

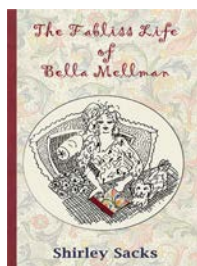


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"Shirley Sacks has created a fresh, wise and saucy voice you'll love -- Bella Mellman. You'll want Bella to live next door, to come for dinner, to meet everyone you love and to write about everyone you don't like."

Jill Schary Robinson, best-selling author of *Bed/Time/Story*, *Perdido*, and *With a Cast of Thousands*

LOS ANGELES, California (BELLCC) October 27, 2015 – BooksEndependent, LLC is proud to announce the upcoming release of its latest title *The Fabliss Life of Bella Mellman* written by artist and first-time novelist, Shirley Sacks. The novel, to be released in print and e-book November 17, 2015, spins a bold tale of a savvy woman of the world who gives a rollicking social commentary on life in the flats of Beverly Hills, men, "mature" dating habits, and the odd complexities of love, sociopaths, marriage, divorce, and living a creative life.

According to the author, *"The book looks at the role of the older woman, her place in the sexual panoply, which has been so horribly simplified."*

Bella Mellman, a transplanted South African artist and writer, lives a 'fabliss' life (as her 8-year-old grand-daughter tells it) in the flats of Beverly Hills. A long-time divorcee nearing the seventh decade of a very full life, Bella is constantly annoyed when friends, and even strangers, ask the impertinent question of "Why, don't you have a partner?" Followed by the hated phrase: "You look quite good for a woman your age." The only thing to do, Bella realizes, is to write a book that explains once and for all, her satisfaction with being older and single.



Shirley Sacks, born in Johannesburg, South Africa, has a degree in Fine Arts and has shown her work in galleries all over the world. She has also worked in advertising as a copywriter, and wrote a column for *The Sun*, a South African magazine. Ms. Sacks lived in London for many years before moving to Los Angeles in 1987. *The Fabliss Life of Bella Mellman*, which includes the author's original artwork, is Shirley's first published novel.

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