

Book Review

Robbins' book too sexy

By SUE MUTZEL
With his usual flair, Harold Robbins spins a plot around sex, drugs and a woman's search for identity in his latest best seller, "The Lonely Lady."
Robbins changes the story but not his racy style as he journeys through the mind of JeriLee Randall, a frustrated playwright, as she trades her body for the success that makes her independent in a man's world.
The book begins with an interest-

ing and well-written look into JeriLee's early search for identity and it ends in her riches to rags story.
From a successful Broadway actress to a topless dancer and prostitute, Robbins focuses on JeriLee's endless affairs with men, women and drugs as she falls to the depths of mental breakdown and then rises as the author of a bestseller.
Although at times Robbins becomes bogged down with focusing

on her bisexual affairs, the book is compelling and shocking as JeriLee discovers how to compete and succeed in today's society.
The sexual overtones defeat the plot at times. Robbins concentrates too much on sex and loses track of the story in several parts of the book.
It is easy reading, the story is good but not recommended for "G" audiences.

Kids try sex in different locations

By PATRICIA McCORMACK
United Press International
NEW YORK — "The pill" and working mothers apparently are setting sexually active teenagers free, according to a new nationwide study of the sex life of unmarried girls, age 15 to 19.
Thirty-five per cent of the girls have had sexual experiences, up from 27 per cent the last time teenage girls were studied — in 1971. More also are using the pill than ever before.
Most had both their first, and most recent, sexual intercourse in the boyfriend's home. The girl's place also is popular for trysting.
Dr. Melvin Zelnik, commenting on the study he conducted with Dr. John F. Kantner of Johns Hopkins University, told United Press International that mothers out working means large numbers of homes are unoccupied by adults during the day.
He speculated that such homes are preferred over lover's lanes, cars, and motels or hotels for many reasons.
"It's got a refrigerator, a bedroom, radio, hi fi and the price is right. Cheaper than a motel or hotel," Zelnik said.
Home as a trysting place also is safer than in a car parked in a lover's lane. Teen-age couples can't be molested by perverts or robbers.
From the 1940s to the 1960s cars

were known as bedrooms on wheels, because of amorous adventures that occurred in them, especially at drive-in movies.
The study, as well as the one in 1971, was supported by grants from the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development. Some \$200,000 from that source, plus some Ford Foundation money went into the most recent one.
In an interview in connection with publication of their report today in Family Planning Perspectives, a Planned Parenthood journal, the investigators said teenagers experience sex in greater numbers, at earlier ages and with more partners than at the beginning of the decade.
"But their knowledge of pregnancy risk and other fundamentals of sexuality remain poor overall, and, as in 1971, contraception is often not initiated until after an unplanned pregnancy has occurred," Zelnik said.
Nevertheless, the investigators found that twice as many girls in 1976 were using the pill or the intra-uterine device, the IUD, than in 1971.
The investigators from the Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health were asked if teen-age boys shouldn't feel slighted by this second study of sexual activity of teen-age girls. And is the study sexist — looking only at the girls?
It may be, according to Zelnik. He said the government did not have sufficient money to fund a study of boys either in 1971 or 1976. But he is hopeful that a study to be begun in 1978 will be sufficiently funded to include boys.
Why are such studies done, anyway?
"Curiosity," Zelnik said. "To find out what people do. Also, there is a societal concern about the consequences of behavior — such as teen-age pregnancies and out of

wedlock births. There are hardships.
As in any survey, how do the investigators know the teen-agers responding to their questions were telling the truth — and not staging a big put-on, something teen-agers do?
"Every survey has that problem," Zelnik said. "We can't verify 100 per cent."
P.S. The investigators report teen-age sexual activity peaked during the summer.

Week's work to help fish

By LISA COTROPIA
Adjusting from high school to college life is a major problem. Next year, Corps freshmen at Texas A&M University will find that transition easier.
A Corps orientation week was recently approved by Dr. Jack K. Williams, Texas A&M University president. The orientation will

begin Sunday night, August 21, and end Friday, August 26, at noon.
Freshmen usually come in on Friday with class starting three days later.
"During those days, they are so preoccupied with learning campusology and drill formations that they don't pay as much attention to their academics," Gen. Ormond R.

Simpson, assistant vice-president of student services, said recently.
He added, "By the time they realize that they need to catch up academically with everyone else, it's too late."
Some of the students become so discouraged and confused that they quit the Corps.
"Most students are sorry that they did quit and would like to get back in," Simpson said.
Mike Gentry, 1977-1978 Corps Commander, is in charge of the orientation.
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