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Alaina says

The humor is a little dated. I think I like the concept of a how-to book on being a dirty old man better than the actual book. Asimov is certainly perceptive in what men say and do to women they don't know, but I kept wanting some sort of explanation for that behavior. Perhaps the book itself is the explanation.

Amara says

If you haven't read the The Sensuous Woman and The Sensuous Man you really haven't read this book.

Disturbingly, this was the first Asimov book I ever read. I followed shortly with the Foundation trilogy. I was a tough mental switch. But both made me an Asimov fan for life.

Roy says

Isaac Asimov at his non-scientific.

Might have been published in the 70s but definitely 50s attitude.

The links to historical figures are too forced, and sometimes miss the mark. Still, there are some funny descriptions.

Cyberpope says

I did not figure Dr. Asimov for a humorist, but this book definitely changed that thinking!

Ostensibly a handbook for correctly conducting one's self as a dirty old man, it actually, IMO, turns into an open celebration/declaration of womanly beauty.

The general premise being that women dress up to look good not to be ignored, but to be appreciated, & a real man isn't afraid to do so openly.

Isaac goes into it detail by detail for a myriad of common male-female interaction situations.

Katie Olleman says

Best thing ever :D

Farrah says

Clever and fun. I haven't read the two books he is satirizing, but any encounter with Asimov is a pleasant one. Awesome and astute references to great literary and historical figures, parodying the greats. Happy Hunting!

Jessi Marie says

One of my favorite short reads. I found it hilarious. I read it every few years and laugh all over again.

Bernie Duffy says

Apparently written in 5 days on a bet. He proved his point, but it is purely light entertainment.

Myra Breckinridge says

A quick, yet long-winded manifesto of a writer known for being a serial groper. Asimov uses a series of male literary quotes and historical figures not to lightly discuss the world of older male sexuality, but to support leering at and touching women. Nothing more or less. Reads like someone dared him to stretch a few jokes into a full book, and Asimov succeeded.

Raja99 says

Why I Read This Book: I was on an Asimov kick, and decided to get around to this one.

This was better than I expected; it's extremely light, almost like a souffle. I find the back cover photo and caption hilarious. The book is smirky without being smarmy, and not even remotely off-color. The full-page goofy photos add to the charm; I'm not sure how they'd fare in the paperback.

In *I. Asimov*, Asimov said he completed it in a weekend as a response to the *The Sensuous Woman* and *The Sensuous Man*, which "were selling in runaway lots, though, in my opinion, they were rotten books even on their own terms (judging by what little I could read of them without gagging)." He also said he was ashamed of the back-cover photo, and of appearing in similar garb on Dick Cavett's TV show, but I **still** think it's hilarious.

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Gnat Matthews says

Maybe this is not the book for our generation, but knowing who wrote it and keeping in mind the context makes this worthy of several chuckles.

Cliff says

Many people miss the context of this masterpiece.

Shortly before this book came out there were two books titled "The Sensuous Man" and "The Sensuous Woman." They were published with authors shown only by a single initial. These came out to address an increasing interest in healthy, not-strictly-traditional models of sexual behavior and were intended to be serious. As a teen at the time this third book came out, I found it amusing, but could not properly relate to it for my lack of personal experiences and perspective.

I recently read this again and found it to be brilliant as a parody of the books it emulated.

I also recall that this book came out when Dick Cavett was in his own television heyday, and Mr Cavett scored "Dr. A" as not just a guest, but his guest agreed to reveal his true identity. Dr. Asimov came out onto the talk set (or he may have been already seated there and was not shown on camera until he was introduced) ... wearing a lacy black item of women's underwear wrapped around his head across his eyes as a "mask." When he took the mask off, Dick Cavett exclaimed, "It's our old friend, Isaac Asimov!" or words to that effect.

Without the context of the previous books, readers in the 21st century seem to be judging it unrealistically. For what it was intended to be ... a contemporary parody of the times and previous works in a similar vein ... the book is magnificent and deeply funny.

Richard Nicholson says

Brilliant. Humour from a different time and place but still some great lessons.....

Mel says

If you ever find a copy of this book, do -not- let it go. It is very hard to find and well worth the effort.
