

# THE SCORPION'S SWEET VENOM

The Diary of a  
Brazilian Call Girl



BRUNA SURFISTINHA

The Scorpion's Sweet Venom: The Diary of a Brazilian Call Girl, Bruna Surfistinha, Bloomsbury Publishing USA, 2010, 1608196062, 9781608196067, 176 pages. "If I'm going to be a prostitute, I refuse to be an ordinary one." Known to her clients as "Bruna the Surfer Girl," Surfistinha is the beautiful 17-year-old Brazilian run-away from a middle class family who detailed online her three years working as a prostitute in a posh Brazilian suburb. Her candid and explicit entries on life as a high-class call girl caught the attention of millions and set off a vigorous national debate about sexual identity, values, and practices. As a result, Bruna became an immediate celebrity, the Paris Hilton of Brazil. Here, in The Scorpion's Sweet Venom, she draws back the sheets to reveal the whole story. Bruna writes passionately about her estranged family, her out-of-control drug use, her unbridled sexuality, and her unusual adventures in the world's oldest profession. "I have seen and done everything," she confesses. "There is nothing left that scares me." Part memoir, part cautionary tale, part sex guide, Bruna brings to life the raw, desperate and dangerous underbelly of the Brazilian sex trade, and shares outrageous advice for the bedroom, like what men really want but are too afraid to ask. Provocative, seductive and unforgettable, The Scorpion's Sweet Venom is the vivid account of a young girl's life on the street, and a fearless expression of human sexuality. Bruna Surfistinha is the pseudonym of a now twenty-something Brazilian prostitute who attracted the attention of the Brazilian public after she published sexually charged diary entries on her blog, [www.brunasurfistinha.com](http://www.brunasurfistinha.com). She currently lives in Sao Paolo..

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Bruna Surfistinha, AKA Rachel Pacheco, has written a 167 page very explicit memoir of her days as a teenage prostitute. It is a quick read and her stories do indeed leave little to the imagination. The author details how she ran away from home at age 17 after a falling out with her parents, specifically her father. She reportedly retired from the 'world's oldest profession' at age 21 and met her current BF while practicing her trade...

She became known as Bruna the Surfer Girl via her online blog, which is still available. Reportedly she wants to study psychology -- interesting choice. She juxtaposes writing about life with her parents before she ran away and her adventures as a prostitute after running away...at least for the first half of the book. The second half is devoted to her various sexual adventures, and there have been many as one might imagine. Some of the stories are certainly 'peculiar,' some are rather funny, and some are just sad.

I would concur with the other review in that the writing does leave something to be desired, or at least the translation does...yes, the book can be titillating though there are plenty of books out there to satisfy that need...it is a quick, fun read if this is what you are seeking (if very explicit writing about a lot of non-traditional sexual behaviors/acts is not your thing, then you probably want to skip this one). On the other hand, if you enjoy erotic memoirs, this one is worth a read...and you might want to check out her ongoing blog as well.

I think the Critics are Writing Too Harsh of Reviews. The Book is An Easy Read and Keeps you Entertained. It Gives Curious People the Inside to Prostitution and Satisfies Curiosity. I Enjoyed It and My Boyfriend is Finally Interested in Reading a Book Finally (after I read him a few pages of Bruna's Story). Book Definitely Turns You On.

I bought this book trying to gain insight on why a Brazilian "middle-class" person would choose "the life" as Bruna had. Well, it boiled down to that familiar theme, (1)Independence and (2)Money. It was her way to "get it," so she did. I do believe that she has been extremely lucky on how her life turned out. I do hope her dreams come true.

On the book itself, I would have preferred it that it would have spanned the time from the beginning to the present, instead of using the 'flash-back' method. For me, it proved a train-of-thought-breaking distraction. It was an extremely easy read (2 days). Perhaps, some will find Bruna's tips and 'commandments' useful (at the back of the book).

I praise the book, and what it's trying to do but I thought it to be one dimensional, and without any depth. She spoke of being a messed up kid even though she had a good family, and then the rest of the book was just sex. She spoke of what she did but rarely of how she felt. I instead recommend Call Girl by Jeannette Angell.

Seventeen year old leaves bourgeois domesticity and hypocrisy for independent life and adventure. I'm not panning this book because of anything Ms. Pacheco/Surfistinha wrote but because its publisher (British) elected to translate it into British English and it's this same translation that is foisted upon American readers here. Constantly running into oddball, provincial, limey colloquialisms cuts this book off at the knees every time it tries to get started. Scenes that are supposed to be--and in the original text I suspect are--sexy, or explicit, or poignant or all three, fall as flat and flaccid as John Cleese and Michael Palin trying to reenact their long dead Monty Python parrot gag on SNL what-odd decades after they performed the original for BBC Television. The only thing more pathetic and futile than the forced laughter the audience tried to offer those two degraded, toothless anachronisms is the unfortunate reader trying to sludge his or her way through this morass of British mollases (or treacle?) to find the Brazilian girl buried beneath it.

I can see why this would be popular in Brazil, but I doubt anyone would care here. First off it's a very short book, and I read it in an hour. Secondly, Brunha blames her parents for everything. She goes from spoiled rich kid to kleptomaniac to drug using kleptomaniac to high class whore. Her father may have been a horrible man, but let's face it, this girl was looking to make easy cash. At least she liked what she did.

This review has been hidden because it contains spoilers. To view it, click here. I've decided to make an english review of this one just in case non-brazilian people decide to read this... thing. I got this one as a birthday gift from my friends who absolutely adore me. For the record, they won the sequel of this one (O Que Aprendi Com Bruna Surfistinha) in their birthdays.

This book is a well-made s\*\*\* from beginning till the last word written. It won't add up anything to your existence. It got its fame because brazilians are naughty by nature. This girl is a big prostitute for absolutly no reason other than fucking and getting laid and SHE FEELS GOOD ABOUT IT. I bet whatever you want that some other person has written this book, he or she simply took notes about her daily routine and things that she told and voilÃ¡, because someone like Bruna The Surfer Girl from TV interviews doesn't have the brains enough to write her own biography.

O livro Ã© uma bosta do comeÃ§o ao fim. NÃ£o te adiciona nada a sua vida. Fez fama porque brasileiro Ã© safado. A guria Ã© uma prostituta de marca maior por absolutamente motivo nenhum alÃ©m de querer dar pros outros e ACHA ISSO BONITO. Aposto o que vocÃª quiser que outra pessoa escreveu este livro, apenas anotou detalhes da vida dela que ela contou e voilÃ¡, porque alguÃ©m como a Bruna Surfistinha das entrevistas na TV nÃ£o tem a massa cinzenta necessÃ¡ria para conjugar verbos, imagine escrever uma biografia.(less)

El libro carece en su totalidad de valor â€œliterarioâ€• pero leerlo fue una experiencia agradable. EstÃ¡ escrito por una chica casi niÃ±a con sus problemas inherentes que logran conectar con uno y a la vez escrito por una prostituta en ciernes que crea una adictiva c...more El problema con los bestsellers, las portadas atractivas y los tÃ­tulos enganchantes es que uno nunca sabe en quÃ© se estÃ¡ metiendo sino hasta que sale.

Aunque lo venden como un diario, no posee los aspectos introspectivos del diario personal, es mÃ¡s bien una comunicaciÃ³n al mundo, una carta abierta.. lo es.. comenzÃ³ como un blog, es un â€œa quien pueda interesarleâ€• totalmente en sintonÃ¡a con las tendencias actuales de la comunicaciÃ³n vÃ¡a blog.

En cuanto al erotismo en cuestiÃ³n, el sexo es explÃ­cito, es directo y narra todo sus asuntos con una absoluta normalidad que hasta enfrÃ¡a lo que calienta. Pero despuÃ©s de todo estÃ¡ bien.. no se trata de un relato erÃ³tico, es una historia personal para el que quiera conocerla, sin compromisos, sin ataduras que deja un sensaciÃ³n de satisfacciÃ³n cuando acabaâ€¡ serÃ¡ asÃ¡-estar con una prostituta?(less)

The best bits might have been the advice for males and females on giving oral, and further advice on sodomy. But let's face it kids, this is all "have to be there/practice over theory/either you get it or you don't" territory, and no amount of half baked the...more In theory I would be all about a memoir by a "chubby" teenage Brazilian prostitute turned blogger. In practice, the writing here just wasn't that good. I mean sure, certain passages gave me wood, but how sad would this book be if they hadn't?

A histÃ³ria dela Ã© bastante interessante, realmente digna de um livro. Por todas dificuldades e dramas, ela se mostra bastante disposta a se moldar e se manter forte. O exemplo de uma sobrevivente do mundo e de si mesma, uma crianÃ§a que de tÃ©o protegida, virou adulta por rebeldia sem nem saber o que isso significa.

I am not going to go on and on about things like how depressing it is that such low quality rubbish could ever make it to public viewing and how disappointed I am in media and who they choose to celebrate. Instead, for now, until my complete review comes, I am only going to say that I proud that Miss Pacheco has gone through a difficult journey and survived. I'm glad she had set goals for herself and is apparently on a fast track to achieving them. She is brave and exploratory and hopefully focu...more I am not going to go on and on about things like how depressing it is that such low quality rubbish could ever make it to public viewing and how disappointed I am in media and who they choose to celebrate. Instead, for now, until my complete review comes, I am only going to say that I proud that Miss Pacheco has gone through a difficult journey and survived. I'm glad she had set goals for herself and is apparently on a fast track to achieving them. She is brave and exploratory and hopefully focused on getting to the place she claims she is aiming to get to. I think she will make an exceptional psychiatrist, as she certainly has a lot of life experience to draw from and will be able to offer alternative perspectives to her clients. And I think she will do much better behind a desk than she does in front of her laptop, as she has an interesting story, but no business

writing.

A sad tale really. You read this hoping to hear some sort of complex tale of redemption and love but it feels very empty. Bruna is very childlike in her thought process on things, even as a writer in her late 20s (rather than the late teen she was when she was a call girl.). This book is a quick read but very vapid. Nothing to see here folks.

Meh...that's what I have to say about this book. It was okay, considering that I'm sure much was lost in translation. There were some shocking parts that I won't mention here...very shocking...at least for me! But all in all it was not well written. Her escapades are written matter-of-factly and at times it felt like Sex and the City, but without the humor.

'I have seen and done everything There is no fantasy left that scares me.' Known to her clients as 'the Surfer Girl', Bruna Surfistinha ran away from home at the age of seventeen to become a high-class call girl. She wrote a candid and explicit web diary about her three years turning tricks in the swanky suburbs of Sao Paulo. Now she draws back the sheets to reveal the whole story. Insouciant and funny, Bruna portrays her estranged middle-class family, her out-of-control drug use and her unbridled sexuality. Part memoir, part cautionary tale, part sex guide, *The Scorpion's Sweet Venom* brings to life the details of Bruna's adventures with men, women and couples and reveals what we really want in bed but are afraid to ask for at home.

Bruna Surfistinha grew up in Sao Paulo. She left school at 17 and became a high-class call girl. She also wrote about her life on her web diary which became a sensation in Brazil receiving over 20,000 hits a day. Bruna is now a 21-year-old just-retired call girl who plans to settle down with her boyfriend (a former client) and is going to university to read psychology. This is her first book and has already sold over quarter of a million copies in Brazil.