Amusing. Seductive. Stimulating. We're talking about the Talmud? That's right. Take fifty actual Talmudic discussions, mix in pithy sayings (appropriate and inappropriate) by luminaries from Mae West and Amy Schumer to George Washington and Gandhi, add a few cartoons, and delighted and enlightened readers will come away with a new perspective on what the Talmudic sages say about our most intimate relationships. In this lighthearted, in-depth tour of sexuality within the Talmud, come eavesdrop at the first rabbis' locker-room door as they discuss every aspect of sexual relations--how, when, where, with whom--often in startlingly explicit fashion. Author Maggie Anton reveals how Jewish tradition is more progressive in many respects, and more bawdy, than one might think. The award-winning historical novelist's first foray into nonfiction is likely to leave her fans going OMG, WTF, and even LOL.

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Fifty Shades of Talmud (about sex?). Oy. What made Maggie Anton even think of this? A lovely, talented Jewish woman, creator of bestsellers (Rashiâ€™s Daughters; Rav Hisda) An observant daughter of the Hebrew Tribe? And who ever imagined she was this funny, this inquisitive and so
clever. I am so happy someone did. Folks have been singing àœ50 Ways to Leave Your Lover à• ever since Paul Simon - a nice Jewish boy (but not a doctor alas) wrote it and inspired men to à cembre new plan or drop off the key. In fact the term àœ50 Ways" has become vernacular in the last few decades - as shades of grey most recently. But rabbis and sages? Whoâ€™d have thought? And yet they thought about it a good deal and in at least 50 ways - as they compiled the Mishnah and Gemara and reaching - at times confusing - conclusions. You gotta read this one!!!! You donâ€™t even have to be Jewish (but it couldnâ€™t hurt). I started chuckling after I read the first page, blushing a little and then laughing out loud as Ms. Anton delved (is that the right word) into the close-up views and interpretations of sex between Jewish men and women in biblical times and - àœdoing it à•. They spent many years debating the subtitles and finer points of sex among Jews and the list of euphemisms is a ganzer gescheften. And it has remained so as this discussion has continued for centuries. Want to know about your Yetzer Hara and what to do about it if it gets out control? Or ask your wife to wear a nighty? No way. - that is how the conquering Persians did it and if a good Jewish husband asked for this - divorce was inevitable and a fine was paid to the wife. Makes rethink of a wedding joke about teeth. But you must trust me on this, there will be no more spoilers.
