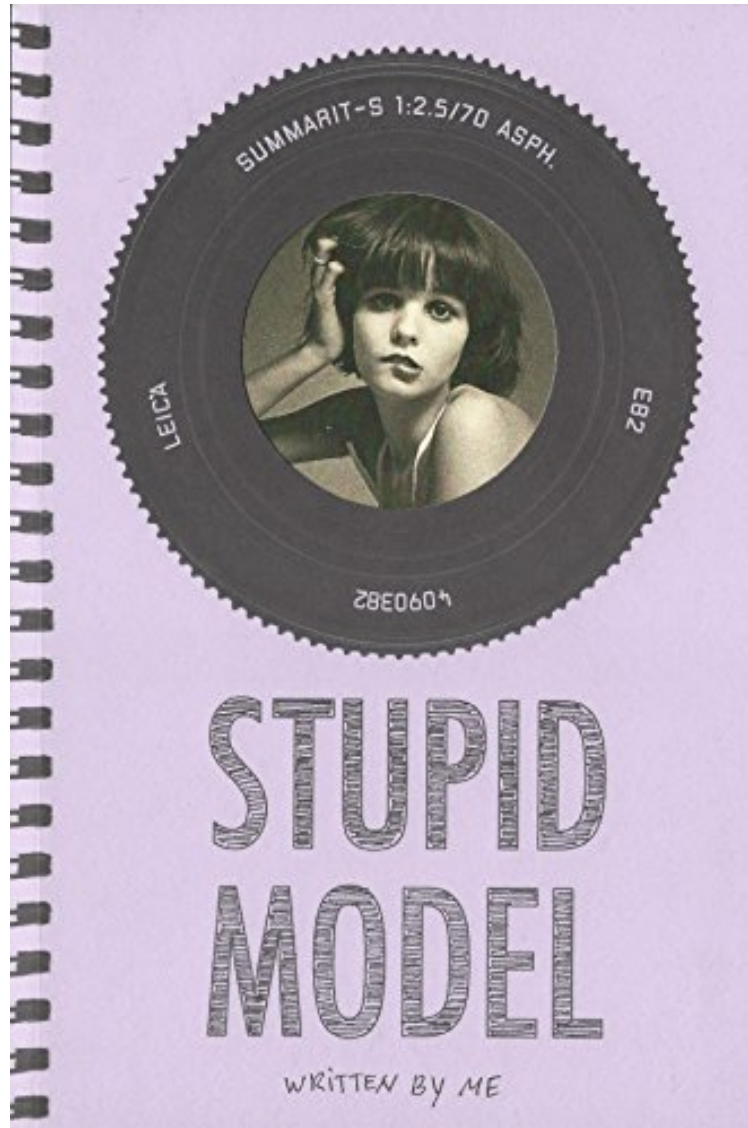


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Barbara de Vries : Stupid Model before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Stupid Model:

1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Should be required reading for shine contemplating a career in fashion or modelingBy Murphy SheaDeceptively well-written, Barbara de Vries' STUPID MODEL is mostly memoir with a thin fictional overlay, detailing her early career as a model in the 1980's. Alas, the fundamental misogyny of the fashion industry and culture at large have not changed much in the intervening 30 years. Models were then - as they are now and likely will be forever - simultaneously deified, lusted after, exploited and despised.1 of 1 people found the

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Sally Skidmore I am absolutely devouring every word; laughing out loud on the subway while reading Stupid Model.
Barbara is a really smart, funny and insightful writer, and there is strong commentary about the culture of fashion,
modeling, sexism and bitchiness that is framed in the most amusing way. The book's design alone makes it a treasure. I
will probably never loan out this book, as whomever borrows will never give it back. It's that special. 1 of 1 people
found the following review helpful. A remarkable book
By Wendy E. Townsend I had a blast reading Stupid Model! I
fell in love with seventeen-year-old Bee right away –she's a self-respecting girl in a profession where that's very hard
to do. You can flip to the end of the book and see the Cosmo cover –we know Bee makes it—it's a page-turner,
nevertheless. But I lingered on the pages, returned to them, because each one has drawings and photos collage-and-
scrapbook-style that create a memoir of the author's spirit, desires, and career as a fashion designer. Her choice of
images and strong writing transported me right into the mood and feel of Bee's wild ride. Bee's story shows how
essential it is –and doable, if you stay true to yourself— to take possession of our dreams and to persevere when others
try to knock us off course. From the start she takes her professional goals seriously, and she employs her own assets to
gain economic independence –what could be more feminist? And what could be more feminist than taking great
pleasure in putting on beautiful clothes you've designed, and putting your style out there for all to see! As the Athleta
campaign puts it, "Power to the She". What could be more timely. At the end of the book, the author reaches back in
time to her young self, and to all women as she acknowledges our culture's "pressures and insecurities around beauty
–what we 'should' look like". She says, "The great thing about getting older is realizing that we are all so very
beautiful. Just as we are."

Written and illustrated by Barbara de Vries, a former model who is best known as the design director who created the
CK collections for Calvin Klein, *Stupid Model*, set in the sexist and feminist seventies, is as modern as *Nasty Woman*.
When seventeen-year-old Dutch model Bee Berger arrives in Paris she finds herself face to face with Janice
Dickinson, who tells her Yo Dutch, I'm a supermodel and you're just another Stupid Model. It's all downhill from there
as horny men constantly try to talk her out of her clothes, from photographer Jean Loup Sieff who is casting an Yves
Saint Laurent campaign to the couturier Courreges who kicks her out when Bee rebels and fights back. After an
ignominious start in Paris, Bee is sent to Australia to compete in an ill-fated modeling competition and ends up alone
below Sydney Bridge with a wealthy but creepy hotel developer, who takes her passport away, dresses her in
provocative designer clothes and claims that she needs his protection. Unlike most model memoirs, *Stupid Model*
takes a satirical inside look at the fashion world, where young women are treated like mere things that can be groped,
used and abused without recourse. Bee enters this world with enthusiasm, faith and naiveté as well as a healthy dose of
Dutch feminist righteousness that gets her both in and out of trouble. She blunders from one drama to the next while
trying to fit in, acting stupid and taking her top off as needed, until she's had enough and plots her way to
independence. Fun, ironic, brutally honest, adventurous, introspective, and hilarious, *Stupid Model* is a roller coaster
of emotions that will make the reader laugh out loud.

I found Barbara on the cover of a really old 19 Magazine, and she was such a cute model! --Kate Moss, supermodel I
love the part where Bee is getting on the boat with Jimmy she's his hostage, really and she flirts with one of the
caterers and Jimmy says, Don't flirt with the hired help. It's low class. And Bee says, But dear Higgins, I am low class.
De Vries included a hysterical drawing of a hand rising out of the water flipping the bird beside a photo of the author
smiling, and the words flirting with the hired help. --Inspicio Magazine, by Wendy Townsend
Former model Barbara de Vries, the author of *Stupid Model*, tells us what it's like to be at the beck and call of designers. Despite being the
supposed ideal of beauty for women around the world, she was constantly ridiculed about her looks, and her food
intake was strictly monitored. --NPR, All Things Considered
About the Author Barbara de Vries began her fashion
career as a model in Amsterdam, Paris, Australia and London working for Vogue, Cosmo, Avenue, Yves Saint
Laurent, Zandra Rhodes, Razzamatazz, and many others. She went on to study fashion in London and started her own
post-punk collection in the mid-eighties. She moved to New York in the early nineties and, as Senior Design Director
at Calvin Klein, designed and launched the CK collections, using models Kate Moss and Mark Wahlberg as the iconic
faces of CK. In the last two decades de Vries's design career has evolved from fashion design to publishing, editing,
writing and designing books on architecture, lifestyle, art and design. As a designer she always kept journals and
Stupid Model is filled with her fashion drawings, sketches, collages and photographs. Barbara now lives in Miami
Beach and Milford PA with her husband and three daughters. *Stupid Model*, an illustrated work of fiction based on
actual events, is de Vries's first full length book and she is currently working on a memoir of her days at Calvin Klein.