

"Personally, I'm  
in love with  
**Crush**"



# Crush

A ONE-OFF ZINE



What's the deal with crushes? I usually (not always, but often enough) equate my crushes with lusting. About 80% of the time I want to make out with my crushes. Sometimes my crushes are just about "aww, they're ----- (cute, hot, foxy, yummy, kissable, etc.) But often crushes are about people I feel like I have a great head-connection with, too. It's a combination of the two that makes a crush a CRUSH. One of those angst-ridden, rip-your-head-and-heart-out kinda feelings that throws you for a loop. I love those. In some way they help me to feel

alive.



**Mission: Impossible**

**Often crushes seem impossible. The crushee seems so unobtainable that the crush energy builds up and builds up until the crush-er wants to explode. Often the crush energy can be diffused in two ways: tell the crushee about the feelings and see what happens, or wait until a new crush comes along, knocking the old one down to manageable levels.**

**My current impossible crushes include someone who is 900**

miles away, someone who lives close, but seems like they are in a monogamous relationship, and someone who I work with, but who is sort of technically "my" employee. At the moment, none of these situations seem like they can be turned into something useful like, say... a date, or playdate.  
Ergo: Mission Impossible

There's also 'celebrity' crushes. They generally fall outside the realm of the possible, but are so much fun to fantasize about. In high-school my big celeb. crushes were on Morrissey and Michael Stipe

from R.E.M. (back when he had longish hair.), Christian Slater, Martha Plympton, and Mary Stuart Masterson.

Currently my celeb  
crushes are:

Joan Jett, David  
Bowie, and Annalee  
Newitz. Joan Jett  
and David Bowie  
don't need a lot of  
explanation. They're hot rock  
stars who have a lot of world-  
wisdom.



Annalee

Annalee Newitz, on the other  
hand, might be almost  
unknown. She writes a column

for the online media site  
Alternet  
(<http://www.alternet.org>.) and  
runs the website  
Techsploitation.com. She is  
awesomely nerdy and sexy.  
Her writing usually is about  
technology and/or sex and  
sexuality. She's funny and  
smart, and I SO want to meet  
her.

In the end, crushes, as Ringo  
says "It's all in the   
mind." Mine will   
probably not be  
realized. I'm shy and   
awkward sometimes, and so  
that's a barrier. My eyes, heart,

and head wander, so in a month or 3 these won't seem so overwhelming. And sometimes just expressing the crush, even to the faceless strangers who read this zine, is the best medicine for getting over them.



