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## Face off

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Sex addict Tiger Woods has gone public with his new girlfriend – Olympic skier Lindsey Vonn. Is she crazy for trusting the world's most famous love rat ?



JESSE FINK, AUTHOR OF SEX MEMOIR LAID BARE

SHE has to go into the relationship trusting him because there's no point otherwise. She would think that perhaps he has sown all the wild oats he needs to sow and got all the sex he needs to get out of the way to actually commit to something more substantial than a carnal fling.

My only question would be is she good-looking enough to keep him satisfied? I know that sounds incredibly superficial but that's the way men think. They are visual creatures. This is a guy who was married to one of the hottest women in the world and if a man is going to get over a girl, he usually replaces her with someone better.

(Have you seen his new girlfriend?) Yeah, I just had a quick look and she's a little stockier than (his ex-wife) Elin Nordegren. She was a total babe so he completely screwed up there, but you never know. They say their romance began in friendship and that's essential in any good relationship.

(Can he change?) Yes. From my experience, I went through a divorce and went on this wild, casual sex, dating spree for a couple of years. I couldn't get enough (sex) to dull the pain but I'm at a stage now where it's not something I really even think about. I don't need to go out and try to pick up to get through a lonely weekend.

(Like Tiger, women know your sexual past because you wrote a book about it. Is that daunting?) Not really. In a perverse way it's almost an attraction for them. They think, "Oh, you're the guy who shagged 300 women in Sydney so let's see what you're all about". It's a curiosity for them. I don't find it a hindrance to dating.



Lindsey Vonn must believe she is the woman to tame a Tiger.



DR NIKKI GOLDSTEIN, SEXOLOGIST AND RELATIONSHIPS EXPERT

A LOT of people will say she's mental but at least his past is out in the open. She's seen the news. She knows what happened. When he was with his wife and had sexual urges for other women, maybe she wasn't aware of it. This time it's more of an honest relationship.

She would have to be 100 per cent sure about the relationship considering the publicity it will receive. You don't start dating Tiger Woods and not be sure. They probably had a long courtship and a lot of discussions before they came out publicly. She is going to cop a lot of flak from a lot of women because if he cheats on her, everyone will say "we told you so".

You would also want to have a healthy sexual appetite going into a relationship with Tiger Woods. You can obviously assume he's got a healthy sexual appetite so you would hope she has the same to match his needs. Maybe that was a factor with his wife. It may have been one of those things where if you're not feeding him at home, he's going to get it somewhere else.

(Can a Tiger change its spots?) I don't think a man can ever change but he can control his urges. He obviously didn't do that the first time around and he may still have a desire to bed every woman he sees but fantasy is a free space.

He's allowed to fantasise but there has to be control. Deep down inside he will always be a man who cheated but the right woman might help him control his urges.

If not though, it's great for my job (laughs). Between being asked to comment on Tiger Woods' sex addiction and *Fifty Shades of Grey*, I'm being kept in business.

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