

THE MODEL Book

a helpful guide to getting the most out of using models!

© 1998 Vancouver, Canada

written and illustrated by Jaleen Grove ... thanks to all the contributing models! in the studio!

There is very little published on how to use models: how to set up a room, pay them, + treat them.

This manual is meant to outline a general consensus for all to refer to when

unsure about model etiquette + accommodation. This is not a Rule Book but a depiction of a reality as models desire it more or less to be...



Author

Jaleen Grove has been a model since 1981 and an artist even longer... especially Gordon Roe

One main point models want to make is that their job is a specialized profession that requires experience, knowledge, and an "art" all its own. They want to be taken seriously and treated with respect...

SEVEN DEADLY STEREO TYPES from the widely incorrect world of pop culture:

"... PROSTITUTES IN THE PAST..."
Although some were, before 1830 (when women could finally pose legally) most models were artists' wives. After 1830 it was a profession taken up by anyone poor ~ often whole families worked as models in 19th century Paris.

"... LOOKING TO GET LAID..."

He must do it to pick up chicks. Nude is free, natural, beautiful.

NUDE=SEX

NOPE.

"... DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT ART..."

Actually, 2/3 of models are artists too, and they are quite knowledgeable from being in so many art classes.

"... MUST BE BEAUTIFUL..."

Oh you're so brave! I could never do that I'm too FAT!

All body types are wanted by artists. What is 'beautiful', any? how?

"... FEMALE MODELS ARE EXPLOITED BY MALE ARTISTS..."

...and I say... I demand... I will... or I won't work for you!
Yes yes
can't you hear the models laughing?

"... MALE MODELS ARE ALL GAY, FEMALE MODELS JUST CAN'T BE FEMINIST!"

Uh, WHY? exactly?
Yeah, why?

"... MODELLING IS JUST LIKE STRIPPING..."

No it isn't.
The purpose, action, + audience are nothing alike.
(And strippers make more money).

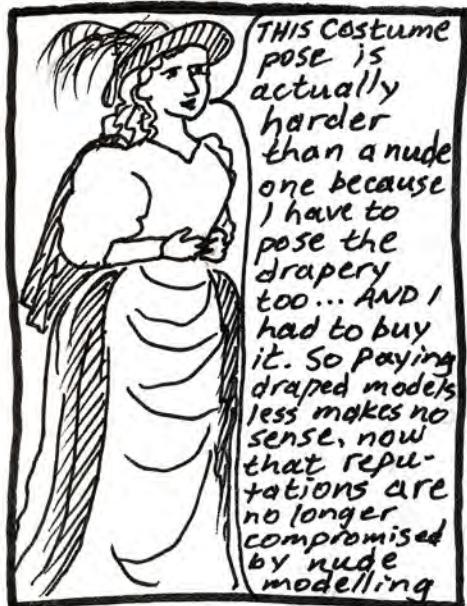
one thing...

sometimes models feel very isolated - ignored, even - because no-one talks to them. Models aren't without identity - get to know them and your pictures will gain life.





MONEY MATTER\$! &



PAY models the going rate ~ hire models who are worth it. Pay them more for long commutes, short sessions, or a cold room. Pay a kill fee if you don't use the model for the booked amount of time.



Considering how little a model may work at a given institution, making them participate in a DIRECT DEPOSIT scheme is REALLY UNFAIR! That's a lot of personal info to give out for irregular work ... AND there is often a bank service charge as well.

HEY models make an extra visit to pick up a cheque is INCONSIDERATE they can't afford the time wasted on their pay

Models are not the wealthiest of people.

I really need that now...

Be kind ... pay them as soon as you can.

(This means more than once a month)

If your photos are more commercial than artistic, must consider paying royalties more time as well as grooming, and creating many more poses for a relatively shorter session.

Did you KNOW...
many models report receiving \$10.00 an hour as the going rate in 1972 ... and it stayed there until about 1992!
Let's get the next raise sooner, huh?

models prefer CASH!

Many models model because they enjoy the artistic atmosphere and the meditative nature of the work FIRST and the money is SECOND. However, all professionals take their job VERY seriously, and expect to be respected as such, and be paid accordingly.

As of 1998 the going rate is a minimum of \$15.00 per hour in Vancouver, BC, Canada

"I hate it when they refer to my body derogatorily, as "your lumps," or "your carcass," or "your ass."

This page is about THINGS we WISH and THINK WOULDN'T HAPPEN, ... but sometimes DO... ... and what models say about it

VERY few models have been sexually harassed, so don't get the wrong idea here!

"... She was really bugging me... making jokes about SIZE ..."

"... there was this Creep who hired models from the group drop-in to use [on] at his studio. He touched a couple of them and Police were called. Everyone knew, but they let him keep coming ..."

"I don't like it when they call me 'honey' or 'sweetheart'."

"I was being harrassed by a student and when I complained to the management they said "What do you expect when you take your clothes off?" (!)

"The group gave out my phone number without asking..."

"He took his class to draw strippers, which made me worry his students would equate modelling with stripping..."

"... I felt violated by a person who only ever drew my buttocks, over + over..."

You often hear people compare life drawing to "drawing a bowl OF Fruit," meaning it is as unerotically charged as painting a still life...

"People assume I must be gay just because I'm a model and they won't hire me or any other male models..."

"... he asked if I'd SLEEP with him..."

"... the school brought a tour of non-artists through while I was busy posing..."

ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES

"IF I said that to her, I'd be in TROUBLE!"

"why thank you!"

"you have a great ASS!"

"... compliment his or her assets:

"... make naughty jokes or start conversations about sex:

"How shocking I hope no one molests me!"

"All right! The class is getting relaxed!"

"... but as we know, Fruit can be sensual too - it depends how the artist does it. Don't confuse what the artist SEES with who the model IS."

*The *IDEAL* set-up: *

Room temp at least 21°C

Try to put in toilet, chair, and hooks

Changeroom kept clean and not used for storage

Blinds on windows for privacy - no one likes peeping Toms!

Lock on changerom door for security of model's belongings

It is understood NO ONE enters the changerom when in use (YES it HAS happened) / models dislike

Note: MANY models dislike using the public washroom to change in. Try to put in a real changerom, or at least a folding blind in the corner

Spare robe

Do what you can to keep lamp from falling on model. Lay cord flat, weight down tripod

Use a real model stand, not a bed (unless it's integral to the heart) - beds are too squishy and unprofessional

Clean floor, props, and stand - really clean!

Stand is rock steady and has brakes on wheels

Please don't put models on folding tables

Stand covered with thin padding mat that does not slide around

ANOTHER HINT: If you change your stand or props, you'll get a whole new batch of fresh poses!

Assortment of pillows and drapery on hand

Heater elevated and in working order!

Extra heater

Stand is at least 5' long to accommodate striding and reclining poses