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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Roach's glimpse into the inner workings of sex, be it the orgasm, erection or even the use of Viagra on animals, is a refreshing and fascinating study. Sandra Burr offers a straightforward, unfiltered reading that captures Roach's sense of humor perfectly. Taking the taboo out of the touchy subject matter and giving listeners an entertaining, unbiased look at sexual intercourse, Burr offers an everyday approach to the hot topic that will appeal to a wide ranging audience.

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From Booklist

Starred Review The New Yorker dubbed Roach "the funniest science writer in the country." OK, maybe there's not a lot of competition. But even if there were thousands of science-humor writers, she would be the sidesplitting favorite. Of course, she chooses good subjects: cadavers in *Stiff* (2003), ghosts in *Spook* (2005), and now a genuinely fertile topic in *Bonk*. As Roach points out, scientists studying sex are often treated with disdain, as though there is something inherently suspicious about the enterprise. Yet through understanding the anatomy, physiology, and psychology of sexual response, scientists can help us toward greater marital and nonmarital happiness. Such altruistic intentions, which the book shares, aren't the wellspring of its appeal, however. That lies in the breezy tone in which Roach describes erectile dysfunction among polygamists, penis cameras, relative organ sizes and enhancement devices, and dozens of other titillating subjects. Not to be missed: the martial art of yin diao gung ("genitals hanging kung fu"), monkey sex athletes, and the licensing of porn stars' genitals for blow-up reproductions. To stay on the ethical side of human-subjects experimentation, Roach offers herself as research subject several times, resulting in some of her best writing. --Patricia Monaghan

Review

"Roach ferrets out basic truths and endless absurd details amid mountains of dry science on her chosen subject. . . . It's a wonderful read, sprinkled with facts you can quote to amaze your friends." (San Francisco Chronicle)

"[Mary Roach] is a bold, tenacious, and insatiable reporter. . . . A greatly satisfying romp." (New York Times Book Review)

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"Roach is a fearless and witty reporter." (Wall Street Journal)

"[An] account that is at once revealing?alarmingly so?and very very funny. She studs (forgive me) her journey with a multitude of knee-crossing bits of fact that will enliven bedtime conversation everywhere." (Erik Larson, author of *Devil in the White City*)

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