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The legendary Seka looks back on a groundbreaking life in the business, in *Inside Seka: The Platinum Princess of Porn*.

We'd be willing to bet a premium subscription to this magazine's hard-core website that you, gentle reader, need no introduction to Seka. One of the most iconic XXX performers of all time, she struck a singular presence with her platinum-blond hair, two-syllable moniker, and "all-in" performances. As she writes in her new memoir, *Inside Seka: The Platinum Princess of Porn*, "I made it look real because, for me, it was real. I got into it."

We spoke to the retired legend recently about her early family life—her mother flew the coop when Seka was eight—her career milestones, Ron Jeremy's unique talents, and her beloved Chicago Cubs.



Despite some rough patches in your childhood, you've always been pretty self-possessed. You've never been coerced into doing anything, and you even went to Capitol Hill in the eighties and called Attorney General Edwin Meese "Eddie."

Where does that quality come from?
[Laughs] I sure did. I don't know where it comes from. I've always been a pretty self-assured person and stood up for myself because I guess I had to. I think it's a survival instinct, and when you stand up for yourself all of your life, it just becomes part of your nature.

Did your mom ever reappear in your life?

Yes, she did. I bought her a home in Florida. She was my mother; I loved her, but it doesn't mean that I like what she did.

What do you think of the business now, with the rise of the internet?

I think the internet has helped quite a bit, and I think it has hurt quite a bit, too, because there's a lot of stuff out there that people don't have to pay for. I don't think that helps our business. And you have a lot of amateur people that put stuff up for free, and that hurts us.

Are there any performers who stand

out to you now?

The last performer who really stood out to me was Jenna Jameson.

How much do you think your name—just the one word, Seka—helped establish your brand?

I think it's helped tremendously. After I chose that name, I read that names with a "k" sound in them were catchier, that they stuck in people's minds more, which was not something I knew at the time.

It was a very spur-of-the-moment decision to call yourself that.

That was the name that came to mind when they asked me if I wanted to use my real name or something else. I used to know a person by that name; she was a beautiful girl from Sweden. And I just said, "I don't know, use the name 'Seka.'"

A similar thing happened with your signature platinum-blond look—you kind of came upon that by accident, too.

Yes, that was a mistake with coloring my hair.

That's two pretty happy accidents for you.

Maybe it was fate in the process of working.

You mention in the book that you never slept with anyone you didn't want to. How rare was that in your day?

I don't think any of us in my day slept with people we didn't like. Because there weren't that many of us around and we were all friends.

John Holmes said that you were his favorite costar. Who was your favorite costar?

John was one of my favorite costars. Also Randy West, Jamie Gillis, and Mike Ranger.

What qualities make a good lover?

Are you talking about in the business or out of the business, or both?

Both.

Knowing what you're doing, for one thing [laughs]. But ... having a sense of humor, being in touch with the other person, engaging with that person, whether it's unspoken or spoken. Just being able to communicate with the other person.

In one photo caption in the book you call Paul Reubens, aka Pee-wee Herman, the greatest lover you ever

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had. Was that tongue-in-cheek, or was that for real?

No, that was tongue-in-cheek.

I thought Pee-wee was going to get some props there.

Well, I absolutely adore Pee-wee. He's a really nice—Paul Reubens is a really nice human being. He's a very sweet individual.

A talented, funny guy, too.

Yes, he is.

Speaking of talented and funny, there's a scene in the book where you meet Ron Jeremy for the first time.**Can you tell our readers about what happened?**

[Laughs] That was in the movie *Inside Seka*—and I was doing an oral scene with, I think, three other guys. Ron wanted to join in, and I just looked at him and said, "Go blow yourself." And he did. So I made them cut the action that we were doing, because I just wanted to see somebody be able to do that. And he did. Now *there's* a talented man.

Music comes up a lot in the book. What have you been listening to lately?

My favorite world rock 'n' roll band is the Rolling Stones. Favorite U.S. band is Aerosmith. I also like Bruce Springsteen. I just love really good rock 'n' roll. I like jazz, like Michael Bublé. And some country.

You met Ronnie Wood at a Stones concert in Chicago once. How did that come about?

We were backstage where they always had food and games, and it was a beautiful summer evening. Ronnie Wood's wife at the time came up to me and said, "Ronnie just loves you

to pieces, and I've never been able to see him speechless about anything. Would you walk up and say hello and give him a kiss on the cheek?" I said, "Sure." So I did, and he was speechless, and his wife was pleased.

You spent much of your life in Chicago, and you're a big baseball fan. So ... Cubs or White Sox?

I'm a Cubs fan, absolutely! I will always be a Cubs fan.

That is a tough lot in life, to always be a Cubs fan.

I'm also a Cardinals fan, so ...

Oh, okay. They win pretty regularly so ... you've got that going. But are we going to see a Cubs World Series in our lifetime?

Well, I don't know how old you are, but probably not in my lifetime.

[Laughs] That's spoken like a true Cubs fan.

[Laughs] You gotta love 'em. When I lived in Chicago I was a North Side girl; I could walk to the ballpark.

Then you'll appreciate this—I know a guy who named his kid Waveland.

Really?


Is that a curse, or what?

No, I don't think so.

Maybe it's optimistic.

Well, if you're going to be a Cubs fan, you have to be optimistic.

You once inadvertently gave Maurice White of Earth, Wind & Fire what he called the nicest compliment he's ever heard. What's the nicest compliment you've ever received?

"Will you marry me?" From my husband of today. 

**Inside Seka: The Platinum Princess of Porn**

By Seka, with Kerry Zukus

Seka's life story may not be Norman Rockwell's idea of the American Dream, but it certainly is one version of that cherished mythos. Born Dorothea Patton to a working-class family in Radford, Virginia, she endured some tough stretches in her childhood, including being deserted by her mother at age eight, and a five-year stint in a children's home, where she contracted spinal meningitis and had to undergo three spinal taps. In her engaging memoir, she charts her journey from those humble beginnings to Miss Hopewell (Virginia) High School of 1971 to star of *Ultra Flesh* and *Inside Seka*—among some 200 hard-core titles—and a level of fame that transcended the industry. She details her first marriage (at age 18, still a virgin), her stint running a string of adult bookstores, her start in the industry, and tête-à-têtes with celebrities, including Matt Dillon, Dolph Lundgren, and the late Sam Kinison, with whom she had a drug-fueled romance in 1986. Her resilience and self-assurance are front-and-center throughout.