





As a rule, we don't go to each other's sets if there's going to be kissing or anything like that. But the fact is, I know what it's like to kiss my costar, and it's not sexy. It doesn't matter who it is.

• Have you and Johnathon ever made out somewhere crazy?

[laughs] Well, we did some cuddling and canoodling at church.

■ Would you describe yourself as an outrageous person?

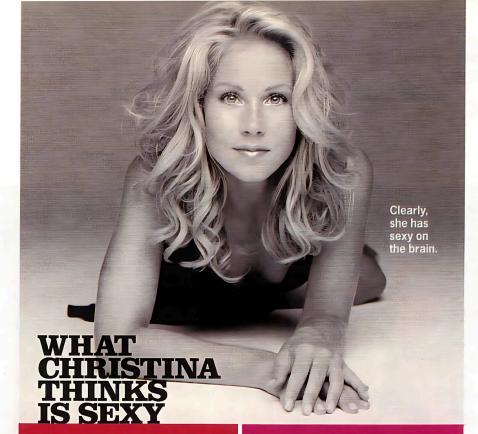
A No. I'm shy. I'm like a puppy. It just takes time for me to warm up to you—that's the way I've always been. My mom used to drop me off at the schoolyard, and I'd stand by myself. She'd watch me for 10 minutes, until I felt safe and eased my way into the group. Then the next thing you know, I'm leading all the gangs.

You've been in this business since you were a baby. What's the first acting gig you recall?

A I remember doing a radio campaign when I was 3 for Kmart. It was when Kmart first opened their photo shop, and I was Miss Goof Proof. I couldn't speak very well, so they would have to splice all my consonants together.

① Do you have any regrets about starting to work when you were so young?

A Well, I think it's a lot of pressure when you're a kid and you're out there in the public eye. You're probably not mentally developed enough to handle the scrutiny of the entertainment industry. I think it would help to become a stronger and fuller person before people start poking at you in such a public way.



"The feeling when you have a massage, then you go into the steam room and take a shower. To be that clean and relaxed is the sexiest thing in the world."

"Exercise makes me feel sexy. Spinning, I think, is one of the sexiest exercises you can do. You sweat and there's rhythm."

"A really tight high-waisted '40s skirt with a really sweet, beautiful spaghetti-strap tight top."

"Really high wrap-around, opentoe strappy sandals"

"There's something about getting into bed at night when the sheets are clean. We have this huge feather bed. To slide in there at night is sexy."

"There's a song called "Simply Beautiful," by Al Green, which is sort of an obscure one. It's one of the sexiest songs I've heard in my entire life."

• How did you handle that?

A The character Kelly on *Married*... With Children was so confident in her clothes, yet I wasn't confident with my body. I was just a kid. So I think I went through a weird time when I was younger. I'm more comfortable in my skin now than I ever have been. Now I don't care if I have stuff hanging over.

② Did acting ever prevent you from having a normal life?

A I went through some things that I don't think I ever dealt with because I was busy

working and I just had to pull myself up by my bootstraps and be on time.

Like what?

A I don't feel comfortable talking about most of it with anyone, but I was in an abusive relationship. I'm okay admitting that now, 10 years later, and saying that I don't think I've ever really dealt with the emotional repercussions of it. It's interesting to look at that and wonder why it happened and move on from it. But I'm okay. I'm in a good place right now. I feel pretty darn good.