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# A Random Sampling of Butches

*Eight Questions Asked of Ten Butch Women*

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**I**F I'd had an eternity to edit this book, I would have done full-length interviews with every butch woman I'd ever met, replete with personal histories, philosophies and juicy details. Daunted, but not deflated, by the reality of an eventual deadline, I abridged my full-length interview fantasy and called around to my butch friends – a wildly diverse lot, spanning the range of age, race, sexual preference and geographic regions – to do this anonymous, quickie, “just the facts” survey. Brief, but nonetheless informative. Think of it as an essentially topical look into some essential topics.

## MY BUTCH ROLE MODEL ...

“James Dean.” Yes! *Johnny Depp*

“Jean-Claude Van Damme in *Hard Target*. OK, so he's a big, greasy macho guy, but with that haircut (spiked on the top, long in the back), he looks just like a dyke. Handles a weapon like one, too!”

“My Dad. He's the strong silent type, and so am I, for better or for worse.”

“My Dad. He's a fag, and by being out, he has taught me to be honest about who I am.”

“Faggots.”

“Grace Jones. She's the butch version of Arsenio Hall.”

"My aunt Pat. She was the first dagger I ever knew. Too bad she died before I came out as butch."

"Marlon Brando in *The Wild Ones*."

"The Fonz from 'Happy Days.' He inspired my Neanderthal side."

"The butches from the earlier part of this century. Their courage and style are impressive."

### BUTCH FASHION MUSTS...

"Levi's 501 jeans."

"White tee-shirt."

"Tuxedo, if you're a glamour butch."

"Black leather boots."

"A little red dress, just to keep people on their toes." X perhaps mine on the floor.

"Black leather jacket."

"A well-pressed dress shirt."

"A dark suit."

"Boxer shorts. Plaid cotton for casual, silk for makin' whoopie."

"Chaps." white muscle shirts - hottt!

### BUTCH FASHION CRIMES...

"Leisure suits."

"Anything pink." - Except ~~Gender~~ Pink !!

"Ruffled dress shirts."

"Plaid golf shorts."

"Bell-bottoms."

"Girls' clothes."

"Polyester."

"Men's - or women's - thong bikini underwear." Definitely wrong

"Birkenstocks." ~~OMG~~ - Bull Dukes

"Spandex tights, except for sports."

### COOL BUTCH NAMES...

"Terry, Randy, Sid, Lou, Mel. Anything that could be for a man or woman or can be shortened to a man's name."

"Rex."

"Javier."



"Just using initials is nice... J.B., R.J., etc."

"Jake."

"Mike."

"Spike."

"Butch."

"Ace."

"Charlie."

### BAD BUTCH NAMES...

"Egbert. No explanation needed."

"Roger."

"Francis. Too soft."

"Dick."

"Butch. Too obvious."

"Sir Clitressa."

"Sue."

"Orville."

"Dude."

"Barney."