

Summary:

Forty-Five-1/2 Lovers talks about one simple human act - sex - and turns it into Forty-Five stories of hope, lust, desperation, love, stupidity, romance, detachment, and redemption. The tragic sex chronicles of Amanda Buffington - as told by Anika Kunik - explores the various reasons why women have sex in a colorful world filled with nuance. Amanda's stories are familiar, yet shocking, both hilarious and sad, but never fail to invite truthful conversation.

Introduction:

"When I can't sleep—and insomnia is a tragic and highly overrated affliction—I count the men I've had sex with. I know, as the saying goes, I should be counting sheep, have another nightcap, a glass of milk and a cookie, or avail myself of the endless sleeping aids on the market. Believe me when I say I have tried them all, even counting sheep, but none work as well as counting my past lovers. (I realize there might be people who count the sheep they've had sex with, but I can't relate.)"

What Others Say:

"Bridget Jones meets Carrie Bradshaw." - Jackie, age 31, stay-at-home-mom

"I laughed so hard that I wet my panties, AND I'M TOO FRICKIN YOUNG FOR DEPENDS! I read it in one setting, while making dinner, and every time my teenage son or my husband asked me why I was laughing, I had to hide the book." - Jane, age 36, attorney

"Shocking! I loved it!" - Jim, age 42, sommelier

"OMG, it's like I met some of these guys myself! Hey, girl, are you off your man cleanse already?" - Jessica, age 25, yoga instructor

"Anika Kunik writes about one simple human act - sex - and turns it into 45 stories of hope, lust, desperation, love, stupidity, detachment, and redemption. She writes well, candidly, and her self-deprecating humor makes for a fun read, but James Joyce it ain't." - Nathan, age 25, director

About the Author:

Anika Kunik was born in Antwerp, Belgium. Growing up without television, she soon discovered the joy of theater and at age twelve started acting in local Flemish productions. After high school, she moved to Israel and found success as a print and runway model. In 1989 Anika moved to Texas. She attended the University of Texas, graduating magna cum laude with a degree in French dramatic literature. Meanwhile, she also focused on raising a family and she is very proud of her four children. Acting never lost its appeal and she has since starred and co-starred in many independent productions, of which several have been recognized and/or awarded in film festivals around the country. In her free time, Anika enjoys writing and *Forty-Five-1/2 Lovers* is her first published novel.