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What Women Want

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THOMAS, who by her own admission specialises in "comedy sexual-health shows" for schoolchildren, grew up in a small town in WA, studied arts at the University of Western Australia and did postgraduate studies. She launched her comedy career with a weekly community radio show in which she only did talkback about the Bronte sisters and, after winning Triple J's RAW Comedy competition in 2003, became a full-time comedian.

This is a superb piece of writing by a no-nonsense advocate for sensible attitudes to sex, work, relationships, education, health and children.

Thomas's particular skills are a distinctive, articulate voice and a message that is worth listening to. This is a rare example of a comedian writing a book about the subjects that inspire her without feeling the need to make every line a joke.