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GROSS MISCONDUCT

MY YEAR OF EXCESS IN THE CITY

By Venetia Thompson

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It was described as the longest career suicide note in history. Venetia Thompson known to her city stockbroker colleagues as 'air bags' or 'posh bird' penned a satirical article for *the spectator* revealing the truth behind what really goes on in the city and in doing so painted a picture of greed, senseless drinking, casual racism and sexism.

You could say it was a tell-all story, except she didn't tell all- she saved the whole story for the book *Gross Misconduct* which is the full, unexpurgated tale of a city.

Venetia had spent a year revelling in the excesses of city life, she had quickly become addicted to the adrenalin of the mad, macho world of London's City traders during its recent boom and the dawning of the credit crunch- this all came to a head and as easily as she'd slipped into the life, she was catapulted back out when fired for gross misconduct following the article's publication.



Working as one of only a few female inter-dealer bond brokers, the blonde ex-public school girl had thrown herself headlong into a 'work hard, play hard' culture of extravagance. Determined not to be bullied by the brash Essex wide boys and Alpha males around her, she partied with as much gusto as her colleagues, taking all the life offered: the £900 bottles of wine, the six-hour lunches, the days out at Cartier Polo, the Champagne-fuelled nights at lap-dancing clubs, the Chanel handbags and the meaningless sex.

Since lifting the lid on her company, Venetia has swapped city life for media life and carved a career for herself as a journalist.

Venetia Thompson is a regular contributor to The Spectator, The Daily Beast and broadsheet newspapers. She is 25, studied Russian at UCL and now writes full time.

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