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# **Juxtapoz Erotica**





## **Synopsis**

Sexuality is one of the most enigmatic facets of the human psyche. Writers and artists have spent untold ink in an effort to unravel the mysteries of our libidinous tendencies. Juxtapoz Erotica features titillating explorations of the subject matter by two dozen of the most exciting artists working today. Some featured works are meticulously illustrated, some abstract in style, some realistic, some forays into fantastic worlds that fuel the imagination. Contributing artists from an eclectic mix of backgrounds and cultures tackle the theme including David Choe, Fernanda Cohen, John Solis, Justine Lai, Rockin Jellybean, Asaji Muroi and Hu Ming to name a few. Each work expresses its own particular mood and feel, but all share the common thread of a sex-positive approach. Juxtapoz Erotica will appeal to anyone interested in or fascinated by the genre and to artists and illustrators seeking inspiration.

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Let's first explain what Juxtapoz is, for those who may not know. Juxtapoz Art & Culture Magazine was created in 1994 by a group of artists and collectors including Robert Williams, Fausto Vitello, C.R. Stecyk III (aka: Craig Stecyk), Greg Escalante, and Eric Swenson to both help define and celebrate urban alternative and underground contemporary art. It was edited from 1996 to 2006 by Jamie O'Shea. Juxtapoz is published by High Speed Productions, the same company that publishes Thrasher Skateboard magazine. Juxtapoz launched with the mission of connecting modern genres like psychedelic and hot rod art, graffiti, street art, and illustration, to the context of broader more historically recognized genres of art like Pop, assemblage, old master painting, and conceptual art.

Although based in San Francisco, Juxtapoz was founded upon the belief in the virtues of Southern California Pop Culture and the freedom from the conventions of the "established" New York art world. Ferus Gallery, run by Walter Hopps and Irving Blum in the 1950s and 1960s was the ultimate cultural touchstone for the magazine. As of 2009 it has the largest circulation of any art magazine in the United States. As an erotica author, I have definitely experienced the stigma that comes with writing erotica. So many people confuse erotica with pornography. They are two completely different arenas. The same applies for erotic art. Sexuality is depicted as metaphors for other themes or concepts. The images are enthralling, captivating, fascinating, charismatic, disturbing and alluring. I found myself staring at images endlessly trying to interpret the artist's meaning behind the images. But...as an artist and writer, my main concern is not others approval...

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