
Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by cand86 - 2008/05/12 02:57

Please don't misunderstand my intentions here- I'm pansexual and just as in love and lust with the boyfolk as I am with the gals- I'm usually the first complaining about the fact that I have to switch DVD's or websites if I want to get my fill of lesbian porn, straight porn, and gay porn all in one shot.

But at the same time, with a name like "Good Dyke Porn", there's really not much leeway, at least for the literally-minded, for men to be in the equation. What with this site featuring the sexy Andre, and The Crash Pad Series hosting Ian Sparks, it seems like we're changing the definition of "lesbian porn" (not that it hadn't already been subtly challenged by the overlaps between lesbian and transmen communities).

So is "dyke" an aesthetic and a mindset before it is an orientation?

I'd love to hear everyone's thoughts.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by Kyle - 2008/07/07 23:30

"So is "dyke" an aesthetic and a mindset before it is an orientation?"

An excellent question and one I've been mulling. I'm a big ole perv and don't have any issues with including the gender spectrum in the porn I consume and enjoy. But what is 'dyke porn'?

Afraid I'm still mulling that over, I'm tending toward a mindset and aesthetic, rather than strict interpretation based on orientation. But I'm usually against strict interpretations in general.

Just wanted you to know that I appreciated the question and though I don't have an answer, you've got me thinking.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by arianna - 2008/09/18 00:02

well i have to say im not interested in men what so ever but thats not to say there isn't a woman out there that might be bi and would like to see men as well as women in a good porn.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by cand86 - 2008/09/18 13:38

Interesting- that's a very tolerant and nice mindset. For some reason, I doubt that gay men subscribing to a gay male porn site would just shrug and say the same if women appeared to appeal to the bisexual man. Or am I wrong?

I'm still struggling with the idea, not so much of whether it fits- or is important that it fit- "dyke porn", but if the inclusion of cisgender guys on a lesbian site signifies a sort of betrayal to subscribers- are they not getting their money's worth (if they're the sorts who aren't interested in men/guys in porn whatsoever, that is). I still don't have an answer for it.

But I am thrilled to see some nice statements on the updated website, like "Gender and sexuality are not regulated here, only love and respect". That totally rocks.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by BrenRyder - 2008/09/19 19:57

Here's my 2 cents.

I don't think we can ever compare ourselves with gay men when it comes to openness about mixed-gender spaces or sexual fluidity. Women are champions for inclusivity (good or bad).

Personally, I see the man as a prop (and I'm pretty sure he wouldn't take offense to that). Women like different things and some may argue that there shouldn't be a dildo or there shouldn't be cake or there shouldn't be young beautiful femme women with perfect bodies or there shouldn't be a scene where a bio-guy is dressed up like a woman and then gets fucked in the ass.

I say there absolutely should be all of those things and MORE. Anything that serves our queer fantasies.

Well, just about anything. I've had other guy scenarios proposed to me and I'm pretty sure this gem of a scene is going to be rare indeed.

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by arianna - 2008/09/23 01:04

ok more of my thoughts here....what im thinking is im not the only one here looking to buy porn so its more like i am entering a store looking for what i like....not everything in the store is for me. So i shop find what i want and move on. I can say that at least two items on the website are not for me but i have to say the rest works out pretty good...so i got my moneys worth.

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by BrenRyder - 2008/09/23 02:00

arianna, that's perfect!
That's exactly what I'm trying to achieve.

Everyone has such diverse interests and dyke porn can mean so much. So why not make a variety of scenes that a person can pick and choose from. As long as the scenes are being created by the queer women of my community I feel fairly comfortable that the expectations of "dyke porn" are being met.

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by cand86 - 2008/09/23 02:45

Those are really great concepts!

I actually really like your explanation of "guys as props", Bren- it does sound a little objectification-y, but it fits with a lot of experiences of women I know- lesbian-identified chicks who enjoy the occasional straight fantasy. I think I'd kind of been coming at it from a "lesbian site means lesbian action" mindset more than the "lesbian site means portrayal of lesbian fantasies- regardless of whether they fit into a set mold" viewpoint, and I like that one infinitely better.

And you bring up a good point, Ariana, about picking and choosing scenes. I guess that's even easier now with the cool ability to buy individual clips (I've been meaning to tell you how awesome that is, Bren!).

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/11/26 19:24

I'm still puzzling out what constitutes true dyke porn and what doesn't. Whatever Bren and her women are comfortable actually doing is good in my book. I generally empathize more with the women in the scenes than the audience anyway. lol

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by BrenRyder - 2008/12/08 22:28

I explore this further in a new blog post right here on Good Dyke Porn.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by Geri - 2008/12/27 03:34

That's a very good question.

I can give you a few more thoughts on why they do - and maybe why they don't.

Why they do:

1. Bisexual women are dykes too.
2. Dyke porn should be feminist and sex positive - meaning it does not tell out and out lies about the sexuality of the people who appear in it. Like this recently launched "lesbian" porn site does for example:
<http://www.lesbianfactor.com/>
checkout the fake interviews (you may need to scroll to the right)
<http://www.lesbianfactor.com/girls.php>

There are real bisexual dykes on the lesbian factor site btw. There maybe a few real lesbian dykes as well. And there definitely is some real sex. But the interviews read like they are written by a hack catering to half baked male fantasies about lesbians.

3. Good Dyke Porn already says: "This site features real, amateur, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer sex captured on video by Bren Ryder and other incredible members of Team Good Dyke Porn." Well - real bisexual sex can't really completely exclude bio males can it? :)

Why they don't:

1. Bisexual women aren't called dykes because they are attracted to men as well as women.
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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/12/27 04:57

Meh. That site looks like typical faux lesbian porn. I'll stick to the good stuff here, thanks. :D

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by Geri - 2008/12/27 09:46

ShyDaniel2112 wrote:

Meh. That site looks like typical faux lesbian porn. I'll stick to the good stuff here, thanks. :D

These queer women who are featured on crashpadseries.com -

Rozen Debowe

Michelle Aston

Lorelei Lee

Dylan Ryan

<http://crashpadseries.com/wordpress/characters/>

Are also on the lesbianfactor website

Syd Blakovich who stars in Shine Louise Houston's new film "Champion" is as well. For anyone who doesn't know, Shine is the dyke who directs the Crash Pad series.

The notion that lesbian porn made for men just features str8 women pretending to be lesbian is very simplistic and naive. It's not the whole truth now and I don't think it ever has been. There are many genuine queer/bisexual women, and some lesbians, working in "mainstream" porn.

I see it as a highly complex issue about honesty and presentation regarding queer female sexuality specifically, and female sexuality in general.

There is some content on the Lesbian Factor that would not really be out of place on Good Dyke Porn - E.G. Michelle Aston and Fraulein & Syd Blakovich and Rozen Debowe. Because they are real queer women having real sex with each other.

Not that I'm encouraging anyone looking for real dyke porn to join Lesbian Factor. You're better off buying some of the L-Factor dvds (or watching them through VOD) from which much of the paysite's content is taken from.

It seems to me that Bren is a dyke who wants to be honest about the diverse sexuality of the women she works with. That's why she doesn't pretend that all the women on Good Dyke Porn are homosexual. The people running the lesbianfactor site are a lot less honest about their content.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/12/27 13:06

I understand that many lesbians do in fact work in the adult industry, don't get me wrong there. I just prefer the open honesty of Bren and her site. Honesty, to me, is a turn-on. By that standard, The L Factor isn't so interesting, while this place is Nirvana incarnate.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by Geri - 2008/12/27 16:03

ShyDaniel2112 wrote:

I understand that many lesbians do in fact work in the adult industry, don't get me wrong there. With all due respect I suspect that your understanding is somewhat flawed and that you are almost certainly "wrong there".

There are undoubtedly a great many queer women who work in the adult industry, but not many of them are lesbians. Not to me, because a lesbian is a homosexual woman.

Bisexual women are routinely called lesbians by most of the adult industry because the word "lesbians" turns most men on a lot more than the phrases "bisexual women" or "queer women", bi-femme etc.

This is the very thing that I'm criticizing about the Lesbian Factor website. It's okay to call it lesbian porn because there are no men in it and all the sexual acts are homosexual acts between women. But it's very dishonest to pretend that these women are all basically "real" lesbians - especially when they are using the same stage names they use when they have sex with men in porn. The underlying message being conveyed is that a woman has to be a lesbian to enjoy sex with another women - which is utter nonsense. And a creepy implication that they only have sex with men for money is present in some of those fake "intimate, honest, real" profile interviews.

Tina Butcher - better known as the porn star Madison Young states that her orientation is Lesbian on her Myspace page: <http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewProfile&friendID=216829889>
However on her Femina Potens Myspace she's put Not Sure.
<http://profile.myspace.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=user.viewprofile&friendID=130774446>

I have no doubt that she is a queer dyke. But I cannot, with the best possible will in the world, accept her identifying as lesbian. Not even in her porn star persona. Because she is actively bisexual in porn as well as her private life. She currently has a bio male partner - James Mogul - I know she's also had same-sex relationships before him as well as

other opposite-sex ones.

Madison is also on the Lesbian Factor site and in Houstons's Champion

<http://champion-movie.com/>

and has also recently released her own movie, in which she stars as well as directs, called: Madison Young's "Lesbian Life: Real Sex San Francisco"

<http://femmesguide.com/archives/madison-youngs-lesbian-life-real-sex-san-francisco/>

However if you want to see this "real lesbian" having sex, very kinky sex at that, with her boyfriend as well as a few other men and quite a few women just visit her official website:

<http://www.madisonbound.com/>

It seems to me that Tina Butcher aka Madison Young is a real bisexual dyke. Not a real lesbian. But then maybe it turns her on to call herself lesbian - I wouldn't mind betting it turns her boyfriend on that she does. Especially when he's got her tied up and she's sucking his big man dick.

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/12/27 16:44

Fair enough. I don't pretend to know details of popular adult industry stars. All I know is that I prefer the honesty of this site to sites like The Lesbian Factor. Bren is open, honest, and approachable. She seems like someone I'd like to chat with and get to know. There's none of that approachability over on The Lesbian Factor. I'd rather pay to see people I can think of as friends than people I don't know and will never have a chance to know. I'm thirty-four and this is the first site I've ever paid to see, and this forum and the opportunity to talk to the people involved was as much, if not more, of an influence on me joining as the porn itself.

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by Geri - 2008/12/27 19:26

Well ShyDaniel2112 the reasons you like Bren's Good Dyke Porn are similar to my own :)

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/12/27 19:30

I dunno if I'm odd in this, but when I watch porn I find myself wondering what sort of people the girls are... What they're like in person, what they think of what they do and how they feel about the people who watch them. Bren's interviews are the greatest attraction to me because I get to find out those things.

Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by BrenRyder - 2008/12/27 19:37

The amazing thing about creating something new - like we are - is that everyone can have different preferences regarding what they like.

Geri, I can see what you're trying to express about identifying sexuality. On one hand, I think it's a complex issue on the other hand, it's fairly simple. For me, as long as the content is queer then I'm not so concerned about their sexual orientation or gender identity.

Next month we will have some more men on the site and their gender and sexual identities are blurry.

As a woman with an ambiguous gender, I tend to wonder why do you need to know one way or the other?

Just let it be.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/12/27 19:45

Bren, you're awesome just as you are. I wouldn't change anything about you or anyone else I've seen on your site.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by Geri - 2008/12/27 22:00

BrenRyder wrote:

As a woman with an ambiguous gender, I tend to wonder why do you need to know one way or the other?
Hi Bren :) If you're asking why do I need to know if someone I'm watching in porn is bi, gay or straight - I don't. I just want to know that they are enjoying whatever it is they are doing.

However I also detest being told obvious lies about the people I'm watching.

E.G.

This is from Sophee Dee's "Intimate, honest, real" interview on the LesbianFactor website:

quote

Q Do you ever have sex with a man?

A. No dick allowed here! Haha! I have girls and toys to satisfy myself and they are better than men! Ok I don't know much about sex with guys because I never tried but I'm 100% sure that lesbian sex is way better!

Q. Do you hide the fact that you're a lesbian?

A. Oh this question... I hate to know that some girls are hiding it. It's sad and frustrating. We're in an open society, lesbians in the past fought hard to be respected. I'm not someone like that, I really assume my gay-titude!

Well from what I've seen Sophee does seem to enjoy sex with women - and she also seems to enjoy sex with men.
<http://www.clubsohiedee.com>

I'd rather lesbianfactor offered a real interview with her telling me something that actually is intimate, honest and real about her sexuality - or no interview at all.

Many people would excuse tripe like this as "Entertainment" which shouldn't be taken seriously and say I'm just humourless. But the tripe actually gets disturbing for me when you see Sierra Sinn's (real name is Julie) fake interview:

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Q. Do you ever have sex with a man?

A. I've never been with a man sexually. I can't say that I'm not curious, but by watching porn I'm pretty sure that I won't really care for the experience. But hey, you never know, right?

Q. Do you hide the fact that you're a lesbian?

A. I actually love telling people that I'm gay. Sometimes, when I tell a girl, she looks at me with a fascination in her eyes that I just can't get enough of!

and you know that she has recently retired from porn, is very critical of it, and quite clearly did not enjoy a lot of the straight hardcore she got into making. I doubt she is gay, but I can't help feeling she'd have been a lot happier if she just stuck to doing girl-girl porn.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/12/27 22:27

Geri, I agree totally. If the site advertises honesty, I want honesty. It's important to me for some silly reason. Maybe I'm just humourless too, but I fail to see the humour value in outright lies.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by cand86 - 2008/12/27 22:45

I feel like I'm coming a little late to the conversation, but here's my two cents thrown in:

* A lot of this seems to be caused by the confusion over the term 'dyke'. Is it a synonym for 'lesbian'? Or does it have some broader meaning about general queerness? Indeed, in our world of today's blurred gender lines, even the word 'lesbian' is hotly contested- is the woman who occasionally sleeps with men but has always identified as a lesbian a liar? Or confused/in denial? It seems to be a debate characterized by semantics.

* "The notion that lesbian porn made for men just features str8 women pretending to be lesbian is very simplistic and naive." I agree wholeheartedly with this sentiment. I'd even go further and say that there's a lot of lesbian porn made for WOMEN that features authentic bisexual or lesbian stars . . . and it still manages to come off as "fake" and disingenuous. It has less to do with the stars, and more to do with the directors and the intended audience (men, or straight women who get a thrill from fantasizing about lesbian sex) who are buying into these fantasies. It's like Lorelei Lee said in the documentary on Pink & White Productions . . . she's done "that type" of porn as well as the authentic stuff. Girls who, under the have-sex-the-way-you-want-to mantras of Bren and Shine, would come across instantly as lesbian or bisexual can still look incredibly inept and fake if it's directed to create a specific mood and look.

* I love interviews as well. I like lots and lots of personality to come through my models, and interviews help to create that and make me feel closer to the model. I care about her pleasure and enjoyment when I know a bit about her.

* I don't presume to know whether or not a model is lying or the website is lying to make her seem more attractive to those who would fetishize her lesbianism. I do doubt most of what I read, but I'm not about to declare it all to be untrue. For all I know, some women do only do B/G for pay. Most porn, after all, is acting.

* As irksome as it is, I understand the creation of fake identities. It's for a fantasy. My enjoyment of Sean Cody, for example, would probably go right down the drain if they're profiles and interviews went along the lines of "Yeah, I'm really gay." or, conversely "Yeah, I'm straight, and this whole experience disgusted me, but I needed the money." I still know it's all bunk, but it does help me to suspend my disbelief a bit. Advertising it as real and honest is a lie, but I guess I've been trained to expect it in porn. Which is why the real, authentic stuff DOES stand out so much and catch my interest.

* I do still think it's possible for a site representing bisexual and lesbian women to only show lesbian sex. I'm glad that GDP shows that and more, though. And I'm totally looking forward to more boys on the site!

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by ShyDaniel2112 - 2008/12/27 22:58

Welcome back to the party, Cand!

Authenticity is hot, pure and simple. Jenna Jameson ain't got nothing on Bren Ryder.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by la_dissonance - 2009/01/24 00:57

This is a really fascinating question! Just read the entire thread, and there are some very cool thoughts going on here.

When I think about what does or does not belong in dyke porn, it's definitely about an aesthetic. If all the individuals involved in the scene are setting out to create dyke porn, and have their own concept of what that means for them, then

they'll probably succeed, even if some of the individuals happen to have male bodies.

It's also about how the man self-identifies - if a man wants to be in dyke porn (as opposed to fake 'lesbian' porn that caters to straight male fantasies), then he probably belongs there.

To me, dyke porn is something created by dykes, for the enjoyment of other dykes, not necessarily something where every single model in every scene self-identifies as a dyke. I totally agree with what arianna and others brought up about 'shopping' - even if I'm not personally into guys dressing in lingerie and getting buggered up the arse by women in strap ons (which I am, by the way - omg hot!), someone else surely will be. The more different things there are, the more likely someone will find something they like.

I am totally in love with this site and it is uncountably many kinds of awesome. Um yeah I just had to say that! *g* Never have I found such a delightful array of queer sexuality all in one place.

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Re:Do Men Belong In Dyke Porn?

Posted by BrenRyder - 2009/01/24 14:39

Welcome to the board, la_dissonance.

I'm totally with you on your perspective on what "belongs" and what makes something dyke porn.

You are definitely one of the people that "get it".

I'm delighted that you say you love this site. That's important to me.

love,
Bren

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