

## Need to know now! GOOD NEWS



## Sometimes A KISS is more than just a kiss

Rissing can help you lose weight, make you look younger, improve your skin and reduce PMS! Those are the amazing claims from the new book *Kissing:*Everything You Ever Wanted to

Know About One of Life's Sweetest Pleasures (Perigee Trade, 2006). Author Andréa Demirjian has researched not only the health benefits of kissing but also kissing techniques around the



world and provides advice on how to be irresistibly kissable.

Demirjian is an advertising and marketing executive who decided to turn her long-time obsession with kissing into a perfect gift for Valentine's Day book. It's a fun read but don't get set on the idea of losing weight by kissing: Demirjian reveals you burn two to six calories a minute when kissing, so at best it would take a nonstop 10 hour smooth fest to lose a pound!

While that may not be practical advice, the book is filled with interesting facts. For example, Demirjian discovered that 92 percent of us close our eyes while kissing and reveals why.

Clearly, this is not a book to kiss off!

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## Women do get BETTER WITH AGE

recent survey conducted by Talbots clothing stores and the Opinion Research Corporation found that women are looking and feeling better every day. A study of 724 American women ages 35 and up, found that 86 percent of women ages 35 to 44 say they look as good or better than they did in their high school yearbook photo. Sixty-nine percent feel younger on average, at least 10 years younger - than their actual age. And 59 percent are more confident with their fashion sense than they were 10 years ago.



ree's a wake-up call for those who fall asleep when they shouldn't: self-administered acupressure treatments to stimulate points on your legs, feet and hands can help keep

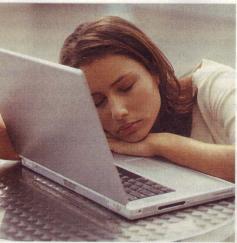
you alert.
Researchers
at the
University of
Michigan
found that
students
who used
these
techniques
battled
sleepiness
better than
those who
didn't. The

acupressure consisted of light tapping with the fingers, and massaging with thumbs or forefingers.

"Our finding suggests that acupressure can change alertness in people who are in classroom

settings for a full day — which could be very good news for students who have trouble staying alert at school," says

WAKE-UP
Richard E. Harris,
Ph.D., a research investigator in the division of rheumatology



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study's results
are good news

for the rest of us, too. Even though Harris said acupressure's impact on our level of alertness needs more research, it's worth a try when you're nodding off while your boss is talking.