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## Christian 'Sexperts' Expose the Dangers of Erotica: Deception, Discontent, Displeasure

Well-known authors **Dannah Gresh** and **Dr. Juli Slattery** talk sex, submission and mommy porn in their new book *Pulling Back the Shades*.

The *Fifty Shades of Grey* series has done for women and erotica what the advent of the Internet did for men and porn: fuel the craze and normalize its use. With erotica sales soaring and a big-screen version of the grey phenomenon in production, clinical psychologist and best-selling author Dr. Juli Slattery partners with relationship expert and best-selling author Dannah Gresh to unveil the ugly truths of erotica in *Pulling Back the Shades: Erotica, Intimacy, and the Longings of a Woman's Heart* (Moody Publishers, March 2013).

"We have met with women who started reading erotica to awaken their sex lives with their husbands, but it actually caused them to be less satisfied in their marriage bed than ever," writes Gresh. "Single women have told us they used porn as a 'sexual outlet until marriage' but it suffocated their desire to pursue a relationship at all...what seemed innocent to them ended up being harmful."

Dr. Slattery and Gresh examine erotica from a spiritual and sexual standpoint, providing Biblical teaching, personal stories and testimonies from those affected by erotica to help women navigate this uncharted territory and discover how to embrace their sexuality and spirituality. And where does "mommy porn" fall on the map?

"I believe this genre of literature and *Fifty Shades of Grey* specifically are very spiritual books with an aggressive spiritual agenda," writes Dr. Slattery. "The books take you on a journey that has a spiritual impact and an intended spiritual destination: destruction."

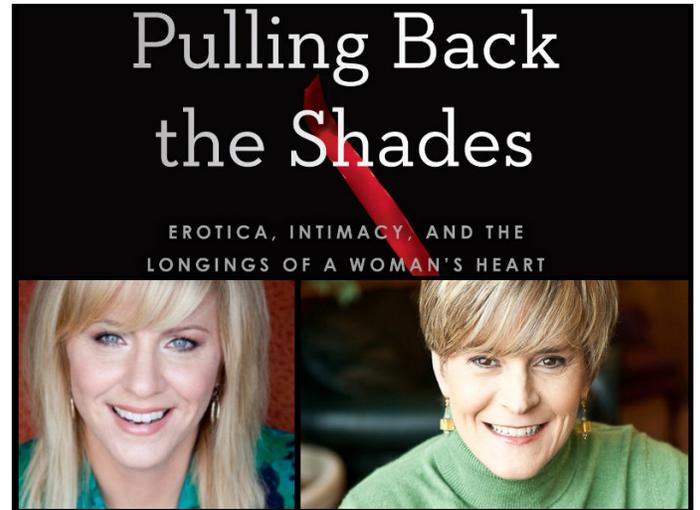
"We know women aren't just drawn into books like *Fifty Shades of Grey* for the entertainment value," writes Dr. Slattery. "We've found that women who turned to erotica are looking to satisfy one of five key longings. Too many women have been tricked into believing that an erotic book or online relationship can fulfill their deep needs. It's time to expose that trap and reveal a way that leads to life," writes Gresh.

Written in the authors' two distinct voices, *Pulling Back the Shades* helps readers identify what they're really longing for when drawn to erotica, why they can't put it down, and what God says about our sexual desires. While the Bible is clear on topics such as adultery and incest, Slattery and Gresh point out where even God is "grey" on sexual matters.

### About the Authors

**Dannah Gresh** is the cofounder of Pure Freedom, and a bestselling author of several books, including *And the Bride Wore White*, *What Are You Waiting For: The One Thing No One Ever Tells You About Sex*, and *Lies Young Women Believe*, co-authored with Nancy Leigh DeMoss, in addition to the Secret Keeper Series. She is a frequent guest for national radio, TV and print mediums. Dannah and her husband Bob live in State College, Pennsylvania.

**Dr. Juli Slattery** is a widely known clinical psychologist, author, speaker, and broadcast media professional. Her commitment to biblical principles, relatable style, and quick wit have made her a highly sought after speaker to women's groups. Slattery's books include *Passion Pursuit*, *Finding the Hero in Your Husband*, *No More Headaches*, and *Guilt Free Motherhood*. She and her husband Mike have been married for 18 years and have three children.



### Erotica Has Replaced the Bible for Women

- A major **Christian bookseller** surveyed its customers, asking: "What was your favourite book of the past year?" The number one book was *Fifty Shades of Grey*.
- An entire lineup of copycat books rushed to the market so fast that the BBC reported erotica to be "cannibalizing" the rest of the publishing industry.
- *Fifty Shades of Grey* has done for women and erotica what the advent of the Internet did for men and porn: **fuel the craze and normalize its use**.

### Dannah Gresh and Dr. Juli Slattery Expose the Spiritual and Sexual Dangers of Erotica in "Pulling Back the Shades"

- **Clinical psychologist Dr. Juli Slattery and Pure Freedom cofounder Dannah Gresh** argue that women, both married and single, can be sexual AND spiritual, but erotica is not the answer.
- While erotica might heighten sexual feelings, over the long haul it erodes intimacy, creating distance between you and your husband, or your future husband.
- There are healthy ways to spice up your love life, without erotica or porn. The Bible is a good place to start.

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