

Menopoly

The dating game of life



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Testimonials from friends & readers.

Few women can totally put us men back in our places like Barby. Especially, when she makes us like it! Strikingly and delightfully to the point about some of the flaws found in the modern man, Barby pulls no punches in this tell all book of some of her most unique dating experiences and advice.

Jordan H – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Barby is quite possibly the most introspective extrovert that I've ever had the pleasure to know. Perhaps the only thing she knows better than her own soul, is the brain of a man. Her knowledge is both extensive and comical at times, but one thing is for sure- we all have something we can learn from her. **Sara R - Lexington, Oklahoma**

I always thought Barby would be famous, I just never thought I'd see her as an accomplished author. Research pays off! **Randy G - Tigard, Oregon**

Back in 8th grade, Barby was this really beautiful girl who hung out with all the cool kids, knew what she wanted & went after it. **Dan D – Newberg, Oregon**

Cheers to Barby Ball! An intelligent, witty, strong firecracker that is NEVER afraid to speak her mind, and ALWAYS has my back. I am honored to call this beautiful lady my unconditional friend... Thank you for being you!!!

Teddi H – Portland, Oregon

Barby Ball

Believe me when I tell you, that when I read some of the stories you wrote about characters in your book, I sat and laughed and thought, "This is my life of dating put into words, only with women!" I love it!! Guys if you're reading this, you know what I mean. Especially if you've dated more ladies than you'd like to admit to. This book is for both guys and gals just change the characters to female and you will have it for the men! Thanks Barby! **Norm M – Helena, Montana**

Challenged continually in her dating life, this true romantic openly shares her heart and personal experiences with her family, friends and the world. As I have learned, Barby walks in cadence to a different drummer; sometimes alone, yet positive, sensitive, loving, caring and daring...such a sweet friend. You must stop and pay close attention. Listen to hear her rhythm. Thank you Dear Friend!! **Don L – Oklahoma City, Oklahoma**

I've known Barby since high school. All I can say is she is a REAL example of elegance, charm and wit. But her smile is what refreshes me the most. Much love and success to her! **Ron L – Lewisville, Texas**

P R E F A C E

This book is dedicated to ladies everywhere who have experienced the adverse effects of on-line dating and dating in general. I started this book as therapy and to ease me through the encounters of dating and men. I was posting to my blog when my lady friends said I should write a book, because my comments were hilarious regarding my dating life. So after much contemplation, about two minutes, I conceded that a book would be a great idea.

For those of you who think this is a Man Hater book, it's really not. You can easily replace the male characters with those of women. For instance, the Diva, the Gold Digger, Miss Independent and so on.

I have guy friends who have experienced some of their own doozy dates so it's not gender specific. But make no mistake, this book is for the ladies! And guys this might be measured as a tutorial for women, so you may want to change your game. Just sayin! Final thought...if I have offended anyone with this book, get over yourself! You're probably one of the characters described within.



W.I.F.M. – what’s in it for me?

Why should I read this book, what’s in it for me? What’s in it for you? Well, there’s humor, reality and a dash of coaching in here. It’s like an instruction manual for dating. Open up the cover and find all the ingredients for a great recipe to spice up your self-esteem and save you from disaster in dating! So, keep an open mind and learn from my dating mishaps over the past two decades. Learn what not to say & do and what to watch out for. Laugh with me and discover dating in the Techno-Age. Grab some popcorn, lie on the sofa, enjoy and read on!

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THE GAME

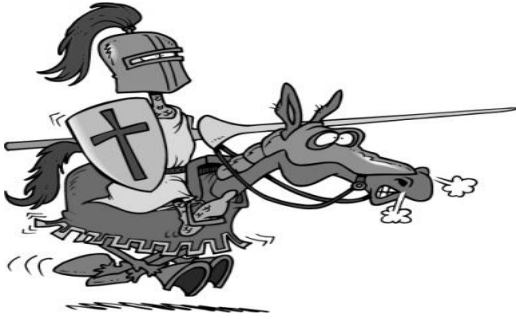


You see it everywhere the games that people play in the world of dating. It's been going on for centuries and with increasing technology the playing field has changed.

Now we have online dating, speed dating, blind dating, fixer-uppers, store shopping (and I don't mean the fruit either), weekend daters, social media dating, dating blogs, chat room dating, dating by cell phone, dating via GPS (which to me stands for Girl plus Sex). Soon there will be virtual dating where you just Skype each other and date via isolation! What the heck is going on here in the world of dating?

You will read about all the different characters to avoid and the rules of engagement for dating in the Techno-Age.

Prince Charming



The Idea of Menopoly came to me one night after a very disappointing discovery about a man I had met on-line. We'll call him Prince Charming because he seemed to be the Perfect Man. Oh Prince Charming, he's here to save your day!

He was a polished professional, extremely beautiful and totally in shape. The only problem was, he was married. Go Figure! They always are, aren't they! I didn't find out he was married until he slipped up one day and mentioned his wife . He referred to her as his wife, not ex-wife. Whoops, RED FLAG! 🚩

The Loser/Liar!



So you think you hear music as he speaks to you? The sweet sound of music from a heavenly source? Uh, hey lady... **WAKE UP!!** More like a Lyre playing a tune on his broken harp!

Well, be prepared because here it comes! This poor dumb jerk has just been crapped on his whole life and he lets you know it! Poor him, he just can't get a break! Everything in his life is horrible and the women of his past were abusive, mean and he had to sleep on the couch all the time! He'll draw you into his world and suck the life right out of you! You'll wind up giving him money, furniture, clothes, anything because you feel so sorry for him!

The Pistol Packer



Who doesn't like to see a man in uniform?

Especially a cop who protects the weak and innocent. This section only applies to the flat foots that have ego problems. There are a lot of great cops out there and my father used to be one. Enuf said!!

This guy has an issue with authority and became a professional Johnny Law to get respect. He has a bad temper, treats you like a perp, and interrogates your every word. He makes you feel as if you are always doing something wrong. He's constantly looking around him like the sky is falling or something is about to happen!

Glock and Load baby!

Men are like dessert...

And finally, I have categorized men like desserts.
Here's an example:

Crème Brulee – smooth, subtle, delicious & satisfying

Tiramisu – light, flavorful and leaves you wanting more

Crème Puff – very light, filled with fluff and flaky

Sundae – tasty but too much

Fudge Brownie – rich and nutty

Popsicle – cold and drippy



So the next time you and your gals are having a get together, you can politely discuss your last date in terms of a dessert.

Barby Ball