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Thursday, December 29, 2005

Happy New Year To Everyone

I've been out of town, and I'm going out of town, again tonight. I want to wish all my readers a fantastic new years eve and a hopeful, happy new year in 2006. I will be back, blogging about the things that matter to adults, everywhere. Feel free to add a COMMENT and let me know the types of things that matter to you!

I am not making a new years' resolution before the stroke of midnight, 2005. I always make resolutions but then forget about them the minute the champagne bottles have been placed in the recycle bin.

No, this year, I'm just planning to be the best person I can be without having to make promises I can't keep, and that's the only resolution I'm going to "own" as the year draws to a close.

What's ahead for 2006? Well, when it comes to the Advice Sisters, my web sites <http://www.advicesisters.net> and <http://www.advicesisters.com> are going to have a new look in the coming months. My quarterly What Works Beauty Reviews <http://www.advicesisters.net/whatworkscol3.html> are going to become MONTHLY starting in January. I'll be adding give-aways and other things as well! The Advice Sisters Enews (zine) will begin again, as long as my service provider doesn't yank my domain and web site as they did the last time I sent it out, claiming I spammed someone (no one getting the zine is on the mailing list unless they signed up for it, so I know it was just a false claim to extort money from me--see earlier posts about Godaddy.com on this blog for the details). I will also be getting OFF GOdaddy.com as soon as I can manage an efficient and smooth transition.

As to myself? I am hoping to see sales of my latest book soar. That's the Everything Dating Book 2nd Edition (adams media 2005). If you would like me to visit your home town to do a reading, a book signing, or appear on your local radio or television show, please do me the courtesy of letting the good folks who handle these things, know you want me to visit. If they ask, I WILL come (and thanks in advance for your interest and support). I am also hoping to finally get some of the chaos of my life in check. I am

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Alison Blackman Dunham, aka. "Advice Sister Alison," is a beauty, lifestyles and advice expert. "The Advice Sisters®" are credited with bringing the advice genre online more than 16 years ago. The Advice Sisters online publications includes a web site, a blog, a free, bi-monthly subscription Enews, and bulletin boards. Alison's bi-monthly "What Works" Beauty, Cosmetics & Fashion review columns have been online for more than a decade. Check out all the Advice Sisters have to offer by visiting <http://www.advicesisters.net/>

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told by those wiser (and older) than me that life only gets more chaotic and complicated as you chalk up more years. I don't know if that's really true for everyone, but it does seem to be true, for me.

And for you? What hopes do you hold dear for the new year? Please leave a comment, and share your hopes and goals for 2006. When you do so, it makes them more real and brings you one step closer to accomplishing them.

Happy New Year to Everyone!
ALISON aka. "Advice Sister Alison"

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Friday, December 09, 2005

Immortality, in a Bookstore

If you read this blog often, you know I am a full-time writer. Apart from the Advice Sisters web sites and freelance articles for other publications, online and off, I've had the honor of being a published book author a few times. My first book, which I co-wrote with my twin sister, Jessica Blackman Freedman, was Recruiting Love - Using the Business Skills You Have To Find The Love You Want (Cyclone Books, 2998). I have also been a contributing author to: How To Survive Dating by Mark W. Bernstein (Hundreds of Heads Books, Inc., 2004) and: The Last Job Search Guide You'll Ever Need - How to Find and Get the Job or Internship of Your Dreams (Astonishing Job Search Secrets Of The Most Experienced...Most Knowledgeable...And Most Respected Career Experts In The World) compiled by Steven J. Rothberg (CollegeRecruiter.com Books, 2002). I've also written and published a number of self-help E-books on social behavior, singles & dating, and job hunting.

I've done book signings, speeches and other events, but it never ceases to thrill me when I walk into a bookstore and see my book on the shelf with my name on it!

My latest book, The Everything Dating Book 2nd Edition (Adams Media, December 2005) written by yours truly, Alison Blackman Dunham of The Advice Sisters, has finally hit the bookstores shelves this past week. I walked into a large bookstore in New Jersey (a Barnes & Noble, I think, or perhaps it was a Borders). Anyway, they were in the self-help/relationships section, a bunch of them with their spines facing outwards and Blackman Dunham on the spine.

A man came over and pulled on down to check it out. Another thrill.

Yesterday, I was on the Upper East Side of Manhattan and wondered into another bookstore. I went to find my book and couldn't, so I asked the "info" guy if there were any copies in the store. There were, but I couldn't find them. I told him that I was the author and just wanted to be sure that they were in the store.

Perhaps presenting yourself as an author when you are in a bookstore isn't that significant. After all, I am just one of literally thousands of men and women who have accomplished the same, thing and whose books reside in the shelves. But, it feels so wonderful to know that what I created will be

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helping others to live better, happier and more successful lives - it's a bit of immortality to have a book in a bookstore.

Some day, the Everything Dating Book 2nd Edition will be a dusty addition to a box of books at a yard sale, perhaps decades from now. Hopefully, someone will look at the cover, pick up the book, and make it come alive again for a new generation of men and women looking for the same thing human have always craved - someone to love them, and someone to love!

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