



Raising Helen

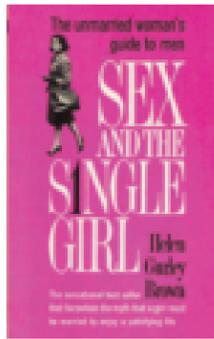
Thanks to more than three decades as the editor of *Cosmopolitan*—and a career as the author of nine books—Helen Gurley Brown, the subject of the new biography *Enter Helen*, helped redefine the modern woman. We break down her career by the numbers

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Number of secretary jobs Brown held in her early adulthood

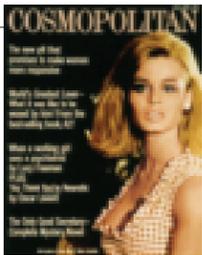
The age Brown writes it stops being cute to have roommates in *Sex and the Single Girl*

30



2 million

Number of copies her first book, *Sex and the Single Girl* (1962), sold in three weeks

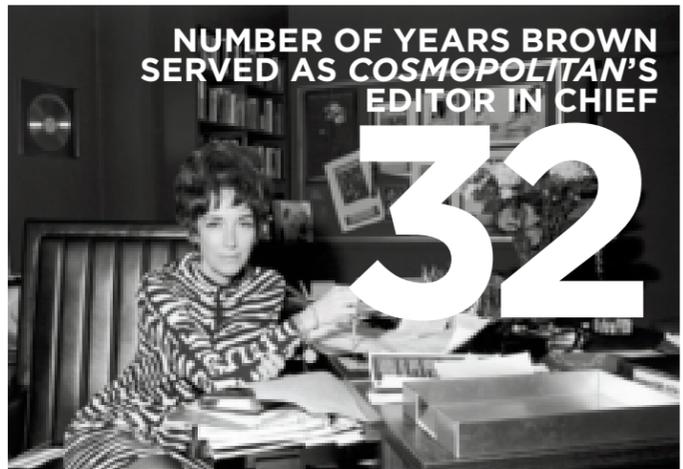


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Brown's age when she took the helm at *Cosmopolitan* in 1965

NUMBER OF YEARS BROWN SERVED AS *COSMOPOLITAN'S* EDITOR IN CHIEF

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THE AMOUNT SHE DONATED TO COLUMBIA'S AND STANFORD'S JOURNALISM SCHOOLS THE YEAR SHE DIED

\$30 million

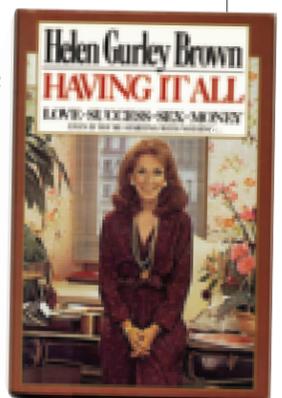
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Age when she wed film producer David Brown, to whom she was married for 51 years until his death in 2010



Number of times that “mouseburger,” Brown's signature term for plain-Jane girls like herself, appears in her 1982 book *Having It All*

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Brown's approximate weight her entire adult life

100 lbs

(5 lbs too many, according to her)