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26	28	29	30	1	2
3 #SinfulSunday Prompt Week: The Letter K	4	5 #WBSW: October's words go public	6	7	8
10 World Mental Health Day	11 National Coming Out Day	12	13 Herpes Awareness and Education Day	14	15
17	18	19	20 	21	22
----- Asexual Awareness Week -----					
24	25 Sex Bloggers: start site cleanup for Awards Season	26	27	28 stock up, Halloween candy is now on sale	29
31 	1 November's newsletter goes out	2	3	4	5 #WBSW: November's words go public

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OCTOBER'S PLAYLIST:
SEXY SPOOKY
SWEATER WEATHER

PLAY

In this issue ...

- A mini book review
- Terrible Toyshop review previews: mean things for tits n clits
- How To: clean up your blog for awards season!
- Preview of October's WBSW list

"THE DUST WAS ANTIQUE SPICE, BURNT MAPLE LEAVES, A PRICKLING BLUE THAT TEEMED AND SIFTED TO EARTH. SWARMING ITS OWN SHADOWS, THE DUST FILTERED OVER THE TENTS."

~ RAY BRADBURY, SOMETHING WICKED THIS WAY COMES

IT'S OCTOBER ALREADY?

How? How is it already October? You'll hear no complaints as it's my favourite month of the year, but I'm genuinely perplexed by how fast time is passing lately!

To me, September always has always had a 'back to school' energy of busyness and order which I used for planning and getting organised for the next few months. I'm in the middle of a bit of a content and paradigm shift on my website and it's taking more forethought than expected. Big things are coming! This month, however, is a month for creativity and inward focus. Time to dust off the journal I've been neglecting, time to read, and drink copious

amounts of tea. There's also a handful of deliciously cruel toys to test, some BIG SEXY WORDS to write with and Q4 planning for the new year. Never a dull moment. If that wasn't enough, blog awards season is sneaking up - see page 3 for some hot tips on climbing towards the coveted number one spot (not that I have, but I've been close!)

Whatever you're up to, I hope your spooky season is off to a sexy start and that you're cozy and snug, enjoying all your favourite things about the fall.

Thanks for subscribing!

love, Violet xo



ARE YOU READY FOR BLOG AWARDS SEASON?

I remember when I first became aware of the informal blog awards 'season' that happens every November/December. My blog was new in 2017, I was overwhelmed and I was relieved that no one nominated me! Fast forward to the next year and I was excited to throw my hat in the ring. I made it to 69th on **Molly Moore's Top 100 Sex Blogger list** in 2018, then 40th in 2019 and then 3rd last year. Pretty decent gains, if I do say so myself. Want to earn some notoriety and discover some sexy blogs? **Get involved this year!** There are several sex blog awards and competitions out there but Molly's Top 100 is the one to rank on. Luckily, she provides a **Transparency Report** so you can understand the scoring and know exactly what makes your blog stand out.

TOP TIPS to PREPARE for BLOG AWARD SEASON

- Start earlier than you think you should! Start now!
- Choose the awards/lists you want to try for. Be bold! You can't win if you don't play!
- Read Molly's Transparency Report and check out the past contenders' blogs. It has great ideas that are applicable to lists other than her own.
- Ensure that your blog meets all requirements of each competition
- If you haven't already, set a reasonable goal; aim broad if it's your first year - try for the top 50 or aim to be within X number of spots of one of your blogging heroes
- Know the important dates/cut offs - write them down!
- Clean up your blog! De-clutter, fix broken links, re-size your images, etc. How your blog looks and ease of navigation are as important as content.
- Use this time to take note of other improvements you'd like to make such as improving SEO or readability, tags, categories, etc.

MINI BOOK REVIEW

THE NAKED OCTOPUS: EROTIC HAIKU IN ENGLISH WITH JAPANESE TRANSLATIONS

Written by Gabriel Rosenstock
Illustrated by Mathew Staunton
Translated by Mariko Sumikara

Spoiler alert: I wanted to like this book so much more than I did. I know, I'm disappointed too.

I am a fan of haiku as a form of poetry and even though tentacle porn is not at all my kink, I was keen to give this short book of haiku a shot. The poems all follow the well-known traditional haiku format of 5 syllables/7 syllables/5 syllables and they express the point of view of an octopus in love with a human woman. It is based on the famous 1814 print by Hokusai, *The Dream of Fisherman's Wife*,

which depicts a woman being passionately ravaged by two octopus.

Sadly, the haiku in *The Naked Octopus* fell flat for me. They were not particularly erotic, nor did they honour the tradition of haiku being focused on nature. The "modern voice" fell short for me and the translations *into* Japanese seems ... odd.

All in all it felt slap-dash and I found it fairly uninspiring which is a shame because the topic seems perfect for haiku. All in all, this collection of poems was about as inspiring as the smell of low tide. I give it 4/8 tentacles.

WRITE BIG SEXY WORDS: OCTOBER PREVIEW

As a subscriber to the newsletter you get the WBSW word list 5 days sooner than chumps who only read the blog! They're good and spooky this month to suit your sexy, scary erotica. Which one(s) will you be using? Link up your pieces Oct 5 -31.



PREVIEW: OCTOBER'S PRODUCT REVIEWS

THIS MONTH THE LAST OF THE GOODIES FROM FROM TERRIBLE TOYSHOP WILL BE REVIEWED. UNTIL THEN, A LITTLE PREVIEW AND A GREAT BIG THANK YOU!

Terrible Toyshop has been anything but terrible to work with. They have been super generous, really helpful and just a joy to collaborate with. These are the final three pieces from this first set of reviews, but there looks to be more terrible-ness on the horizon! I am keen to try almost everything that they make, so I am overjoyed to continue to partner with them and share the brilliance and brutality of their evil-sexy devices.

It seems appropriate to close out the first instalment of reviews in October, as they certainly contribute to Spooky Season (and pinchy season and twisty season, etc.) Keep your eyes on the blog for the full run down on Terrible Toyshop's horrifying NIPPLE TRAPS, the cruel and unusual CLIT TENDERIZER, and the practically demonic PARA-HELL-OGRAM NIPPLE STRETCHERS. Wish me luck, I'm gonna need it!

SHOP NOW



Terrible Toyshop

PARA-HELLO-OGRAM
NIPPLE STRETCHERS



THE CLIT
TENDERIZER

NIPPLE TRAPS



HAVE YOU MET

Frank?

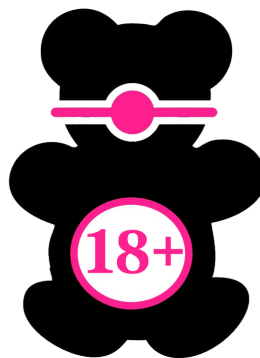
Click the pic to read my glowing review of Lust Arts' monstrous dildo based on Mary Shelley's *Frankenstein*.



13 SEXY-SPOOKY HORROR MOVIES TO WATCH IN OCTOBER

1. JENNIFER'S BODY (2009)
2. SLEEPAWAY CAMP (1983)
3. INTERVIEW WITH THE VAMPIRE (1994)
4. THE CABIN IN THE WOODS (2012)
5. FROM DUSK TIL DAWN (1996)
6. BRAM STOKER'S DRACULA (1992)
7. THE ROCKY HORROR PICTURE SHOW (1975)
8. VAMPYRES (1974)
9. PLANET TERROR (2007)
10. CRIMSON PEAK (2015)
11. GINGER SNAPS (2000)
12. BLUE VELVET (1986)
13. IT FOLLOWS (2013)

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