

Delta Venus Anais Nin

365 quotations from the work of diarist/novelist Anais Nin (1903-1977). The book is divided into five categories (Lust for Life, Love and Sensuality, Consciousness, Women and Men, Writing and Art) and contains validated citations (book title and page number). Anais Nin's ability to say the unsayable has made her one of the leading inspirational writers whose work has been quoted millions of times. The Quotable Anais Nin collects not only her most popular quotations, but those never published before as well.

A magical canal boat on the Seine becomes the ideal, secluded "cell" in which Djuna and Rango, a cafe guitarist, conduct their passionate affair. But in the background is Rango's invalid wife, who gradually encroaches on their passion. Can their relationship survive her manipulations?

These 13 erotic short stories by the acclaimed author of *Henry and June* explore the nature of desire, taboo, and female sensuality. Following her first book of erotic short fiction, *Delta of Venus*, Anais Nin continues to illuminate the many guises of human sexuality in *Little Birds*. From the beach towns of Normandy to the streets of New Orleans, these thirteen vignettes introduce us to a covetous French painter, a sleepless wanderer of the night, a guitar-playing gypsy, and a host of others who yearn for and dive into the turbulent depths of romantic experience. "[It is] so distinct an advance in the depiction of female sensuality that I felt, on reading it, enormous gratitude."-Alice Walker "One of contemporary

literature's most important writers."-Newsweek

A Revealing Look at the Mentorship—and Manipulation—of Anaïs Nin In 1962, eighteen-year-old Tristine Rainer was sent on an errand to Anaïs Nin's West Village apartment. The chance meeting would change the course of her life and begin her years as Anaïs's accomplice, keeping her mentor's confidences—including that of her bigamy—even after Anaïs Nin's death and the passing of her husbands, until now. Set in the underground literary worlds of Manhattan and Los Angeles during the sixties and seventies, Tristine charts her coming of age under the guidance of the infamous Anaïs Nin: author of the erotic bestseller *Delta of Venus*, lover to Henry Miller, Parisian diarist, and feminist icon of the sexual revolution. As an inexperienced college-bound girl from the San Fernando Valley, Tristine was dazzled by the sophisticated bohemian author and sought her instruction in becoming a woman. Tristine became a fixture of Anaïs's inner circle, implicated in the mysterious author's daring intrigues—while simultaneously finding her own path through love, lust, and loss. In what Kirkus calls a “spicy and saucy hybrid of memoir and novel,” *Apprenticed to Venus* brings to life a seductive and entertaining character—the pioneer whose mantra was, “A woman has as much right to pleasure as a man!” An intimate look at the intricacies—and risks—of the female mentor-protégé relationship, Tristine Rainer's *Apprenticed to Venus* stories her deep friendship, for good or ill, with a pivotal historical figure.

Under a Glass Bell is one of Nin's finest collections of

stories. First published in 1944, it attracted the attention of Edmond Wilson, who reviewed the collection in *The New Yorker*. It was in these stories that Nin's artistic and emotional vision took shape. This edition includes a highly informative and insightful foreword by Gunther Stuhlmann that places the collection in its historical context as well as illuminates the sequence of events and persons recorded in the diary that served as its inspiration. Although *Under a Glass Bell* is now considered one of Anais Nin's finest collections of stories, it was initially deemed unpublishable. Refusing to give up on her vision, in 1944 Nin founded her own press and brought out the first edition, illustrated with striking black-and-white engravings by her husband, Hugh Guiler. Shortly thereafter, it caught the attention of literary critic Edmund Wilson, who reviewed the collection in the *New Yorker*. The first printing sold out in three weeks. This new Swallow Press edition includes an introduction by noted modernist scholar Elizabeth Podnieks, as well as editor Gunther Stuhlmann's erudite but controversial foreword to the 1995 edition. Together, they place the collection in its historical context and sort out the individuals and events recorded in the diary that served as its inspiration. The new Swallow Press edition also restores the thirteen stories to the order Nin specified for the first commercial edition in 1948. 'What did she expect of him? What was her quest? Did she have an unfulfilled desire?' Transgressive desires and sexual encounters are recounted in these four pieces from one of the greatest writers of erotic fiction. Penguin Modern: fifty new books celebrating the

pioneering spirit of the iconic Penguin Modern Classics series, with each one offering a concentrated hit of its contemporary, international flavour. Here are authors ranging from Kathy Acker to James Baldwin, Truman Capote to Stanislaw Lem and George Orwell to Shirley Jackson; essays radical and inspiring; poems moving and disturbing; stories surreal and fabulous; taking us from the deep South to modern Japan, New York's underground scene to the farthest reaches of outer space.

"Fragments from the Delta of Venus is an amazing collaboration between feminist artist Judy Chicago and iconic writer Anais Nin, where Chicago's paintings illustrate Nin's most sensual passages from her classic collection of erotic stories.

Beautiful, bored and bourgeoisie, Sabina leads a double life inspired by her relentless desire for brief encounters with near-strangers. Fired into faithlessness by a desperate longing for sexual fulfilment, she weaves a sensual web of deceit across New York. But when the secrecy of her affairs becomes too much to bear, Sabina makes a late night phone-call to a stranger from a bar, and begins a confession that captivates the unknown man and soon inspires him to seek her out...

'Her feelings for the child redeemed her from bitterness, and shed some light on the dark industrial terraces and the waste lands of the city's rubble.' One of the most acclaimed novelists of her generation, Margaret Drabble is an unmatched observer of postwar English lives, portraying social change, sexual liberation, landscape, class and the messy complications of human relationships with intricacy and honesty. In these two stories of lives colliding, a mother

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buying a birthday gift has her dreams destroyed, and a honeymoon leads to an unexpected epiphany. This book contains *The Gifts of War* and *Hassan's Tower*.

Mirages opens at the dawn of World War II, when Anaïs Nin fled Paris, where she lived for fifteen years with her husband, banker Hugh Guiler, and ends in 1947 when she meets the man who would be “the One,” the lover who would satisfy her insatiable hunger for connection. In the middle looms a period Nin describes as “hell,” during which she experiences a kind of erotic madness, a delirium that fuels her search for love. As a child suffering abandonment by her father, Anaïs wrote, “Close your eyes to the ugly things,” and, against a horrifying backdrop of war and death, Nin combats the world’s darkness with her own search for light. *Mirages* collects, for the first time, the story that was cut from all of Nin’s other published diaries, particularly volumes 3 and 4 of *The Diary of Anaïs Nin*, which cover the same time period. It is the long-awaited successor to the previous unexpurgated diaries *Henry and June*, *Incest*, *Fire*, and *Nearer the Moon*. *Mirages* answers the questions Nin readers have been asking for decades: What led to the demise of Nin’s love affair with Henry Miller? Just how troubled was her marriage to Hugh Guiler? What is the story behind Nin’s “children,” the effeminate young men she seemed to collect at will? *Mirages* is a deeply personal story of heartbreak, despair, desperation, carnage, and deep mourning, but it is also one of courage, persistence, evolution, and redemption that reaches beyond the personal to the universal.

Every book tells a story . . . And the 70 titles in the Pocket Penguins series are emblematic of the renowned breadth and quality that formed part of the original Penguin vision in 1935 and that continue to define our publishing today. Together, they tell one version of the unique story of Penguin Books. A major inspiration for the early feminist movement, Anais Nin

became notorious following the publication of her sensual journals. Penguin publish a wide range of Nin's books, including the sensuous *Delta of Venus*. Originally written in the 1940s, these stories are mesmerizing explorations of art, power and passionate desire by one of the most eloquent writers of erotic literature.

Anaïs Nin made her reputation through publication of her edited diaries and the carefully constructed persona they presented. It was not until decades later, when the diaries were published in their unexpurgated form, that the world began to learn the full details of Nin's fascinating life and the emotional and literary high-wire acts she committed both in documenting it and in defying the mores of 1950s America. *Trapeze* begins where the previous volume, *Mirages*, left off: when Nin met Rupert Pole, the young man who became not only her lover but later her husband in a bigamous marriage. It marks the start of what Nin came to call her "trapeze life," swinging between her longtime husband, Hugh Guiler, in New York and her lover, Pole, in California, a perilous lifestyle she continued until her death in 1977. Today what Nin did seems impossible, and what she sought perhaps was impossible: to find harmony and completeness within a split existence. It is a story of daring and genius, love and pain, largely unknown until now.

"A cool, comic survey of the sexual education of a young Hungarian, from his first encounter, as a twelve-year-old refugee with the American forces, to his unsatisfactory liaison with a reporter's wife in Canada at the belated end of his youth, when he was twenty-three . . . elegantly erotic, with masses of that indefinable quality, style . . . this has the real stuff of immortality."—B. A. Young, *Punch* "A pleasure.

Vizinczey writes of women beautifully, with sympathy, tact and delight, and he writes about sex with more lucidity and grace than most writers ever acquire."—Larry McMurtry,

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Houston Post "Like James Joyce, who was as far from being a writer of erotica as Dostoevsky, Vizinczey has a refreshing message to deliver: Life is not about sex, sex is about life."—John Podhoretz, Washington Times "The gracefully written story of a young man growing up among older women . . . although some passages may well arouse the reader, this novel brims with what the courts have termed "redeeming literary merit."—Clarence Petersen, Chicago Tribune "A funny novel about sex, or rather (which is rarer) a novel which is funny as well as touching about sex . . . elegant, exact and melodious—has style, presence and individuality."—Isabel Quigly, Sunday Telegraph "The delicious adventures of a young Casanova who appreciates maturity while acquiring it himself. In turn naive, sophisticated, arrogant, disarming, the narrator woos his women and his tale wins the reader."—Polly Devlin, Vogue

Delta of Venus Erotica

The Portable Anais Nin is the first comprehensive collection of the author's work in nearly 40 years, during which time her catalogue has doubled with the release of the erotica and unexpurgated diaries. A handy source book of Nin's most important writings, arranged chronologically and annotated by prominent Nin scholar Benjamin Franklin V. Included are complete diary excerpts, entire fictional works, such as *The House of Incest*, erotica, interviews, selections from her unpublished diary, and her critical writings.

Mary Gaitskill's tales of desire and dislocation in 1980s New York caused a sensation with their frank, caustic portrayals of men and women's inner lives. As her characters have sex, try and fail to connect, play power games and inflict myriad cruelties on each other, she skewers urban life with precision and candour. 'Stubbornly original, with a sort of rhythm and fine moments that flatten you out when you don't expect it, these stories are a pleasure to read' Alice Munro 'An air of

Pinteresque menace hangs over these people's social exchanges like black funereal bunting ... Gaitskill writes with such authority, such radar-perfect detail' Michiko Kakutani, The New York Times

The author reveals the experiences and associations of her extraordinary life and literary career in her personal journal.

The colossus of crime leaned over to the little rustic priest with a sort of sudden interest. 'You have heard of it?' he asked. 'Where have you heard of it?' 'Well, I mustn't tell you his name, of course,' said the little man simply. 'He was a penitent, you know. He had lived prosperously for about twenty years entirely on duplicate brown-paper parcels. And so, you see, when I began to suspect you, I thought of this poor chap's way of doing it at once.' 'Began to suspect me?' repeated the outlaw with increased intensity. 'Did you really have the gumption to suspect me just because I brought you up to this bare part of the heath?' 'No, no,' said Brown with an air of apology. 'You see, I suspected you when we first met. It's that little bulge up the sleeve where you people have the spiked bracelet.' 'How in Tartarus,' cried Flambeau, 'did you ever hear of the spiked bracelet?' 'Oh, one's little flock, you know!' said Father Brown, arching his eyebrows rather blankly. One of detective fiction's most idiosyncratic and best-loved characters, G. K. Chesterton's Father Brown is both a diminutive, genial clergyman and a master sleuth. In these two

stories involving the ingenious, unobtrusive priest, a murdered man denounces his killer with his dying breaths, and a brilliant French inspector follows a trail of gentil carnage across London. This book includes *The Strange Crime of John Boulnois* and *The Blue Cross*.

A masterful, heart-palpitating novel of small-town horror and psychological dread from a Bram Stoker nominee. "Malfi is a modern-day Algernon Blackwood... I'm gonna be talking about this book for years" - JOSH MALERMAN, author of *Bird Box*

Aaron Decker's life changes one December morning when his wife Allison is killed. Haunted by her absence—and her ghost—Aaron goes through her belongings, where he finds a receipt for a motel room in another part of the country. Piloted by grief and an increasing sense of curiosity, Aaron embarks on a journey to discover what Allison had been doing in the weeks prior to her death. Yet Aaron is unprepared to discover the dark secrets Allison kept, the death and horror that make up the tapestry of her hidden life. And with each dark secret revealed, Aaron becomes more and more consumed by his obsession to learn the terrifying truth about the woman who had been his wife, even if it puts his own life at risk.

Forty-five years ago, Anais Nin created the female language for sexuality. *Delta of Venus*, filled with seductive, erotic and full-bodied writing, reveals

Anais Nin as a woman--and a writer--ahead of her time. Highly elegant naughtiness.--Cosmopolitan. Drawn from her original, uncensored journals, this is an intimate account of Anais Nin's sexual awakening. It covers a single momentous year--from 1931 to the end of 1932.

One day someone came back from half-term with Delta of Venus, by Anais Nin . . . Well. Well. The book briskly did the rounds, getting tattier and tattier with each reading. Mouths dropped open in shock. Eyes popped with disbelief. Did people really. . . Did men really want to . . . ?' Edited and introduced by India Knight, THE DIRTY BITS - FOR GIRLS is an unmissable collection. From zipless action in Fear of Flying to jolly romps with Jilly Cooper; from transgressions with a priest in The Thorn Birds to mischief with Mellors; from a gentle first encounter with 'Ralph' in Forever to anything and everything but gentle in The Story of O. Even Keats, Chaucer and Shakespeare are up for no good. These are the stories that taught us about sex, volumes pilfered from our parents' bookshelves, books passed girl to girl, hidden in desks, whispered and wondered about.

Robert Coover's imagination blisteringly combines the sinister and the hilarious - in writing both wildly energetic and cruelly vaudevillian. In these three short stories, he conjures macabre scenes of a troubled circus romance, of a brutally comic traffic

accident, and of a single night of babysitting where every hope or threat of violence or sex is done and undone.

THIS IS A ANNOTATED VERSION OF THE ORIGINAL BOOK. WE HAD TRIED TO ADD HANDY SUMMARY AT THE END OF THIS BOOK. THIS BOOK IS STRICTLY FOR ADULTS.

Caro, gallant and adventurous, is one of two Australian sisters who have come to post-war England to seek their fortunes. Courted long and hopelessly by young scientist, Ted Tice, she is to find that love brings passion, sorrow, betrayal and finally hope. The milder Grace seeks fulfilment in an apparently happy marriage. But as the decades pass and the characters weave in and out of each other's lives, love, death and two slow-burning secrets wait in ambush for them.

The renowned diarist continues the story begun in *Henry and June* and *Incest*. Drawing from the author's original, uncensored journals, *Fire* follows Anais Nin's journey as she attempts to liberate herself sexually, artistically, and emotionally. While referring to her relationships with psychoanalyst Otto Rank and author Henry Miller, as well as a new lover, the Peruvian Gonzalo Moré, she also reveals that her most passionate and enduring affair is with writing itself.

The trailblazing memoirist and author of *Henry & June* recounts her relationships with Henry Miller and others—including her own father. Anais Nin wrote in her uncensored diaries like they were a broad-minded confidante with whom she shared the liberating

psychosexual dramas of her life. In this continuation of her notorious *Henry & June*, she recounts a particularly turbulent period between 1932 and 1934, and the men who dominated it: her protective husband, her therapist, and the poet Antonin Artaud. However, most consuming of all is novelist Henry Miller—a man whose genius, said Anais, was so demonic it could drive people insane. Here too, recounted in extraordinary detail, is the sexual affair she had with her father. At once loving, exciting, and vengeful, it was the ultimate social transgression for which Anais would eventually seek absolution from her analysts. “Before Lena Dunham there was Anais Nin. Like Dunham, she’s been accused of narcissism, sociopathy, and sexual perversion time and again. Yet even that comparison undercuts the strangeness and bravery of her work, for Nin was the first of her kind. And, like all truly unique talents, she was worshipped by some, hated by many, and misunderstood by most . . . A woman who’d spent decades on the bleeding edge of American intellectual life, a woman who had been a respected colleague of male writers who pushed the boundaries of acceptable sex writing. Like many great . . . experimentalists, she wrote for a world that did not yet exist, and so helped to bring it into being.” —The Guardian Includes an introduction by Rupert Pole “My original concept was *Roman Fleuve*, a series of novels on various aspects of relationships, portraying four women in a continuous symphony of experience”. -- Anais Nin, from the introduction to the British edition of *Ladders to Fire*. Anais Nin's *Delta of Venus* is a stunning collection of

sexual encounters from the queen of literary erotica. From Mathilde's lust-filled Peruvian opium den to the Hungarian baron driven insane by his insatiable desire, the passions and obsessions of this dazzling cast of characters are vivid and unforgettable. Delta of Venus is a deep and sensual world that evokes the very essence of sexuality.

The House of Incest, Anais Nin's famous prose poem, was first published in Paris in 1936 and immediately drew attention from the era's prominent writers, including Henry Miller and Lawrence Durrell. While written in English, it is considered a landmark work in the French surrealist tradition and one of the most unique books in 20th century literature.

A “lyrical, impassioned” document of the intimate relationship between the two authors that was first disclosed in *Henry and June* (Booklist). This exchange of letters between the two controversial writers—Anais Nin, renowned for her candid and personal diaries, and Henry Miller, author of *Tropic of Cancer*—paints a portrait of more than two decades in their complex relationship as it moves through periods of passion, friendship, estrangement, and reconciliation. “The letters may disturb some with their intimacy, but they will impress others with their fragrant expression of devotion to art.” —Booklist “A portrait of Miller and Nin more rounded than any previously provided by critics, friends, and biographers.” —Chicago Tribune Edited and with an introduction by Gunther Stuhlmann

'A Cafe in Space' Vol. 4 contains never before published correspondence between Anais Nin and her publisher,

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Alan Swallow, concerning the publication of her now-famous DIARY OF ANAIS NIN (Harcourt 1966), as well as letters between Nin's second husband, Rupert Pole and John Ferrone of Harcourt concerning the preparation of Nin's first unexpurgated diary, 'Henry and June.' Also included are essays about Nin's work, her connection to feminism, and her brother, Joaquin, the composer. This issue also contains book and other media reviews, poetry, and photographs.

From New Yorker and Onion writer and comedian Blythe Roberson, *How to Date Men When You Hate Men* is a comedy-philosophy book aimed at interrogating what it means to date men within the trappings of modern society... Two BFFs spend a dateless night together complaining about the absence of hot sex in their lives—until a bet over the likelihood of a steamy erotic story being just the remedy for a terminal case of horniness delivers a payoff that rocks their universe. Previously published in *Erotic Interludes 3: Lessons in Love*, ed. Radclyffe and Stacia Seaman (Bold Strokes Books, 2006).

In *Delta of Venus* Anaïs Nin conjures up a glittering cascade of sexual encounters. Creating her own 'language of the senses', she explores an area that was previously the domain of male writers and brings to it her own unique perceptions. Her vibrant and impassioned prose evokes the essence of female sexuality in a world where only love has meaning. Her second volume of erotic writings, *Little Birds*, is also published by Penguin.

"D. H. Lawrence and *Nine Women Writers* sheds fresh light on how a number of women writers of his time and our own reacted, in their thinking and writing, to D. H. Lawrence's unbridled individualism, sensitive genius, creative energy, and his sometimes infuriating misogynistic resentments." "Critic

and scholar Leo Hamalian explores the ways that the sensibilities of nine important women writers were both extensively and profoundly influenced by the English author's fiction, poetry, criticism, and self-styled "polyanalytics." "Hamalian's series of comparative readings is illuminating. They demonstrate clearly that the hard questions of ideology, subject matter, and style, which engaged Lawrence throughout his turbulent, career, continued to challenge a number of women writers who were grappling with these issues from another vantage point. Through skeptical of some of Lawrence's theories, these writers valued the dynamic aspects of Lawrence's creativity, especially his emphasis on consciousness of wider meanings rather than character, on symbol rather than narrative - although he was a masterful storyteller. They realized that his intensely conceived and evocatively concentrated scenes could be turned into a highly rewarding technique for suggesting the emotional conflicts and moral dilemmas of their own characters. His primitivist philosophy struck them as healthy and his sensitivity as a kind of appealing vulnerability."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved
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