

CANDACE BUSHNELL

Candace Bushnell is the critically acclaimed, international best-selling author of *Sex and the City*, *The Carrie Diaries*, *One Fifth Avenue*, *Lipstick Jungle*, *Trading Up*, *Four Blondes* and the upcoming *Summer and the City* (A *Carrie Diaries* Book, due in April 2011)--the coming-of-age story of one her most famous creations--Carrie Bradshaw. *Sex and the City*, published in 1996, was the basis for the HBO hit series and two subsequent blockbuster movies. *Lipstick Jungle* became a popular television series on NBC.

From *Sex and the City* through six successive novels, Bushnell has revealed a gift for tapping into the zeitgeist of any New York minute. With each book, she has deepened her range, but with a light touch that makes her complex literary accomplishments look easy. The Guardian Newspaper sums up Bushnell's work this way: "She caustically addresses the conditions of materialism, cramped urban life, and metropolitan speed, where fame and wealth are all around, but never in one's grasp Bushnell is courageous in bringing this to the fore, and she is blessed with an Austen-like mastery in doing so. She cuts through the lies that women tell themselves about the surface equality of Western society. As such, she has much more in common with Edith Wharton, Dorothy Parker and early Bret Easton Ellis."

Bushnell (b. Dec. 1, 1958) grew up in Glastonbury, Ct, and moved to New York City at age 19. She attended Rice University and New York University, and began her professional career at 19 when she wrote a children's book for Simon & Schuster. Throughout her twenties, Bushnell developed her trademark style as a freelancer, writing darkly humorous pieces about women, relationships and dating for *Mademoiselle*, *Self Magazine*, and *Esquire*. In 1990, she wrote a column that would become a precursor for *Sex and the City*, called *The Human Cartoon*, a fictional serial published in *Hamptons Magazine*. She began writing for the *New York Observer* in 1993; in November of 1994 she created the column *Sex and the City*, which ran in the *New York Observer* for two years. The column was bought as a book in 1995, and sold to HBO as a series in 1996. Bushnell hosted a radio show on Sirius Satellite Radio, called *Sex, Success, and Sensibility*, which aired from October 2006 to October 2008. She wrote and created a web series, *The Broadroom*, starring Jennie Garth, which launched in September 2009. In April 2010 she released *The Carrie Diaries*, the prequel to *Sex and the City*. The second book in this series is called *Summer and the City* and will be in bookstores in April 2011. She is currently at work on *The Two Mrs. Stones*, which will be in bookstores in April 2012.

Through her books and television series, Bushnell's work has influenced and defined two generations of women. She is the winner of the 2006 Matrix Award for books (other winners include Joan Didion and Amy Tan), and a recipient of the Albert Einstein Spirit of Achievement Award. In 2002, she married NYC Ballet Principal Dancer Charles Askegard. She currently resides in Manhattan.