



*I like people who have a sense of individuality. I love expression and anything awkward and imperfect, because that's natural and that's real. – Marc Jacobs*

### Naughty's Black Book Blog

#### Article Submissions Topics

*The following are ongoing topics* that we are accepting guest blogging for. If you have a short story/flash fiction or poem that you would like to share, please email us at [ninkpress@gmail.com](mailto:ninkpress@gmail.com)

- Types of Attraction: This can either be flash fiction and/or in informational/enlightening article form.

In depth definitions to help shape your topics:

#### **Sexual Attraction**

Sexual attraction is a feeling that [sexual](#) people get that causes them to desire sexual contact with a specific other person. It is often, but not always, felt along with other forms of attraction - i.e. sometimes a person experiencing sexual attraction will only want sex, such as some friends with benefits relationships, and other times they will desire sex as well as romantic interaction or other things.

Sometimes **asexuals** will desire sexual contact for other reasons besides attraction, for example, in order to make a sexual partner happy, to satisfy a curiosity, to have a child, or to

prove to themselves or others that they are "normal". It therefore becomes difficult to define sexual attraction exactly, as it is not considered by many asexuals to be the same as desire. One good rule of thumb is that sexual attraction involves a desire for the sexual act itself, rather than its social consequences. Some models of asexuality, make distinctions between different kinds of sexual desire, and allow for asexuals to feel some varieties but not others.

Sexual attraction is not the same thing as [sex drive](#), although in sexuals the two often go together. When asexuals experience sex drive, it is not connected to attraction or desire, and can thus be taken care of by oneself.

### **Romantic Attraction**

Romantic attraction is a feeling that causes people to desire a romantic relationship with a specific other person. Many asexual people experience romantic attraction even though they do not feel sexual attraction. Sometimes this romantic attraction is directed towards a specific gender, giving asexuals who experience it a "romantic orientation" that is different from their sexual orientation. Other asexual people do not feel romantic attraction, and classify themselves as aromantic as well as asexual. It is speculated that aromantic but sexual people also exist.

What exactly constitutes a romantic relationship or romantic attraction is difficult to define, and some asexuals reject the romantic/aromantic dichotomy altogether. Some define a person's approach to relationships as partner- or community-based. Partner-based intimacy takes place between an exclusive pair of people, whether or not this pair of people is sexual or traditionally "romantic". Community-based intimacy takes place between a group of more than two people. People who depend on community-based intimacy do not see a need to pair off into couples, but this does not necessarily mean that they are less capable of forming strong emotional connections with others.

### **Crushes and Squishes**

A crush is a romantic attraction to someone, a desire for a romantic relationship of some kind, a desire that is possibly temporary in nature, possibly never to be acted upon. A "squish" is an aromantic crush, a desire for a strong platonic relationship with someone; this envisioned relationship is usually more emotional intimate than a typical friendship.

There is a fine line between a crush and a squish. Both crushes and squishes could involve persistent thoughts about the person of interest, self-consciousness around that person, desires to be with him or her, fantasies about physical (not necessarily sexual) contact with him or her, or any combination of these. However, crushes typically entail jealousy partners of the

person of interest, desires for romantic contact (such as kissing), a dating relationship, or marriage, while squishes do not.

### **Sensual Attraction**

Some asexuals report a desire to do sensual (but not sexual) things with certain people, especially relating to tactile sensuality such as cuddling. This experience can be classified as sensual attraction. Some asexuals are uncomfortable with this classification, since they can also get sensual pleasure from nonhuman objects such as pillows, paintings, or pets, to which they do not consider themselves "attracted". It is also sometimes difficult to fully distinguish sensual things from sexual ones in a relationship, especially between sexual people.

### **Aesthetic Attraction**

Some asexuals report feeling an attraction to other people that is not connected to a desire to do anything with them, either sexually or romantically. They simply appreciate their appearance. This is called aesthetic attraction because it is thought to be similar to other aesthetic desires, such as the desire to keep listening to a good song or to keep looking at a beautiful sunset.

It is possible to define aesthetic attraction as a subset of sensual attraction, since the act of observing a person's appearance or behaviour can be thought of as pleasure involving the sense of vision or sometimes hearing. Some asexuals reject the concept of aesthetic attraction for the same reason that they reject the concept of sensual attraction - i.e. it feels the same to them with people as it does to inanimate objects and other things that they do not generally think of themselves as being attracted to.

- **Types of Love**: This can be your own personal experiences, reflection or insight on, and/or flash fiction about.

## **6 Types of Love**

### **Eros**

a passionate physical and emotional love based on aesthetic enjoyment; stereotype of romantic love

### **Ludus**

a love that is played as a game or sport; conquest; may have multiple partners at once

**Storge**

an affectionate love that slowly develops from friendship, based on similarity

**Pragma**

love that is driven by the head, not the heart

**Mania**

obsessive love; experience great emotional highs and lows; very possessive and often jealous lovers

**Agape**

selfless altruistic love; spiritual

- **Little Black Book Ed. 2 Summer Theme: Deadline 5/25/12**

Summer flings, quickies, lust/love out of your element. You can also incorporate themes (types of love, attraction or even color themes) Flash fiction 1500-2500 words max.

*\*\*All accepted submissions will be fed through Twitter, Tumblr, our wordpress blog and anyone featured can link back and will have promo space at the end of each submission. PDFs offered upon request of your finished work.*

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