

Sandi Toksvig: Friends of Dorothy video transcript

[Audio: Ode To Joy by Ludwig van Beethoven]

The video opens with a number of books on a shelf out of focus. The blurriness clears to reveal a book spine with the title, The Woman's Book – Contains Everything A Woman Ought To Know.

The next clip shows comedian Sandi sat reading a book. Her finger covers part of the book title which therefore reads, Images You Should Not Masturbate To. The camera pans out to show Sandi, still reading, sat in a leather chair surrounded by books.

“Oh no, that's all kinds of wrong.”

The camera pans out to show Sandi, still reading, sat in a leather chair surrounded by books. She looks above the book and speaks to camera, folding the book and placing it down.

“Oh hello, I'm touring again this autumn with my show Friends of Dorothy and I'm compiling some of the edifying books I'll be exploring in the show.”

As she says this, she picks up the book she was reading and quickly shows this to camera before placing it down once more.

The camera cuts to a side profile of Sandi.

“Writing a book takes quite a long time and I'm often amazed at what some writers are willing to devote their hours to.”

As Sandi speaks, the footage cuts to the book cover for 'Make Your Own Sex Toys: 50 Quick and Easy Do-It-Yourself Projects', followed by Sandi holding another book titled, 'Book of Blank Maps with Instructions'.

The camera once again shows a wide profile of the room with Sandi sat talking to camera ahead of closer shot where she points to camera.

“As well as fascinating and infamous stories about books and writers we'll play some silly games for which there are excellent prizes.”

The camera cuts to a side profile of Sandi. As Sandi speaks, the footage pans to another wide shot of the room as Sandi speaks to camera.

“There'll be a quickfire Q&A when you get to ask me questions of serious or not serious import.”

The camera cuts to a side profile of Sandi once again, as she continues to speak.

“We'll conclude with a mass conducting of Beethoven's 'Ode to Joy'.”

Footage cuts to Sandi as she enthusiastically conducts.

“...and there'll be some sidebars of course.”

Sandi is sat in a room full of books once more talking to camera ahead of the footage cutting to a side profile as she continues to discuss the show.

“...including an investigation into which members of the animal kingdom are truly Friends of Dorothy.”

Sandi continues to speak as the footage cuts back and forth from a wide to a side profile.

“I’ll be touring to theatres in September and October. I hope to see you on the road.”

As the music comes to a crescendo, Sandi can once again be seen conducting. As the music stops, we see a close-up of Sandi’s hand.

The video cuts to a graphic which has a photograph of Sandi and the following copy:

Sandi Toksvig: Friends of Dorothy

‘Warm, witty, and wise’ Graham Norton

‘A breath of fresh air...lots of fun’ The Times

Touring September and October 2025.

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