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As a vehement hater of 'How to' books, I surprisingly found the opening of this offering not too bad – especially considering its appalling front cover.

Whoever wrote this, I doubt that their first language is English, but the book starts well, explaining that true domination has to be just that. While it's a game, it has to be played seriously. The introduction and much of the book is OK.

Most people enjoy a little bit of fantasy domination – one way, or the other, or both. But extreme S/M can literally be for a dying breed (remember the well-publicised case of Milligan, MP?) and to be fair, the book does point out some of the dangers – although the warnings about fire and erotic asphyxiation could be made a tad stronger!

The book includes a couple of extracts from *The Story of O* by Pauline Reage – which is a far more erotic and stimulating tome than this one. But, hey, if you're reading this magazine, you've probably already got *O* and read it a number of times. (*The Story of O*, by the way, I would give 9.9 out of 10).

However, this little book is quite a useful 'pocket-guide' to most elements of BDSM and contains a few, probably, true stories from practitioners. Strangely, 'water-sports' – a very popular pastime, both ways, within a dominant situation is conspicuous by its absence. There is another title in this series entitled *How to Dominate her Sexually*, by Ina Stein, and, possibly, it would be a good idea to buy them both and discuss with each other the areas of commonality and the areas that are a complete 'no-no'.

While everyone's sexual preference is down entirely to personal taste, the Epilogue says it all, really: 'Live out your sexual predilections instead of letting your relationship die because you're stifling your longings. Allow small rituals to enter your partnership, experiment together. Dominance and submission, punishment and obedience are terms that deter many of us; for others, however, they mean heaven on earth. In short: enjoy your desires!' (sic).

I give it 6 out of 10

Fisting

PRICE
£12.95

Author: Kim Powers
Published by Carl Stephenson Verlag

This is a much better offering from Kim Powers. *Fisting* is a high-quality production in terms of information, writing, illustrations and pure production values (such as paper weight), and while that is reflected in the price, the extra money is worth it for a more than satisfactory volume.



This book tells you all that you need to know about how to fist and how to be fisted. Explaining both vaginal and anal fisting, the book covers all of the aspects and topics that you should understand before even embarking on this activity – especially the importance of safety, cleanliness and comfort. With the exception of a couple of 'GCSE Biology'-type anatomical diagrams, the illustrations are informative and give good guidance.

Fisting – the penetration of the vagina or the anus with the hand or fist – is a very specialised kind of sexual stimulation. It is often viewed a taboo subject and is seen by many people as perverse. But nothing that a loving and consenting couple does together is 'dirty', let alone 'sinful' and the book is at pains to point this out. Indeed, its subtitle, 'Care, Responsibility and Trust', sums it up.

If you and your partner are happy to experiment with this pastime – or even if you are already indulging – then this book is almost 'a must'.

I give it 8 out of 10.

Toygasms

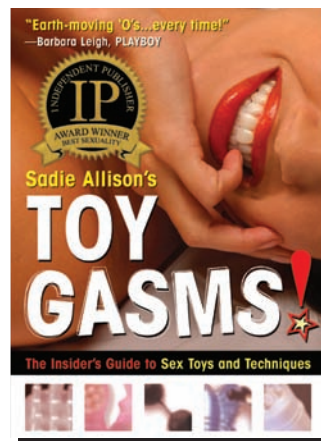
Author: Sadie Allison
Published by Tickle Kitty Press

PRICE
£11.95

This book, from a well-established sexpert, is great. Thirteen excellent chapters that cover every single commercial sex toy that I have heard of – and some that I haven't. It focuses, of course, on women, but there is a chapter dedicated to men's toys and most of the book is about toying with a partner rather than simple self-pleasure. (A previous book by the same author entitled *Tickle your*

Fancy, covers the full gamut of female masturbation).

Toygasms is concise, well-written, well-edited, full of useful information and reassurances – and is beautifully illustrated with line drawings. I know that monochrome illustrations are cheaper to source and to publish than photographs, but for this type of book, they work far better than the alternative. It is also clear that Sadie has researched it personally!



Finding little to fault, there is not much I can honestly say further, other than 'buy it'. Any woman and any couple will really benefit from reading it.

I give Toygasms 8.5 out of 10. It would have got a 9, but for the American spellings – 'color', 'labor', 'center' – Aaaaghhh!

