

## BOOK SYNOPSIS

***My Inflatable Friend: The Confessions of Rollo Hemphill*** by Gerald Everett Jones

A car jockey at a luxury resort hotel, youthful hacker-turned-slacker Rollo devises a screwball scheme for making his girlfriend jealous. He dresses up a life-sized sex doll to look like a famous soap star and drives it around town, stopping conspicuously at celebrity hangouts. The tabloids pick up on the “romance” and confront the real star with their candid photos—blurred shots at 60 mph. To everyone’s surprise, especially our hero’s, the star *admits* to the affair—to conveniently cover up her kinky liaisons with her secret lover, a famous politician.

To complicate matters, the gorgeous star summons Rollo and makes an indecent proposal: Live in her beach house and take a job as a top-forty deejay to give some class to their pretend relationship—and continue to be seen with the rubber lady anytime she and her lover need a cover story.

Through this silly but magical ruse, our hero gets everything he’s dreamed about—a celebrity job as a drive-time shock-jock, a wardrobe from Armani, use of the luxurious Malibu beach house, and a shiny red sports car. What he can’t possibly get is *any sex at all*—or the one girl he really wants. She thinks he’s a gigolo and a phony, but he can’t tell her the truth or she’ll know he’s just a jerk whose only friend in the world is a life-sized sex toy. To get his genuine heart’s desire, he must admit to her that his prank was a mistake, undo its hurtful consequences and help the star retire gracefully from show business, and make some sobering decisions about what’s really important in life.

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