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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

A brothel for women? Journalist Nelson, the author of several popular nonfiction books (*Straight, No Chaser*; etc.), offers a ribald take on the battle between the sexes and one heck of an entrepreneurial scheme, in her wickedly funny first novel. Lydia Beaucoup and Acey Allen are 40ish best friends living in Oakland who find themselves going in circles when it comes to dating and finding a satisfying relationship. After a gab session in which the two women fantasize about the ideal man, Lydia comes up with a startling solution: she proposes opening a brothel in which sexy black male prostitutes attend to the sexual needs of black women. Acey thinks she's joking, but Lydia is dead serious, and she asks for a sabbatical from her job as an ad copywriter to put the crazy plan into action. Nevada is the chosen location, and after getting a prostitution license, Lydia uses her own dates to begin recruiting prospective employees, starting with a sexy UPS guy named Odell, who becomes the de facto manager. Bizarrely, funding comes from the wife of a rich right-wing zealot who made a fortune selling arms, and the spa opens to rave reviews from the first wave of clients. Trouble surfaces when a conservative preacher on a family values kick gets wind of the project from a tabloid editor and tries to shut down the spa. Nelson has fun with her mischievous conceit, and there are more than a few hilarious scenes. The comedy is underpinned by her solid, convincing depiction of the friendship between Acey and Lydia, and an engaging, breezy style. The novel has its flaws-it's cluttered with secondary characters, and the conceit is stretched perilously thin at times-but it's a great read anyway, and a standout in the genre of African-American popular fiction.

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From [Booklist](#)

Nelson, author of *Volunteer Slavery* (1993) and *Straight, No Chaser* (1997), presents a debut novel that is both funny and sensual. When two friends come up with a plan to provide a refuge for black women to have their sexual needs met, an idea is born that is so old it's new. Lydia and Acey decide to create a brothel for women that will provide the total spa experience plus sexual healing. They pick the state that allows the world's oldest profession to flourish and set up shop in Reno, Nevada. For the opening weekend, a select group of women are invited to take advantage of the full-service facility. These women have such a pleasant experience that from word of mouth the spa is booked for months in advance. Not surprisingly, it becomes even more comical when unscrupulous media, church leaders, outraged citizens, and chauvinistic men begin criticizing and boycotting the spa. Nelson tackles the political, cultural, and sensual facets of female sexuality in an upbeat and funny tale. *Lillian Lewis*

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"Wickedly funny."

-- *Publishers Weekly*

"Sheer fun."

-- *Black Issues Book Review*

"Smart, explicit, and sidesplittingly funny."

-- *Ebony*

"Riotously funny."

-- *Library Journal*

"*Sexual Healing* is smart and sexy, funny and fabulous, jazzy and justified! Sister Jill isn't just a foot soldier in what passes for war between the sexes. She's our commander in chief and follow we must!"

-- Pearl Cleage, author of *What Looks Like Crazy on an Ordinary Day* and *I Wish I Had a Red Dress*

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