

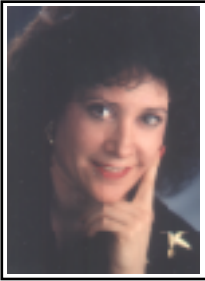
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DIRTY SEVEN



LADIES BEWARE!

WHO THEY ARE. WHAT THEY DO.
HOW TO HANDLE THEM. HINT: IT'S NOT LOVE!

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FOREWORD

Despite its title, this book is not about the Battle of the Sexes. Just the opposite -- the author's aim is to tell you, kind reader, how to avoid the pain, suffering, and battle scars from the eternal entanglement between you and the men who come your way. This becomes clear chapter after chapter and is definitely emphasized in the last, Question and Answer section.

Neither is this guide about male-bashing. Admittedly, the types of men that fall into one of these Dirty Seven categories are given what they deserve in no uncertain terms. This is the style of the author - snappy, direct, and to the point. Funny too, although that will, in most likelihood, be lost on members of the "stronger sex" featured in this book. There is plenty of entertainment here from the stories about actual encounters, as they unfold one after the other. At the end, women of similar disposition are exposed too for what they are. You will see that the author is an equal opportunity observer of the human condition.

There are men of character and integrity out there. The moral of this book is that it is worth looking and waiting for them. Your self-esteem asks for it; your happiness requires it. Yes, it is very hard for most of us to be alone, even if it is "just" the loneliness of the soul, not the body. Yet, we also know that desperation can only lead to one thing: An unhappy, unsatisfying, and wasted relationship.

The author does offer, beyond the desired moral values of the right mate, truly practical ways about where and how to meet him. It is her hope and wish, as well as ours, that you find true love and happiness by avoiding the men that belong to The Dirty Seven.

Steven Kingsley
Publisher

INTRODUCTION

Where Have All the Good Men Gone?

You are frustrated by the kinds of men you have been meeting. You are beginning to think there might be something wrong with you. “Where have all the good men gone?” you ask yourself. You really want to love and be loved by someone you can respect, someone whose heart is open to you, someone you can live with who won’t drive you crazy. Why are such mate-able men so hard to find?

Usually, women who have an eye for quality snap up good relationship material early. Natural instinct impels them to select an optimal mate. So the men who have good character, personality, work habits, hygiene, empathy, and rational behavior have been culled from the herd early by discerning women who want to marry them. Add good grooming to the mix and they are great catches. What is left, roaming around actively looking for a mate, are The Dirty Seven.

Troubled?

Or, maybe you can’t put your finger on why you are not happy with the guy you are seeing. He is not an obviously terrible person who would harm you intentionally. So you think that the behaviors that trouble you will go away through the powerful love you offer him. But if he is one of The Dirty Seven, cut your losses and say your good-byes.

When you met him the chemistry was good. The hormones were flowing and they overtook your logic. So you were not attuned to the patterns that are driving you up the wall right now. Dating is one thing, sharing a life is another.

Dating behavior may sometimes obscure the underlying character flaw that typifies the dead-end guy. He may have been able to keep his Dirty-Seven-ness under wraps during the ritualized structure of a date. But over time he shows that he cannot keep up the pretenses.

Underlying Problem

You will waste a lot of time kissing Dirty Seven frogs but they never turn into princes. They have an underlying problem that runs like a river through all their types: A special kind of selfishness that makes them incapable of giving your needs fair play. They lack a quality known as empathy: They can't put themselves in your position or even try to imagine what you are feeling. I call it me-ism. They are out there looking for a relationship, but their me-ism keeps them from being successful in finding or keeping one.

They're Obviously Oblivious

These guys characteristically concentrate on themselves or their problems, put themselves first, without really noticing that they do it or how it is affecting you. They may be "the nicest guys in the world," but they show you in different ways that you are second or last on their agendas. Yet they are not conscious that they are so obvious about it. An example is the ScarMan, who spends so much time talking about his "ex" he hardly looks at you as you sit across the table from him. He cannot see, that if you were the one yakking away nonstop through dinner about your ex, he'd be looking for the escape hatch. He also cannot see that you are out with him to have a good time, not hear an endless monologue on some woman you don't even know.

My Experience

I have spent many years dating and being married and dating again, and being married, and dating again, and being married and dating again. I have lived in different states and different countries over these years and have met hundreds of men. Through time I noticed certain behavior patterns in most of the men that my friends and I were meeting. I began to classify them, like the anthropologist, or naturalist in the field. I then organized my findings into seven categories to avoid.

The fieldwork I did will save you a lot of trouble. You will be able to spot and avoid these guys without guesswork about their potential. Since they have none, you will pass them by the way you'd pass a Dead End road on your journey towards your destination.

Relationship Books

Most currently available books on relationships concentrate on how the woman can catch, please, or understand a man. They focus on mistakes women make because they “love too much” or on how to increase sexual pleasure for both parties. Some are about building self-esteem so you will be a better partner. One or two books are on judging compatibility with potential mates or astrological matches. With *The Dirty Seven*, there is no compatibility and no potential. You don't have to even ask yourself, “Will we be compatible?” The answer is “no.” His me-ism will always make it an unequal pairing.

But what about relationship books aimed at the guys? Besides books on sex techniques, and understanding the Venutian woman, I didn't see much on the personal character traits of a good mate. I didn't see any books on what qualities must be present for a relationship between

equals to thrive. “Be yourself” is common advice, but no one talks about whether the self you are is worth being. “Being yourself” might mean being one of The Dirty Seven.

Male magazines tell guys how to dress and what to do on dates to get girls to fall for them. They show the latest grown-up toys, stories on celebrities, and some cultural and health news. But they never approach talking about the ingredients that make a man a great partner. Perhaps the editors believe that character issues belong to the religious institutions and families. Character does not sell magazines, surface and appearance does.

When parents sit down with their sons to talk about “the birds and the bees,” they talk about the biological factors of mating. Maybe they talk about safe sex. But it is rare for parents to inform their sons about avoiding the inherent selfishness that is The Dirty Seven fatal flaw. The religious institutions tell us about the qualities that make up a good person, which are the same for making a great mate. But they do not show us the types of overriding selfishness that are the kiss of death in love matters.

Not Male-bashing

This guide is not about male-bashing. Good men exist. Many have been taken, it is true, but good men are out there. They are the ones who have the capacity to be supportive of you and give what you want and need in a relationship. They have the ability to care about you and show their generous hearts. Your love increases for them because they keep doing things that nurture your interconnectedness. But finding one takes patience. Many women give up because they are afraid they don't have time to meet a gem. They settle for The Dirty Seven.

This guide is not about all men. It is about a segment of men to beware of if you have certain goals.

Beware The Dirty Seven

Beware of them if you are looking for a fulfilling love relationship that produces mutual happiness. They are not mate material. Things cannot work out if you are looking for a satisfying and lasting relationship with one of these creatures. Eventually these men may evolve and change with time, on their own, but don't think you can change them through reasoning with them. Entering a relationship thinking about all the things you are going to change about a person doesn't work anyway.

You will learn to recognize the types. You will then be able to steer clear of them, weed them out, or toss them back. You can then concentrate on something and someone with a future.

Not Looking Right Now

Everyone would like to have someone they can love and who loves them back. But maybe your search is on hold because of other commitments, such as finishing school or work obligations. If you are not looking for a satisfying love relationship right now, this guide will help you recognize patterns of behavior that will serve for future reference. You can also help a friend who is ignorantly involved with one of the Dirties. She has been confiding her unhappiness to you but can't exactly understand the problem.

You can point to a chapter and say, "He sounds like he is a 'BagMan.' That's classic behavior! Don't take it so personally! BagMen bring their past, messy entanglements into your relationship and you are expected to deal with

them. His ex-wives still call him because he is behind in his alimony payments, and his teenage kids are moving in with you. One of them has a drug problem. Oh, and there is his old Rottweiler with bladder control problems. This guy is just being true to type!”

Already Happy

If you are already in a happy relationship, you will feel glad that you are out of the game. You will congratulate yourself that your mate, by definition, is not one of them. Happiness and The Dirty Seven are mutually exclusive. You are happy because you and your mate care equally about the relationship and are able to sustain this caring. A Dirty Seven relationship is one way: He is happy with it; you are not.

Also, in a happy relationship, if certain behaviors trouble you, you can speak to your mate about them and he will work on them, or you can have a rational discussion about them. Dirty Seven guys don't even want to change to accommodate you. They don't have the insight to think that they might have a problem. The only change possible is your own attitude so that you can tolerate the fact that you and your needs are left out in the cold.

No Hard-core Problems

Though these guys put their agendas first at all times and you second or last, they do not necessarily have other, more destructive problems that are surefire relationship killers. They are not overtly mean, violent, or dangerous. They can be genuinely fun to be with on many levels and be very attractive. This guide does not deal with ruinous problems that control people's lives, such as hard drug and alcohol addiction, abusive behavior, or compulsive gambling.

The Dirty Seven can be low, but they are not the lowest of the low. SideMan, for example, is a liar. But he can't see the harm he is doing, because no blood is shed or lives lost. He's just wasted your time, that's all. That's not so important.

They are not like Sonny, a man I once dated. He had one characteristic of The Dirty Seven: He looked "normal." But that's where the similarity stopped. He had a hard-core problem: He didn't tell me he had murdered his wife by decapitation. He was now looking for a new mate and had asked a trusted family friend to help him find someone. She selected me. I found out later, through newspaper articles that he had gotten off on a legal technicality. He was a dangerous and devious psychopath. Of course you would avoid men of this type.

Common Sense

You don't need to be told, "Avoid people who would steal from you or beat you up." Though many women stay in ugly relationships with men who abuse them, I assume you have enough self-respect to stay away from people who hurt you over and over again. You already understand that a guy who breakfasts on heroin or breaks your jaw for "talking back" is not a good candidate for a mate. Though many women, against common sense, stay in hellish relationships because of their low self-image, I do not address that issue.

Since you already have common sense, I am offering you information to fine-tune it. For example, you might think that your intense love will be the one thing that will turn that GuyMan around. He's a sweet guy and he has no bad habits, such as chain-smoking cheap cigars. You have always heard that relationships require work, so you

will work hard at loving him even more than you do now. But nobody should have to work that hard! Normally, overwhelming love solves a lot of problems in a relationship. The problem is, you are the one doing the overwhelming loving and he cannot and does not reciprocate.

Women: No Saints Either

I am also not saying that all women are good mate material and all the problems are on the men's side. I have observed and classified *The Dirty Seven Sisters: Men Beware* in a forthcoming guidebook of that title. In it, I talk about such types as: Needy Nellie, The PMS Queen, The Wedding Belle, The Psychobabbler, and The Mom.

These ladies will send a shiver of recognition up the spine of any guy who has been out there on the dating scene. They may be beautiful, even innocent looking, as they lure you into their clutches. It is easier to fall into their webs than to get out. *The Dirty Seven Sisters: Men Beware* will help you sort through these types and not even start with them. They are no angels! Their character flaws are as poisonous to a good relationship as any of The Dirty Seven's.

Men have not cornered the market on me-ism. Of course, the same qualities that make The Dirty Seven poor choices, as mates, are also deplorable in females. They just manifest themselves in different ways. Of course there are women out there who want something for nothing, cheat, lie, and mess up every relationship they attempt with their clueless behavior. They are not worthy of being mates, either. Apart from these, are seven other types that will drive a man insane with their own brand of insecurities, self-centeredness, and passivity.

In the last chapter of this guide, “Questions and Answers,” I draw parallels between The Dirty Seven and the female versions of these guys.

Already in Love with One

Just in case you are already in love with one of these guys, I offer understanding of why you are on a downhill slide.

Most members of The Dirty Seven fraternity have been tossed back on the shores of the dating beach for a reason. If you have snapped one up, you may have found some redeeming features that are salvageable. But struggling to change the rest of him won't work. Or, perhaps you have learned to live with the intolerable, because it is the only thing you know, therefore you excuse it.

For example, maybe your mother had a live-in boyfriend whom she supported because he couldn't keep a job. You saw him lying around on the couch while your mother exhausted herself to keep the family unit afloat. It's what you saw growing up. So it was OK with you when Jim the YAPpie moved in with you.

As you leave for work at 6:00 AM, he is still sleeping. You feel a familiar twinge of resentment, but you laugh it off. You know he won't get up until noon, because he was up all night listening to music. After a day of traffic and hard work, you stop off for food on the way home. You open the door to your place (he is not helping with the rent or mortgage) to see him and his buddies sitting around watching TV. He asks you, “What's for dinner, Hon? I invited the guys over. I hope it's OK! Oh, and while you're up, can you get us some beers?”

“That’s the way guys are,” you say to yourself. “Besides, I love him and I’ve put so much time into him already. I don’t want to start that whole dating scene again. The devil I know is better than the devil I don’t know.”

“I don’t deserve better than this,” is what you really mean. You are not ecstatic when he asks you once again to spot him some cash. He owes you a lot already. You really won’t be happy when he leaves you for someone who will buy him more than you can. She’s younger than you anyway and he was in it for the good times. Lighten up! Why are you taking it so seriously? Don’t you know there are plenty more of his type out there? It is the most abundant of The Dirty Seven categories. You can find another one tomorrow.

Yes, The Dirty Seven are out there looking for someone. They want a mate but they are not mate-able. I have to say this many times because our culture of denial believes that everyone can get better just through hoping it will happen. Listen to me: They are not called The Dirty Seven for nothing. They do not get “better,” so let them go their own way!

Dating Schmating

The standard date, which is dinner and an activity afterwards, is not a good venue for finding a mate. Exceptions exist, where there was love at first sight and both people were compatible and emotionally mature. But in general, people put on their best smiles, their party faces and manners, and act a role that is more like a job interview than romance. Luckily, some of The Dirty Seven display their wretched qualities even under these circumstances. But some hide them nicely, until you are entangled with them and it is difficult to get out.

You have to experience a person's behavior over time. One of the reasons we have such high divorce rates is because people fall in love with appearance, sexuality, and chemistry. But these things have nothing to do with being able to live with each other on a daily basis. Mistaking chemistry for love is the delusion that keeps people hurling through the funhouse of relationships, mistaking beauty for goodness in the distorted mirrors of a surface-worshipping culture.

I have known too many couples that began with lavish weddings and great displays of their undying love, only to end in ugly divorce battles. Clueless they began, and clueless they ended. They had on their party masks before the marriage. They made promises and were profuse with words. Afterwards, when the prey was bagged, the masks slipped. They showed with their actions that their words meant nothing. It was impossible to live together now. Too bad they didn't find that out before the wedding.

The Dirty Internet

If dating is a superficial way of getting to know what a person is really like, the Internet is even sketchier. It is full of wandering Dirties, looking to lure the bored housewife, office-worker, or anyone else who has so much time on their hands, they can spend hours in chat rooms or on dating services. Clue: They have no lives, thus they can spend hours on the computer looking for people to hook up with. Their social skills and physical endowments are low and they know they won't do well face-to-face.

Why do they use the Internet? Because they can lure you with words and you can't even see the lying expressions on their faces. They can say anything about themselves and post false photos. They know that most women would

disqualify them immediately if they met them in a personal encounter, so they hope they can wiggle their way in through the wires. Forty-year-olds turn up to be octogenarians. Men turn out to be women. Singles turn out to be married.

Ellie was one of the Internet casualties. She was upset with her indifferent husband and demanding kids. She had become their personal servant in a drab routine of a life. And her job was boring too. So, one day just for fun, she got onto a chat room. She started a Personal Message with Rocky III. By the end of the day, he was telling her he would like to walk along the beach holding her hand and sing all his favorite love songs to her. The next day he told her he wanted to grow old with her and that he loved her.

She left her husband and kids the next month to join “Rocky III” in Puerto Rico. He lived in a corrugated tin shack and had been writing to her on the Internet at the garage where he worked as a mechanic. He told her to meet her at the garage instead of his house because his wife just wouldn’t understand. He apologized to her for not mentioning that he also had six children. He told her he really didn’t expect her to come out to visit, because like SideMan, he was just looking for a little fun on the side.

1. SCARMAN



BATTLE-SCARRED GALACTICA

Basic Description

He goes by different names. Some call him, “The Hurt Puppy,” “The Whining Wounded,” or “Battle-scarred Galactica.” ScarMan seems to have just gotten off a relationship and can only obsess to you about it to the exclusion of everything else. He spends the entire evening talking about: (A) How great the ex was or, (B) What a bitch she was. In both cases he completely ignores your charms, nor does he ask you much about yourself. This

also describes the ScarMen widowers. They are special cases because they usually sanctify their wives and remind you in so many ways that you could never follow that act. They inspire more sympathy than the divorced ScarMen, but they are just as impractical. If you are looking for a satisfying relationship, where you feel you are first in a man's heart, throw ScarMan back on the beach.

THE TIME ELEMENT

Stuck on Her

In reality, his last relationship may have been ages ago, but he has not moved on yet. The most common ScarMan is the guy who was stunned when his mate left him. He didn't have a clue that she was even unhappy! By the time she told him, she had already moved on emotionally.

Meanwhile, he still clings to her memory. He was clueless then and he is clueless now. How did he not notice that his ex was unhappy? Don't think you are going to be his key to enlightenment.

Too Soon

If the breakup was recent, don't try to be the good nurse administering to his wounds. He only wants her and if his neediness melts your heart now, eventually you will be annoyed as he drones on and on about her. Clue: He thinks constantly about her and therefore he talks constantly about her. That means he is not thinking about you. You will resentfully mutter to yourself, "Hello! You are out with me. What makes you think that my idea of a good evening is talking about her all night? Get over it!" In spite of the fact

that he wants a new relationship, he is not ready for it yet. He hasn't gone through his mourning period. But he is lonely and wants a shoulder to cry on. Feel sorry for him, but move on. There is no way of telling how long it will take him to get over it. Why should you waste your time at this guessing game? If he is still interested after he has processed his grief enough, let him seek you out.

Let Go Already!

Another ScarMan variety is the veteran of a breakup or widowhood that happened a long time ago. These ScarMen act like it just happened yesterday. Don't think that you will be the one to turn them around with the charm that has worked so well with other guys. They are not open to the new. Besides, if they are widowers, their wives were saints who never did any wrong and you are in competition with Joan of Arc or Mother Theresa.

What a Bitch!

Just as unworkable as the ScarMen who idolize their exes, are the ones who spend the whole evening bad-mouthing them. Don't think that you will come out like a glowing rose in comparison. If he talks this badly about his ex, what will he say about you if it doesn't work out? Basically, it is annoying to listen to a guy go on and on about another woman whoever and whatever she was or did, especially if he is out with you.

Kevin was a good example of the "What a Bitch," variety. He told me so many stories of how treacherous and degrading his ex-wife of twenty years was to him, I finally asked him, "What quality in you allowed you to stay in such an unhappy situation for so many years? I mean, everyone is entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Spending 20 years in utter misery is not a noble thing. What was the pay-off?"

I knew that the very thing that permitted him to stay in misery and complain about it was one of the main reasons why a relationship between us was not possible. He was a passive victim who gloried in his victimization. It made such great stories! He could get sympathy that way on dates. But he didn't see how bad he was making himself look. He was showing me that he was one of the Whining Wounded. Instead of fixing the problem, he wanted to whine about it. There are just so many ways a person can say, "Ain't that awful!"

He told me he stayed so long because he was afraid of what his ex would do to him if he left. She was such a shrew! He slept in his car some nights or just slept at the office, rather than going home to face her. Funny, he was afraid to go home and he was afraid to leave!

He finally worked up enough courage to leave her. But he had only left her, physically. He was still there with her emotionally, it was obvious. As the tedious evening wore on, he was still talking about her, to the exclusion of everything and everyone else, especially me.

Permanently Scarred

ScarMan is one of the least likely of The Dirty Seven to evolve out of his pattern. That clueless quality that causes him to parade his pain all over the place makes him unreachable. One of the worst kinds of ScarMen is the PermaScarMan. Someone he loved rejected him once and he withdraws forever. He forms a skin of permafrost over his heart and lets no one in. He will be with a woman but he will never tell her he loves her. No, his heart belongs to that person who didn't want to be with him years ago. He is true to her memory. Meanwhile, she probably doesn't even remember his face, no less his name.

Awkward Silence

My friend Liza had been seeing Drew for seven years. She loved him with all her heart. He was generous and good to her in many ways. They had traveled together. They became part of each other's families and were seen as a couple by all their friends. But Liza felt bad about one thing: In all the years they were together, Drew had never once said those simple monosyllables, "I love you." She told him that she loved him and became used to the awkward silence that followed her declarations.

It was simple. He didn't tell her he loved her because he didn't love her. He was being honest about it. It still hurt though, because Liza wanted love in her life and relationship. Fun and kindness were great, but she needed more. One night he explained. He could never love anyone. When he was eighteen years old his first love dumped him. He never recovered from the wound. The fact that he was 40 and it happened 22 years ago, had not softened the blow to his heart. He could never love again.

The words, "Emotionally Unavailable" were not tattooed across his forehead, but Liza should have gotten a clue about him before she wasted seven years of her life thinking she had found her mate. Like the Hopeful Martyr mentioned later in this guide, Liza thought that just sticking around and being loving would transform a Dirty Seven guy. In Drew's case, 22 years had not erased the memory. She did not want to wait 22 more years to see if he could remember her.

THE COMMON THREAD

Underlying Me-ism

In the introduction I say Dirty Seven guys come first in their self-absorbed dramas. In the case of ScarMan, he is so self-involved, and wallows so completely in his memories and pain, he has no room in his heart for anyone else. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Difficult to Change

It is difficult for ScarMan to change. It has to occur to him that he is a bore, stuck in the past. He must recognize that he will never be happy and he can never make another person happy if he persists with his memories. . .

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SCARMAN EXAMPLES

Reality Check

Sophie went on a date with a widower. She is an attractive, well-groomed world-traveler who has lived an interesting and varied life. During the entire evening he went on. . .

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2. SIDE MAN



SOMETHING ON THE SIDE

Basic Description

SideMan is the guy who puts himself out on the dating scene but he is already married, living with someone, or otherwise attached. He is looking for some excitement on the side, with no intention of creating a real relationship. SideMen fall into two categories:

1. They tell you they are attached but:
 - A. Their mates don't understand them, or
 - B. They are together but live separate lives;
2. They don't tell you they are taken already because, "I was afraid I would lose you if you knew."

CATEGORY 1

The Waiting Game

The SideMan who tells you he is already attached is a less clear-cut case than the one who neglects to mention this important fact. He may be in a genuinely bad marriage. So it is possible to give him the benefit of the doubt, if he proves to you that he is in the process of leaving his mate. However, waiting around indefinitely for this to happen is a life-wasting drain, if you are interested in a relationship you can call your own.

We have all heard of at least one intelligent woman who has wasted years waiting for SideMan. You don't have to be one of them.

A. "She Doesn't Understand Me"

The old excuse, "My wife doesn't understand me," has largely been replaced by, "We live separate lives." But it does come up every now and then. It is spoken by the clueless SideMan, who doesn't realize how lame it sounds. It is his business to get his wife to understand him or to get out! Instead, he runs to escape into someone else's arms, rather than work it out. Don't flatter yourself into thinking you are the angel and she is the devil. If she is that bad, why is he still with her? All right, they have kids. All that

means is that every weekend and holiday is devoted to his family and you are left alone waiting for him to be available, on his schedule, never yours.

B. “We Live Separate Lives”

“I’m married, but we live separate lives,” is a popular line SideMen use to justify stepping out on their mates. It is also a lame excuse for using you as something extra on the side. If they really live separate lives, then let him really separate from her before he dates you. If he tells you he is there for the sake of the kids, remember that the best example a father can give to his children is to love their mother, not sneak off to be with his bootie call. Putting your life on hold while you are waiting for him to get free one day is not a common-sense thing to do, if you want a real relationship, where your needs count equally with his.

CATEGORY 2

“I Didn’t Want to Lose You”

The Category 2 SideMan is a much lower life form than the Category 1. He lies to you and doesn’t mention a minor detail: He is already married or living with someone. He doesn’t tell you, he says, “Because I knew you wouldn’t go out with me and I didn’t want to lose you.” He was right: He would lose you, if you had any smarts. So he strings you along and attentively courts you. You fall in love with him. Then he tells you! He is hoping that you will stay with him anyway. You have been intimate with him, shared tender moments. You have invested time in him.

You begin to wonder, “How many other women is he lying to?” Don’t be surprised if you are not the only one.

SideMen like to keep women in reserve in case one of their flings doesn't work out. Heaven forbid that he should just be stuck with his wife!

THE COMMON THREAD

Underlying Me-ism

The common thread of underlying me-ism is much more apparent in SideMen than in ScarMen. ScarMen are just wrapped up in themselves. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Wait Not, Want Not

Don't even think about waiting around for a Category 2 SideMan if you want to be in a relationship with someone who loves you. He showed you how highly he thought of you when he lied to your face . . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

SIDEMAN EXAMPLES

Too Late

Sideman and I were walking through the park on a clear spring day. We had been dating each other for a while and he did many things to endear himself to me. He had been telling me. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

3. CRAZYMAN



JUST PLAIN NUTS!

Basic Description

At first sight, you may not understand why CrazyMan is “out there” instead of already taken. I am talking here, not about the obviously psychologically challenged guy pushing his shopping cart down the street, gesturing and talking to himself. CrazyMan can behave and act within the broad range of what it considered “normal,” in public. But get to know him and you learn he has so many quirks, a

hospital wing of psychotherapists couldn't figure him out. He'll end up driving you nuts if you give him a long-term try.

A NUTTY VARIETY

Rituals

CrazyMen have many manifestations. Some have rituals they must perform every day. One needs to sleep with his teddy bear by his face, another calls his mother three times a day. One fine-looking CrazyMan told me he practiced Urine Self-Therapy (he drank his own urine every morning). Though some of these rituals may be tolerable in small doses, think about the long-term. If his ritual is to scrub himself down with Lysol every time after making love, it will ruin the afterglow and take its toll on your self-image.

A particularly frustrating example of C-Man I knew was at least an hour late to every date, as though it was a point of pride. He had to perform nail-clipping and eyeglass-cleaning rituals before going out to a restaurant. Then he spent unwarranted time deciding what to wear. After that came the hour-long, 3-towel shower. We'd arrive at the restaurant a little before 11:00 PM. The outcome of all this intense grooming was not obvious. It certainly did not compensate for the irritation I felt at waiting around for him to perfect the masterpiece.

Obviously, he was so consumed with his presentation he didn't even see the rudeness of making me wait for hours. Nor did it affect him that the kitchen was closed when we finally arrived at the restaurant. The whole purpose of the

date, which was to eat dinner and have a good time was canceled out by his obsession with self-grooming.

Obsessed

CrazyMan has obsessions and he doesn't understand the thinking of people who are not similarly obsessed. He might be obsessed with railroad trains, for example. His conversation will center on them. He expects you to share his enthusiasm, just because he feels it so strongly. He will want to take you out on trains, show you his train set, buy you toy trains as gifts. He is blind to your inner life, desires, and personhood, no less to the fact that trains are not the center of your life.

He is in his own world, which he expects you to share. The problem is, he does not or cannot share yours. This self-involvement and obsession with specific subjects is like the story of the state institution in which only one guard was in charge of fifty patients. When asked why he wasn't afraid that he would be overpowered by sheer force of numbers if the inmates wanted to escape, he replied, "They are all in their own world and cannot get it together enough with each other to organize an escape."

Grand Obsession

The Stalking CrazyMan is the only CrazyMan that verges on the dangerous. He becomes obsessed with you, whether you like it or not. He thinks that you didn't really know your own mind when you told him, "It won't work out, have a nice life." "She will come to her senses," he thinks, when you ask him to stop following you. He will fill up your voice mail at work and your answering machine at home with messages. He floods your computer with e-mail. He doesn't think about how unhappy this makes you, especially when clients and employers can't leave messages and it affects your work.

Do not be flattered that it is because you are so irresistible. It is more about the fact that he cannot face rejection, he cannot let go. He wants to control you, pin you down, and know where you are at all times.

Another style of Stalking CrazyMan is the one who won't take "no" for an answer when he asks you out the first time. He tries to talk you into it, ignoring the fact that you have said "No." "Give me a chance. I'm great. You're missing out on the time of your life. Give me some reasons why you won't go out with me." Don't try to reason with him. He will only argue with each reason you give him, because he won't acknowledge that you really mean no, no matter what the reason.

Again, it is not about you. Obviously, if he cared at all about what you think or feel, he would not be forcing the issue. Imagine what life would be like with this guy if he is like this before the first date!

The Internet is Full of Them

The Internet is a great place for all of The Dirty Seven to seek their quarry. But it is an especially fertile venue for CrazyMan. Because C-Man is maladjusted, he finds the anonymity of the Internet comforting. His offbeat appearance or behavior might ward off most potential mates in real life. On the Internet he can pretend to be someone else and actually attract naïve fools who fall in love with him, sight unseen.

Martha's story is a case in point. She is massively overweight and doesn't try too hard with her grooming. So she had not achieved much victory on the dating scene. But on the Internet, with the code name Blonde Barbie, she had great success in the chat rooms. Soon she met Lester. Their

correspondence heated up and before long he was declaring his love for her. She felt the same for him! Wow! She had found true love! They wrote each other many times a day. She sold her house and moved down to North Carolina to be with him. When she arrived, she was as amazed to see what he really looked like as he was about her appearance. He believed in branding and scarification as self-decoration. His emaciated body was covered with burns and cuts. He believed that the avenue to pleasure was through pain. The acrid smell of burning flesh hung in the air of his room.

He shared the house with others who practiced self-mutilation in the form of implants (such as horns in the forehead) that distorted various body parts. He expected Martha to participate with him in his rituals and practices. He even tied her up one night and hovered over her with a branding iron just for fun. He could not see why she was not enthusiastic about this.

His house had two altars to Satan with remains of animal sacrifices. She felt like she had become a sacrificial animal as she realized that she had fallen for a CrazyMan. Actually she had sacrificed herself on her own altar of desperation. Like a lot of women, she was so frantic about being with a guy, any guy, she fell for words that created a picture that was far from reality. Granted, she put herself out there too, as something she was not. As I say in the introduction, women are no angels either. The characteristics of The Dirty Seven also apply to women but in slightly different ways. The qualities that make a good mate are basically the same for both men and women:

- Genuine interest in each other's lives
- Intense desire to do good things for each other
- Passionate devotion to the joint commitment

The unfortunate CrazyMen are too emotionally stunted to be able to offer any of the above.

Sexual Weirdness

Some CrazyMen have weird sexual practices. These activities may be interesting, at first, within limits. But if he has to indulge in them every time, all the time, move on. As with SideMan, there are two varieties of these CrazyMen:

- 1) The ones who tell you about their fetishes up front, and
- 2) Those who hide their fetishes until they erupt later.

1. Up-front Weirdness

You may understand a man who finds a woman's feet beautiful and wants to kiss them. But, if he spends the entire evening kissing your feet, even though he is up-front about it, the rest of you will suffer. He is honest about his obsession, but eventually this fixation will wear on you. He is attached to a part of you, not the whole person.

He tells you he likes to act like a dog or a seal and that if you care about him, you will get into the fetish with him. You try the seal routine, like my friend Ada did. Her lover wanted her to throw him raw, dead fish while he swam in a pool barking like a seal. Afterwards she was supposed to be turned on in the bedroom. But all she could think of was him with those dead fish in his teeth, acting like a fool.

He blamed her for not going along with his program. All of a sudden, she was the uncooperative and unloving one. He was so up-front about it, he thought he was the normal one and she was in the wrong for not wanting to please him. She told him she could only be turned on by tender intimacy and mutual pleasure, kissing, touching, and endearments. He certainly was not able to go along with her program.

2. Hidden Weirdness

The weirdness-hiding CrazyMan realizes that being whipped while wearing diapers is not totally acceptable to everyone. So he hides his practices until the day you come home and find him thus attired. Don't think that the love of a good woman will pull him out of his obsession. You will then understand why sex with him wasn't what you had dreamed it would be.

My friend Susan came home one day to find her fiancé dressed like a baby. He wanted Mommy to read him a bedtime story. She thought she knew everything about this guy. How was she to know about this little quirk? He acted normal in everyday life. She learned that it is difficult to identify this type of CrazyMan. He hides his weirdness until it is too late. She was lucky she discovered this before the wedding.

THE COMMON THREAD

In His Own World

CrazyMan lives in his own world. That is why he can say, with a straight face, to a date over dinner, "I believe we should all drink our own urine at least once a day. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Share his World?

Except for the weirdness-hiding variety, CrazyMan will give you clues about his un-mate-ability early on. Once you see them, ask yourself. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

CRAZYMAN EXAMPLES

Stalk-crazy

It was 1:00 in the morning. I looked outside my window before I turned off the light. He was standing in the fog under the streetlamp. The next day he called me. He said. . .

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4. GUYMAN



TRYING TO BE STRAIGHT

Basic Description

GuyMan likes guys better than girls. But he is out there trying or pretending to be straight. He acts as if he is what he is not, or, he tries hopefully to be what he is not. The fact that he is gay is not the problem. The fact that he is lying to you and to himself about it is what makes him one of The Dirty Seven.

He finds you attractive and interesting and thinks he can overcome his basic sexual aversion to women. So he dates you, hoping he might be able to stomach you when those intimate moments come up. He knows he can fantasize that he is with a man during sex, especially if he wants children. But if you have ever been with a man who loves women, you will be aware that something is lacking. In time you will question your attractiveness as a woman. You might think it is your fault.

Beware, unfortunate woman, who becomes romantically involved with GuyMan! Though he is a scarcer breed than the other Dirty Seven, he can be more devastating to your life. For he may bring home a little present one day, from which you will never recover.

The population in this category used to be larger than it is today. The gay lifestyle is widely accepted in the 21st century, especially by younger generations. The general public admires many accomplished gays who have come out of the closet. Plays, TV shows, and movies build understanding of the subject and create a climate of acceptance. So it is no longer as necessary to pretend to be straight as it was when Oscar Wilde was thrown in jail for being homosexual. Gay men are proud to be what they are and don't want to hide it. But there are a few holdouts, who are not up-front about being gay. They want to date you. Then again, they really don't. But they do anyway.

Some are ashamed of their gayness and hide it because of how society has treated gays in the past. Some hide it because their dream has always been to have a family with kids, so they get married. They do not let the woman know that they are gay, or, if they make a last-minute confession, say that they were once gay, but have completely changed.

They hope they can contain the volcano that surges beneath the surface. One day, it erupts and blows the illusion out of the water. By then you have already invested time, money and life in a dream that turned into a nightmare.

A SMALL VARIETY

Small but Deadly

ScarMen, SideMen, and CrazyMen are out there in abundance. GuyMen are relatively scarce. But like an exotic species of scorpion, they can deal a painful bite. If you are like my friend Molly, who walked in on her husband having sex with a man, being bored to tears by ScarMan doesn't seem so bad.

SideMan is still despicable, and to be avoided completely, but at least he likes sex with women. That is the problem, he likes the sex so much, he is willing to lie so he can get some extra for himself. But GuyMan will erode your confidence as a desirable woman, because sex with you is at the bottom of his "to do" list.

CrazyMan is more irritating than GuyMan, but at least you can joke about the bizarre experience with your girlfriends. But it is not funny when you find out that the guy you have been dating is picturing Brad Pitt when he is kissing you. Your friends will not laugh at this either. They understand how physically dangerous it can be to you, no less how emotionally devastating it is.

He Brought a Present Home

My friend Lynne had respected Ron's idea about not having sex until they were married. He was an up-and-coming contender on Wall Street where she also worked as a broker. She didn't know that while they were dating he was going to the gay bars and having nightly sex with guys, sometimes after he had dropped her off.

Ron isn't looking too well lately. He is losing weight and is tired all the time. Now Lynne is getting worried about those sores that aren't healing on her arms, legs, and face. Those flu-like symptoms are not going away either. Ron had brought a present home. She found out his Christmas present to her was AIDS.

AIDS is not an exclusively gay disease, but the lifestyle of a certain segment of the gay population predisposes some men, like Ron, to manifest its symptoms. These guys stay up late performing unprotected anal sex with multiple partners, using Amyl Nitrate poppers to keep going. They also use large quantities of cocaine, alcohol, and other "soft" drugs. They break down their immune systems further by dieting to keep trim. In this setting, opportunistic infections and cancers do their job to destroy their bodies. If you have a compromised immune system too, for whatever reason, you can become infected with AIDS from sex with a GuyMan who has not been careful.

But it is sometimes very difficult to identify a GuyMan. He is not always hyper-feminine or an obvious queen. Therein lies the danger. GuyMan may be hiding out until it is too late for you.

Hiding Out

GuyMan's a good enough actor to act like the loving partner he would really like to be if he could. So he courts you winningly. A part of him is ashamed of being gay and is afraid of being scorned by other people. He wants to forget the beatings he got before, after, and during school for being different. Or he is terrified of what his family will think if they knew. Like the Jew who became a Christian to avoid being singled out by the Nazis, he converts to Straight.

He wants to hide his past or become part of the sexual majority, then he can escape the persecution he feels continuously. He can't help who he is, but he will do his best to hide it.

Normalville

Some GuyMen really want families and the whole package of normalcy. They are wonderful fathers and nurture the best in their children. They love and cherish the whole concept of the family unit. The only thing they can't get into is the way their wife's body is shaped. If only she had pecs-of-steel and a penis!

In bed he is more affectionate than passionate (unless he pretends you are a guy). But your breasts and hips make it difficult sometimes. He is very helpful in household matters. But something is missing. His heart may be with you, but his body is with Bobby. Bobby's that cute construction worker with the killer biceps building your deck. You see GuyMan's eyes light up when Bobby walks by. He never looks at you that way. You are competing with another guy and you lose!

THE COMMON THREAD

A Type of Me-ism

GuyMan's me-ism may not be obvious at first. He acts like he is truly interested in you. He is interested in you as a person, jut not as a sex partner. You feel relieved. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Nothing

You can do nothing to change GuyMan's sexual orientation. But you can walk out on him for fooling you about who he really is. As with all of The Dirty Seven, his is an issue of character. It is about. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

GUYMAN EXAMPLES

Picture Perfect

Angelique liked the man from church who asked her out on a date. He was such fun to talk with! He was elegant and polite. He didn't force the sexual issue with her, which she liked, and she could. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

5. YAPPIES



YAP, YAP, YAP!

Basic Description

You have heard of Yuppies (**Y**oung **U**rban **P**rofessionals). They are the upwardly mobile, label-conscious folks that are so easy to chuckle at. YAPpies (**Y**oung **A**nd **P**oor) are the downwardly mobile guys who have the benefit of youth on their side but not too much else. The other Dirty Seven have “Man” at the ends of their nicknames. But the YAPpie hasn’t grown up yet, so he has not earned this title yet. He might grow up one day; then again, he might not. He

might not have a car, so you drive if you need to go somewhere. He might forget his wallet on a date, so you pay. He might not be able to hold onto a job, or even have the will to get a job. If he does have a job, it is not a stepping-stone to a higher calling. It is a minimum wage or temporary thing that doesn't demand much intelligence or skill, just the ability to show up. Showing up at work is not his strong point, however. He's not great at showing up on time either.

He possibly still lives with his parents, or is a perpetual student. He is still a kid in many ways, especially in the area of financial responsibility. Sometimes he is happy-go-lucky; sometimes he wallows in self-pity and excuses. But he never organizes his mind around creating a fulfilling future for himself or anyone else.

A PLENTIFUL CATEGORY

Abundant

Unlike GuyMan, the YAPpie is by far the most abundant category of Dirty Seven on the dating scene. He is the most fun but does not have the wherewithal to pull his weight in a relationship. Lonely women settle for YAPpies because they are so easy to find and they don't have the patience to wait for a gem to come along. YAPpies bring out the maternal instinct in many women and are often strong and eager in bed. Young and poor guys exist out there in droves. The nightclubs, malls, and bars are full of them.

Colleges are full of them, too. But just because a college guy is young and poor and in college, does not mean he

is a YAPpie. Most students go to college to gain skill and knowledge they can use to create an independent life for themselves, doing work they enjoy. The YAPpie is the perpetual student who is still “finding himself” after many years.

No Goals, No Plans

Most young guys start out with very little. That is not the problem with being young and poor. What distinguishes the YAPpie from the young guy just starting out in life is this: The YAPpie has no ambition. He is drifting along with no goals or plans.

It is understandable that when guys are young they don't have a lot of money. That is fine, and expected, when you see that they are working every day to fulfill their dreams. It is worth it to risk being with a young man who has potential and whose work habits show promise. But the YAPpie doesn't show much potential except for self-entertainment and escape. Like a child, he does not ponder his future or yours with him.

A financially limited guy can still show you in a thousand ways that you are precious in his life. As the chapter on GuyMan does not deplore the fact that he is gay, but that he pretends he is straight, this chapter is not on the demerits of being youthful and penniless.

Young and poor guys can show they care deeply about you in many ways that don't relate to cash or their age, such as:

- Listening to you and holding you, if you need it, when you are upset and need a shoulder to cry on.
- Helping you solve your problems or just hearing you out.

- Doing the dishes after a shared meal or making other gestures that show he is there to help
- Giving you a massage after a hard day
- Giving you a bouquet of wildflowers that doesn't cost a thing but shows he has been thinking about you
- Making you a present with his own hands
- Writing you a love note

These are just a few examples of how he shows he is focusing on doing something for you. They don't cost money but they show thought. But showing thought does not occur to YAPpies.

Doesn't Have It

The YAPpie is defined by lack. He doesn't have a car because he couldn't make the insurance payments or he just can't get the money together to fix the old car he has. It's sitting in the garage waiting for a new engine, but he has a story about that too. So you do the driving on your dates. You drive him around for other things as well, because he needs a ride and you can't see him hitching everywhere. Besides, without a car, it is difficult to have a job, so maybe you drive him to work too. That way, he may be able to make enough money to take you out somewhere besides the fast food joint.

Or, he didn't pay his many parking tickets, and was driving without his registration, so his car has been impounded. He will be able to get it when you "loan" him the money. Meanwhile, he will watch a lot of daytime TV so he can

forget his troubles. He gets on the Internet, chats, and plays games. “A guy’s gotta have his fun!” Gosh, where did all the time go? He didn’t even get a chance to do his laundry today and he has nothing clean to wear. When you get home from work, he thinks it will be no problem for you to toss in a load of wash for him.

You Pay

You end up paying for most of your dates with him and if he moves in or marries you, you will pay for him for the duration. He gets moody if you don’t give him money to buy his weekly CDs and magazines. When you buy him a cell phone, he runs up a hefty bill talking to “friends.” “Why is she so cranky about this?” he wonders. He hasn’t made the connection between his actions and what they cost. Money is not something he thinks about at all, except when he needs it. Then he gets it from you. You pay the rent if you live together. You buy the groceries, his clothes, his DVDs, and other toys. One day you wake up and see that you are doing most of the giving and he is doing most of the taking.

Not All Are Takers

Not all YAPpies are takers. Some are just young and poor and have a long way to go before they are ripe enough for a relationship. They may be great in bed and have the stamina of six stallions. You are happy with that aspect of their personality. They don’t care if you don’t buy them toys or pay their bills (Mom and Dad are still helping out). They are fun and you feel lighthearted around them. It doesn’t bother them that they don’t even have a bank account or are delivering pizzas and sharing an apartment with six guys. They can go on like that forever and be happy.

This type of YAPpie is easier to get along with than the moody one, whom you have to keep entertained. So, if you have a lot of time before you want to look for a relationship with an equal partner, you might date this type, thinking that he will grow up one day. However, the philosophy of this guide is that if you have to wait for someone to change, it is better to move on, than to hope for a miracle. Because you can wait a long time before Peter Pan and the Lost Boys grow up.

This YAPpie, like the more demanding type, is allergic to thinking about the future for himself, so don't expect him to think about your future needs. It's all about fun and, as long as that is all you want, you will get it. But if you want something deeper, move on. "Commitment" is not in his dictionary. If you want to watch the corners of his mouth turn down with disgust or see a blank look in his eyes, mention "commitment" to him.

My friend Mary was in love with a carefree garage band musician whose bright pink hair was tipped in green. He lived with his parents at 30 and she picked him up on dates, because he didn't have a car. Of course she paid for the dates as well and sometimes he brought other friends along, whom she also generously included when she picked up the tab.

Sometimes she asked herself why she put up with this, but she found him amusing and he made her laugh. She could see what a great guy he'd turn out to be, when he got a bit more mature, so she was ready to wait for that day. She was in love with him and nothing else mattered, but this big-hearted love she felt for him. But one night she was shocked when he openly necked with Mona, one of her friends, at the nightclub they frequented. When confronted,

he thought Mary was being too uptight about the whole matter.

He laughed at her hurt look. “Hey, it’s all good! It’s all love!” he said. She did not want to witness him slobbering over Mona or imagine them in an intertwined mass of naked torsos, arms, and legs. Mary let him get a ride home with Mona and walked out. He didn’t notice how sad she was or even that she left. He and Mona were too busy kissing to pay Mary any attention at all.

THE COMMON THREAD

A Baby’s Me-ism

Me-ism is the quality that puts “me” first at all times. YAPpies show you in many ways that you are not uppermost in their thoughts. But they are different from ScarMen, SideMen, CrazyMen, and GuyMen, because. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Do Less

The problem with being involved with a YAPpie is that you already do too much. Do less for him and see how he acts. If he becomes moody and morose, it is a good indication that. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

YAPPIE EXAMPLES

Free Milk

Sharon met Billy in a bar. She was there because she couldn't spend another Saturday night alone. She decided, after a few drinks, that the cute young guy sitting next to her might be fun to take home. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

6. OLMAN



“I’M A LOSER”

Basic Description

OLMan (Old Loser Man) is very much like the YAPpie except that he is older. Therefore he lacks the charm and the stamina of youth. But he has retained the quality that distinguishes all of The Dirty Seven: He is low-quality relationship material.

He is like a YAPpie who has grown older but not wiser. Like the YAPpie, he is still penniless. He has not provided for his future, but he has some pretty twisted stories to explain why. Usually it is because someone else is to blame, never himself. He has many stories of how he got passed over and screwed over, but not many about his successes. He can tell you a story for over an hour about how someone did him out of a job twenty years ago. But you will notice he doesn't go on for long about anything that worked out for him.

The years have passed and the YAPpie's hair had grayed. Instead of the devil-may care attitude of his younger counterpart, OLMan is cautious, suspicious, bitter, and controlling. He is set in his ways and not as open to the new. He wants you to do things his way or he gets annoyed. He believes his way is the right way. He is mostly cranky but he can rise to the occasion when first meeting a lady he wants to impress. He cannot sustain his charming behavior and it will wear off when he is sure he has captured his object of desire.

Acting a Role

Robert is a good example of an OLMan. He met Estelle at church. He was looking for a rich widow to take care of him and Florida was full of them. He portrayed himself as a humble man, devoted to God and religious in his observances. Estelle was thrilled. So many men of her age were already in wheelchairs and needed to be cared for. Or they had habits she did not care for, such as cigar smoking or excessively clearing their throats and spitting. He looked healthy and he didn't smoke or drink, which was in his favor with Estelle.

Church and religion had always meant so much to her. Finally she met a man who would read the scriptures with her and discuss the world of the spirit. She saw the lonely widows sitting in the church with no male companionship, keeping themselves busy with tales of their grandkids and past lives. "I don't want to be like that. I want a guy I can take walks with and share life with. This man is a gift from God and I am going to accept it."

It wasn't long before he asked her to marry him. Since nobody else had come around with marriage offers for a long time, she said, "Yes." He moved in with her, as she had an upscale place on the beach and he lived in what he called his "motor home."

But after she married him, Estelle found out that he knew nothing about the religion he professed and did not study the scriptures every day the way he said he did. He could barely read, no less discuss the scriptures. Now she understood why she had to read the menus for him in restaurants. She thought it was because he couldn't see them. No, instead of sharing life with her, he mostly lay around the house watching reruns of Seinfeld and Mary Tyler Moore, and ordering her to bring him cold drinks. The rest of the time he spent napping.

He was touchy and irritable most of the day and anything could set him off. She walked on eggshells to keep his angry outbursts to a minimum. The tiniest thing could ruin the day. Estelle knew he didn't drink, but he was a "dry drunk." His emotional tantrums were unpredictable, except if she talked during one of his television shows. She could predict then that he would erupt into full-blown anger before he settled back onto the couch for another nap.

It was absurd! She was tiptoeing around her own house so as not to disturb his TV sessions. He controlled her in other ways through her fear of upsetting him. He didn't like her calling or talking to her children, so she only called when she was sure he was asleep or out of the house. He also felt her friends didn't like him (this was true, most of them saw through him) and he didn't want her to talk to them either.

She felt trapped. She was upset with herself that she had been taken in by his act. She saw clearly now that if he was not the center of attention, he became petulant. His dinner conversation was always about himself and his past. If she brought anything up about herself, her day, or her past, he tuned out. His face went blank. He was simply not interested and, now that they were married, he did not even have to act like he was. He had gotten his quarry and he knew it would be expensive to get rid of him.

Not Like BagMan

OLMan is not like BagMan, though they both are often broke. BagMan (described in the next chapter) is broke because of his past life baggage, such as heavy alimony payments, numerous children still living with him, and long-standing debts. He was at one time capable of sustaining some relationships, even if they ended messily. He was also able to keep a job or run a business and earn a reasonable income through his efforts.

OLMan never could hold a job for very long. Something or someone would make him angry and he'd walk off. Or maybe he didn't feel like going into work that morning, "It's a free country!" Sometimes he lost his job because he told the supervisor off. It was all a series of jobs anyway, not a career. Sometimes he did not have the skills to accomplish any job to its satisfactory completion. He didn't have the discipline to sit through education or training.

He never had the gumption to start his own business or to rise through a company. He doesn't take direction very well, because he thinks he knows better, so bosses tend to let him go. He is the aged and worn YAPpie, who has not learned from his mistakes. He is doomed to repeat his mistakes over and over again, because he does not have the insight into anything that he might be doing wrong. Though self-concerned, he has no insight into himself.

A HOPELESS CATEGORY

“Nothing’s Hopeless!”

Saying that something or someone is hopeless is taboo in our hope-filled culture. But hope means putting off into the future what has not been achieved today. You hope things will get better tomorrow. You are not sure; there are no concrete signs that they will, but you hope they will. People who are full of hope are often in denial of what is right before their eyes. They want to believe that everything and everyone can get better. Those are the people who stick around in a relationship with OLMAN.

Nothing in OLMAN's behavior has given any indication that he is capable of changing for the better. He is old now and still behaving in ways that did not work out when he was young. Why does anyone think that someone whose life's history is one of non-achievement and non-effort, is going to change miraculously because they have grown older? Like the abusive alcoholic's wife, who returns for more heartbreak, the Hopeful Martyr who stays with OLMAN, keeps hoping he will see the light some day.

“Why do you put up with him?” her friends might say. “I keep hoping he will change. I love him so much. I mean, it’s true he abuses me emotionally and tries to control me and I spend most of my days being miserable with him. But I hope that tomorrow he will change and become the partner I had always hoped he would be.”

What Has He Been Doing?

Marti kept hoping when she got involved with Michael, that she would have a happy relationship with him. He was much older than she was, but she was tired of the inexperienced young pups she was meeting. She wanted someone with some *savoir-faire*. He was one of the instructors at the ballroom dance studio where she was taking lessons. He was athletic for his age. He was complimentary, telling her many times how lovely she was. It was so romantic the way he swirled her around during the waltz!

The men she had been meeting were not verbally attentive to her. Michael was a refreshing change. His vocabulary was extensive. He was a man of the world. When she glowingly told her friends about him, they told her to beware the silver-tongued male. Too often they had been taken in by a BS Artist while turning away from the more straightforward men who believed in actions, not words. She thought they might be a bit envious of her newborn bliss.

She had noticed, though, that his teeth needed a lot of attention. So, when he mentioned he was going to get dental work at the end of the first date, she felt better. However she did wonder how anyone could neglect his teeth to that degree. Why had he waited this long to get them done?

But at the end of their third date, he asked her to do him a favor. He said he couldn't pay for getting his teeth fixed. He found out it cost more than he thought. He didn't make all that much as a dance instructor and living was expensive. She offered to lend him the \$2,000. She did not ask herself, "What has a man of his age been doing with his life to be without even enough money to get his teeth fixed?"

She observed that the clothes he wore when he was not in uniform tuxedo were seedy. They emitted the musty odor of unwashed laundry at times. She'd buy him better ones! She loved him so much and isn't love about giving? The fact that he was not giving back to her escaped her notice. Gradually, she replaced his wardrobe. He was looking good now with his new teeth and clothes! She noticed the admiring looks from other women. He liked the attention he was getting.

That new dance student Jill was giving him the eye. He was laughing with her as if they were sharing a little joke. Her hand was on his arm a bit longer than friendship warranted. Marti saw the tie Jill gave him, with the little note that read, "Just because . . ." What was he doing accepting ties from other women? It was so gaudy, too! Marti wouldn't dream of buying him something in such poor taste! She always bought him top of the line stuff!

Yet it didn't seem to matter to Michael that the tie was tasteless. He liked it and he liked the giver too. Marti wondered what she was doing wrong. She was doing everything she could to make him happy! Yet, he hadn't been paying much attention to her lately. The compliments and affection had dried up. Sex had never been a big part of the relationship. But now she was missing the full sex life

he was never capable of giving her anyway, even when he popped Viagra. Now that his attention was elsewhere, she wasn't even getting the cuddling that took the place of sex!

When he left her to move in with Jill, she was glad, even though she was out all the money she loaned him. She did regret all the cash she had spent on him for his improvement, however. She had actually furnished him with the means to leave her. That part wasn't as bad as knowing she could have spent that money improving her own life, instead of his.

THE COMMON THREAD

Little OL' Me

The reason OLMAN is the loser he is today is exactly because of persistent me-ism throughout his life. He has never been able to put himself in another's shoes, be it. . .

The rest of this section is in the complete book for you.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Recognize and Get Out

There is a margin of hope for the YAPpie sometimes, simply because of the time element. But understand this now: People do not get better just because they get older. If they are lazy, selfish, and clueless at 45, are they going to be. . .

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OLMAN EXAMPLES

Disability

Gene was a get-over artist who had been living off of disability insurance for most of his adult life. He had slipped and fallen on a construction site when he was twenty and hadn't worked a day since. . .

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7. BAGMAN



LOVE ME, LOVE MY BAGGAGE

Basic Description

BagMan is the man with lots of baggage. He not only comes into a relationship with luggage, he has steamer trunks full of unresolved issues from his past. His ex-wife or his psycho ex-girlfriend still calls, he has difficult children from different marriages some of whom live with him, lots of alimony payments, and lots of bitterness over past woes. He did not tie up his loose ends and drags them into any new relationship he attempts. He hates being alone

and actively seeks a mate, but the lucky ones give up on him before their life becomes engulfed by factors over which they have no control. With BagMan, it's, "Love me, love my baggage."

You take an interest in him because he has more to offer in terms of personality than most of the other Dirty Seven. He has a certain amount of genuine charm. He has been financially responsible. That is why he is still paying for his past. He has certain winning qualities that have made him attractive to a number of women who still seek contact with him.

Everyone who has lived has a certain amount of emotional baggage from past hurts. It is unrealistic to think that you can find someone who does not have a past and is not self-protective about something. People don't come to us newly hatched. I am not talking about average baggage loads. I am referring to excess baggage.

Women have baggage too, that they bring to a situation. Maybe they are wary and don't want to give their hearts again because the results have been painful in the past. Or, maybe they have children and also need and want a partner in love. But they usually do not dump them off on their new men and have the guys clean their houses in the bargain. BagMen would do that.

Different from the Others

He is not a one-note, obsessed monologist like ScarMan. He has more than one lady in his past and he is not focused on just one. Sometimes he has moved on emotionally from his past ladies. Sometimes he is still attached to them due to other obligations, or because he has trouble with closure. An example is Ron, who still cuts his one ex's lawn every

week in the summer because she is so helpless about that kind of thing. He does not want her back in his life as his wife, but, “I still have a place in my heart for her.”

He is not a con artist like SideMan though sometimes he only reveals the tip of his baggage. Like the iceberg that crushed the Titanic, its size becomes apparent only after the damage is done. It shows itself in mammoth glory after you have moved in with or married him. He is not looking for something on the side to supplement his already busy life. He wants one woman to help him run his complicated household. He already has enough going on with his exes to be bothered with a fling for his sexual gratification.

He is not like CrazyMan, because his personal habits are well within the range of the norm. He has been able to sustain relationships and jobs. He has friends, understands what sounds nuts to the average citizen, and does not parade his eccentricities around.

GuyMan and he have very little in common. Usually BagMan is rampantly heterosexual and his sexual activity has resulted in children and attached exes. He is not interested in using a woman as a screen to hide his true sexual propensities. He has had a lot of experience with the opposite sex and you experience the fallout.

He is not like the YAPpie, because he has achieved some financial success in life, even if he and you don't get to benefit from it. He is much older than the youthful YAPpie and has therefore been able to make more messes through entanglements.

He is not like OLMAN, though he can be broke because of debts from his past. He is not young, that is true, but he is

not specifically looking for you to take care of him in his old age. He is looking for you to take care of his whole entourage now, which is way too much for him to handle alone.

Sloppy Closure

His main problem is he ends things sloppily and begins them sloppily as well. Maybe he is trying to be the good guy, especially with his kids, but he is not the good guy to his new lady. He expects her to put up with a lot of things he would not put up with from her. If my friend Marla had brought four Pharaoh hounds, two teen-aged kids with discipline problems, her sick mother, two different alimony payments, and an unresolved business lawsuit into the marriage, how understanding would Scott be? How understanding would Scott be if he were expected to stay home every day and deal with the household, while she went out to earn the income?

Marla knew that love required sacrifice sometimes, and she was willing to take all of Scott's family into her heart. But they didn't take her into theirs. The dogs liked her, which was good, because they had fleas and worms and she was the one who ended up taking them to the vets. But the kids resisted her disrespectfully. When she suggested they clean up their rooms, they stood fast and said, "You're not our mother!" And Scott's mother, well, nobody was good enough for her boy, least of all Marla. Marla didn't cook well enough and she certainly did not keep the place white glove clean. Scott's first wife, Pam, moron that she was, could at least cook a decent meal.

Scott spent a lot of time out of town to make enough money to support his extensive households. Now that Marla was married to him, she hardly ever saw him. But she did see,

and clean up after, the dogs, the kids, and the mother every day and was repeatedly reminded how unwelcome she was. How did this happen to her? She fell in love with Scott and now she had everything and everybody related to Scott but not Scott himself!

A DIFFICULT CATEGORY

Lots of Work

BagMan is a difficult category of Dirty Seven. He is not the obvious loser that some of the others demonstrate themselves to be. But he offers great challenges to your relationship. What started out as just you and he is now you, he, the kids, his exes, his pets, his parents, and his properties that need a lot of work.

Beth learned the meaning of the proverb, “A bride in June, a slave in September,” after she had married Tom. Their dates had been exciting and romantic. They had lots to talk about and shared many hobbies and interests. He was such a great guy! He had everything she wanted: Good looks, intelligence, humor, great work habits, and no addictions. He was also clean and neat in his personal habits. It was just his post-marital habits that were sloppy.

After the honeymoon, Beth also learned the meaning of the expression, “The honeymoon is over!” Tom’s house needed a lot of refurbishing, so she was living with plaster dust and construction while she was taking care of Tom’s three kids from different marriages. The kids did not get along with each other and did not see why they should listen to or obey this new stranger in the house. Anyway, she wasn’t even their mother.

Tom and Beth provided room and board for the construction workers as part of payment for their work. So she prepared meals for them as well as the kids. Little Tommy was a diabetic and needed special attention and special meals. But what really took its toll on her were Wife #2's phone calls and visits several times a day. Even though she did not have custody of him, she was checking on Little Tommy. She also wanted "Big Tom," who had left her, back and waged her own campaign of insults against Beth and flirtations with Tom.

When Beth spoke to Tom about it, he said, "Well, she is Little Tommy's mother and she does love him, even though she is nuts. She has her rights too. You never had kids, so you don't know what it feels like to be a parent. Just do this one thing for me and be nice to her so we can all get along."

"All get along!" was certainly a problem. Beth had not bargained for "all" these people and animals to put up with. She thought that she and Tom were going to build a life together. What she got was less like construction and more like destruction: Destruction of her happiness.

Past Lives

His past lives live on with BagMan. Sometimes it takes the form of an enraged ex-girlfriend. She continues to call but he does not put a stop to it. It's almost as if he is keeping his options open. That is what you begin to think as she harasses you and he seems not to notice.

When Alicia moved in with George, his ex-girlfriend marred their newly found happiness. George had hinted at her psycho behavior but Alicia did not expect to find her tires slashed the very next day! She missed work because

of this and lost revenue. The new tires weren't cheap either.

The dirty tricks continued. Calls at 2:00 AM, threatening letters, and seeing the ex on the street made her life miserable. Finally Alicia had to take her to court, which was a harrowing experience in its own right. Alicia had never bargained for this little add-on to her experience with George. She thought she was just getting George!

THE COMMON THREAD

Subtle Me-ism

Of all The Dirty Seven, the me-ism of the BagMan is least obvious, especially at first. He is not self-centered. On the contrary, it is his apparent generosity of spirit that allows all the hangers on in his life. His life isn't even about himself, it's about. . .

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WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Investigate

Winning guys that they can be, BagMen are hard to reject up front. You might only find out about his baggage after you have moved in with him. Therefore, before you let your heart go and start having sex with him. . .

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BAGMAN EXAMPLES

Too Late

Andrew was always late for his dates with Jane. His son Matthew had soccer practice and they went to pick up a friend and the friend was late because blah, blah, blah. Or his daughter's dance class got out late and things snowballed from there. . .

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COMBINATIONS



COMPOUND TROUBLE

If a man has one of The Dirty Seven traits, he is already not mate-worthy. But if a guy has two or more characteristics, his lack of suitability only compounds over time, like compound interest in the bank. The problem is, you gain from compound interest. You increasingly lose with Dirty Seven Combinations, because every day you spend with them means a day you are not out there finding someone

who is good for you, or living your life in uncomplicated peace and enjoyment.

Cross-categories

The two categories that cross all of The Dirty Sevens are SideMan and CrazyMan. A guy can be four for the price of one if he is a young or old combination of SideMan, CrazyMan, and BagMan. The chart shows the possible combinations. Descriptions of some of the combinations follow.

	ScarMan	SideMan	CrazyMan	GuyMan	YAPpie	OLMan	BagMan
ScarMan	X	X	X			X	X
SideMan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
CrazyMan	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
GuyMan		X	X	X	X	X	
YAPpie		X	X	X	X		
OLMan	X	X	X	X		X	X
BagMan	X	X	X			X	X

Exclusions

Some combinations are mutually exclusive, such as YAPpie and OLMan, because a person can't be young and old at the same time. But the YAPpie turns into the OLMan if he grows unchecked in his me-ism.

ScarMan, who obsesses to you about his past lady or ladies, cannot be a GuyMan, who is only interested in guys. Since he wants to underplay his gayness, he is not going to bore you with tales of his past gay lovers. ScarMan cannot be a YAPpie either, because the YAPpie has not lived long enough to be obsessed with the past.

The same is true for the YAPpie and the BagMan. The YAPpie has not lived long enough to accumulate baggage. GuyMan usually is not a BagMan either, because he has not had ex-wives, surly children, and other luggage that the typical BagMan drags with him into his new relationship. He might have the emotional baggage of rejections by lovers that haunt his ego, but he is not usually the one who leaves his whole ménage for you to care for, because he doesn't have one. He might have a past history of multiple sexual encounters but he is not taking care of these people now.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

Deadly Duos

Deadly Duos combine two Dirty Seven characteristics in one man. They are surefire, non-workable teammates, but not as bad as the Triple Threats, who combine three types. Add CrazyMan to the mix, and you really are in for problems. If The Dirty Seven guy with only one characteristic is impossible as a mate, the Deadly Duos are doubly impossible and the impossibilities increase exponentially with four or more combinations. . .

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TRIPLE THREATS

Tricky Threesomes

Tricky Threesomes combine three Dirty Seven characteristics in one man. If Deadly Duos are definite no-

go mates, Triple Threats are guaranteed dead-in-the water and should just be left where you found them. Do not think you can save them with your merciful graces.

With the Triple Threats I have included only one category: ScarMan/SideMan/BagMan. I have excluded the old, young, and crazy variations on the theme. I add them into the larger combos, the Freaky Four, and the Fatal Fivers. . .

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FOUR TO THE FLOOR

Freaky Foursomes

CrazyMen, like SideMen, cross all categories. Add them to the threesome combination and you really have a hand grenade that will explode in your face. Add the age factors of the YAPpie and the OLMAN, and you have an unbeatably wretched combination that only the staunchest masochist can stomach. . .

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FATAL FIVERS

Fearsome Fives

The only possible combination that makes a Fatal Fiver is CrazyMan/ScarMan/SideMan/BagMan/ OLMAN. This is a hideous combo that should warn you ahead of time about what you are getting. However, some guys manage to keep it together long enough on dates to lure you into their clutches. If you don't see through all the problems this man presents, you are a . . .

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THE NON-DIRTY SEVEN



YOU LEFT ONE OUT!

Did I Really?

Through the years, as I talked with friends about my seven categories of guys to avoid, some pointed out that I omitted a category. Usually though, I convinced them that their example is already a sub-category of one of The Dirty Seven.

Again, I am not talking about the obvious hard-core losers such as child molesters (though countless women have brought them into their homes), wife-beaters, rapists, and

criminals of all kinds. And I am not talking about the alcoholic and druggie, secret or out in the open. These are categorically excluded from The Dirty Seven. Any combination of the above with The Dirty Seven characteristics is surefire doom and gloom.

No, The Dirty Seven are not criminals, they are just bad relationship material if you want to build and share a happy life with a man on equal terms. They all have the common thread of lack of empathy and leave a bad taste in your mouth after you have freed yourself from them. The following are four guy-types that I have omitted, but are note-worthy:

- PlayerBoy: All SideMan
- PanMan: YAPpie who never grows up
- PotatoMan: NoWhere Man combo of YAPpie and OLMAN
- AngryMan: RoadRage Warrior. . .

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Male-bashing?

Q. It sounds like men have all the problems and women are faultless.

A. No, this is not true. . .

The rest of this answer is in the complete book for you.

Good Guys

- Q. Wow! This sounds so discouraging! What happened to the good guys?
- A. Lots of honest, hard-working, thoughtful, clean, fair, fun, creative, and interesting guys exist. . .

The rest of this answer is in the complete book for you.

Nice Guy vs. Bad Boy

- Q. Don't nice guys finish last?
- A. The movies and TV glamorize the Bad Boy. The regular guy seems. . .

The rest of this answer is in the complete book for you.

Where Are They?

- Q. If good guys are out there, where do I meet them?
- A. Certain venues are not the best for meeting potential mates, even though. . .

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Character

- Q. You talk about good character instead of how smooth and sexy a guy is. Isn't "character" an old-fashioned concept? I mean, aren't the guys who have collected the most toys, wear the high-end clothes and watches, drive the best cars, what women really want? Don't they want someone rich and handsome who can take them on glamorous and romantic trips? I don't think anyone talks about character anymore. What is it anyway?
- A. It is true that the dating scene is predicated upon appearances and a sense of humor, which passes for. . .

The rest of this answer is in the complete book for you.

I Have Enough Trouble!

- Q. I'm a guy and I have enough trouble meeting women without a book like this coming out and ruining my chances even more.
- A. Are you worried that you are one of The Dirty Seven? If you are not, don't worry about it. This book alone will not. . .

The rest of this answer is in the complete book for you.

First I Have to Meet Them

- Q. At the rate I am going, I'd be happy just to meet some guy that would ask me out. I am far from being able to be choosy about who comes my way, because nobody does.
- A. This guide does not address what you can do to make yourself more attractive to men, how to improve. . .

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The Good Guy

- A. Now that you've listed the qualities that make The Dirty Seven un-mateworthy, how about giving some time to the good guys?
- A. Take every quality of The Dirty Seven and turn it around. You will then have. . .

The rest of this answer is in the complete book for you.

EPILOGUE

I wrote this book after over thirty years of experience observing, dating, being friends with, and marrying men. I sought to discover what made some men such good mates, husbands, or boyfriends. I also began to understand what makes some men poor mates. SideMen, for example, asserted themselves to me when I was as young as 13 years old. Even at 13 I knew it was wrong for the man with the pregnant wife (who didn't understand him), to put his arm around me, kiss me, and tell me how much prettier I was. To SideMen, the fact that I was married, in later years, did not matter either. They came along with their lines and excuses anyway. After hundreds of encounters with them and others of their ilk, a definite pattern emerged.

Stories and observations of scores of friends honed my vision even further. A scheme emerged, that showed YAPpies making up 30%, SideMen 20%, BagMan 15%, ScarMen 10%, CrazyMen 10%, OLMen 10%, and GuyMen 5%. These statistics hold true in most of the post-industrialized, English speaking world.

The beauty and simplicity of the pattern is that it is easily recognizable because it is based on repetitive variations of me-ism. Me-ism is my term for lack of empathy. The word empathy, according to *The American Heritage Dictionary*, means "Understanding another's situation, feelings, and motives." Any guy who does not show a desire to understand your feelings is not worth the trouble you will surely have with him. All Dirty Seven share this non-empathic trait. They are too self-involved, or busy getting what they want from you, to be interested in understanding what makes you happy.

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