The erotic portions of the Song indicate an expressive, sensuous, even adventurous attitude in romantic sexuality. These authors aren't the first to recognize its racy sections - which has led the church to skate around it in too many cases. It is part of God's word and has a purpose; this book helps illuminate the subject. 7. Good tool for adult couple communication - The frankness and openness from a woman's perspective is valuable to both men and women. This is not just another "men are pigs and need to change" woman's book. Men can learn quite a bit here without being put-off. 8. Emphasizes prayer - Example prayers to help with feelings of sexual inadequacy and temptation. 9. Role of Christian liberty - Scripture sets the boundaries of proper sexuality, don't just rely on Victorian era prudence. There is no compromise if the Scripture forbids certain practices, but there is responsible liberty where Scripture is silent. Provides 3 Biblical questions to ask if you aren't sure whether specific modern sexual practices belong in your marriage, (p203). 10. Men - Accurately describes male sexual needs and psyche - basic, but accurate. 11. Exercise - the physiological benefits for healthy sexuality are briefly explained. Encourages women to take care of,

and appreciate, their bodies as they are right now. Don't try to be a supermodel. Cons/concerns: 1. More insight into males - Needs more insight into male sexuality; men are half the equation. It is a women's book and does mention men have emotion and identity wrapped up in sex, but it does not provide enough examples of how this can affect common male-female relationship problems. The Scriptures showing how David, Joseph (of Genesis) and others handled, and mishandled, sex would be consistent with the books' approach, but are not discussed. Of course there are page limits for writers. 2. Lays a lot at the woman's feet - It's definitely not just another "men are pigs" book - there are already plenty of those. In fact, a feminist would likely critique this book for telling women to see sex with their husband as a pleasant responsibility in marriage. If it's not pleasant this is probably rooted in a spiritual issue. The book does not try to make women sex slaves in marriage, far from it. But, there are times when sex is treated as a ministry to your husband because he has so much emotion and expressive love tied up in sex, more so than women do. This may not sit well with some women; it will probably sit just fine with most men ;->. 3. Forcing modern openness about sex into the Bible? - Some conservatives might criticize the book for reading 20th century women's sexual liberation back into the Scriptures. There are some very explicit interpretations, especially in the Song of Solomon. Of course, the physical acts weren't invented recently; they may just get more attention now than in ancient times, or, maybe not. At the very least, the motive of the authors seems proper to me. Their interpretation is a corrective to the hyper prudence and stifling of healthy marital sexuality, within the Church, for many centuries. There are some risk-taking interpretations - and I think they have merit to at least be seriously considered. You'll have to read the book and decide for yourself.

If you are struggling in your personal intimate life with your husband, please read this book. It is very balanced, biblical, and compassionate. I love how these ladies are very balanced in their thinking and really delve into the scriptures for accuracy and clarity. It is very liberating to read this and have your mind renewed through scripture about how God created sex to be a beautiful celebration between a husband and a wife. I have really been liberated in my thinking and now I seek to please my husband, which I could never do before. I was too bound up in my emotions and thoughts because of very negative experiences that I had before I was married that tainted my view of intercourse. I wasn't able to really enjoy it the way God intended. I realized that I have robbed my husband of so much pleasure for so many years. No longer! This book has changed our marriage for the better.

This book was incredibly helpful, encouraging, inspiring, and beneficial. There are a couple chapters I will reread every six months or so, so that my creativity doesn't wane, and I can be reminded how to fan the flames.

Paul writes that older women should teach the younger to love their husbands and their children. These women have fulfilled that calling in their authorship of this incredible book. It touches on the topics our parents and churches neglect - topics so important that marriages fall apart over them! It's time to think about sex, ladies, and it's time to think about it the way God wants us to...I urge you, if you have hangups or problems with intimacy, read this book - with the help of the Holy Spirit as your teacher, God will SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE!!!

This refreshing book details God's perspective on sex within marriage. Even though I have been married for several decades, I learned a great deal on the importance of the oneness that God intended in the sexual relationship between husband and wife. I recommend this book to any woman who wants to enrich her marriage in a deeper and more fulfilling way. This is a beautifully written book and I thoroughly enjoyed reading it.

Book was well written and it was encouraging women to be the best possible loving wives to their husbands. God loves good marriages!

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