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## PENTHOUSE PIZZAZZ

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From top: Writer Candace Bushnell the cover of her latest book.

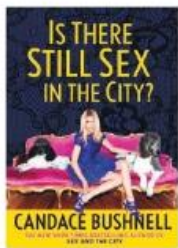
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PASSING THROUGH  
**Sex TALK**

Author **Candace Bushnell** is back in the literary spotlight with *Is There Still Sex in the City?* (\$26, Grove Atlantic), a story about six female friends navigating the world of relationships that's filled with Bushnell's satirical commentaries on the dating habits of middle-aged men and women. As she prepares for her Miami visit to promote the book, we couldn't help but wonder...

**One of the main themes in this book is the elusive pursuit of youth. How extreme are middle-aged women these days in that regard?** Honestly, not more extreme than anyone else in society. The biggest clients of Botox are 20-somethings. **Tell us about the Mona Lisa treatment.** Well, it's a laser used inside your vagina to restore elasticity, and it's pretty much the same thing people use in their face to restore collagen and thickness. I heard of a man who had gotten his wife the treatment and it worked really well until she realized she wanted a younger partner. **Another main theme in the book is female friendships. What**

**have you learned about this over the years? That you have to be real and make time.** Women lose touch with their friends when they get married and have kids, and this book is about women coming back together. **You're visiting Miami later this month. What are your memories of the city?** Well, they're not memories. I come to Miami quite a bit. My boyfriend has a place there. I love the boardwalk on South Beach and Joe's Stone Crab, of course. It's a great city. **Many years ago, there was a party here in which you famously jumped into the pool fully dressed. Do you recall that?** [Laughs] Oh, yes, that was a party for my book *Four Blondes* at the home of Brian...



Brian Antoni! I definitely remember it. Those were the wild days. That was a fun night. **Sept. 19, 6pm, Center Courtyard, Bal Harbour Shops, 9700 Collins Ave., Bal Harbour, 305.866.0311; Sept. 20, 5:30pm, Books & Books, 265 Aragon Ave., Coral Gables, 305.442.4408, candacebushnell.com** —LRR

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