



ELLEN'S FURY

OVER ANNE'S STEAMY NEW BOOK

ELLEN DEGENERES is fuming over ex-love Anne Heche's plans to release a scorching tell-all book about their gay affair - just as she launches her comeback in a new sitcom, insiders reveal.

"Ellen can't believe it - she's outraged!" confides a friend. "She said, 'That woman just won't stop cashing in on our relationship. We're over with, I have a new show coming out, and now she has to come out with her book. When will she stop?'"

Anne's book, *Call Me Crazy*, was originally set for publication next year, but will now be rushed into bookstores Sept. 5, say sources - just 12 days before *The Ellen Show* debuts on CBS.

Anne's book editor claims she didn't even know Ellen has another sitcom. But insiders say the book's new release date is no accident. They accuse Anne, 32, who dumped 43-year-old Ellen and is now engaged to cameraman Coley Laffoon, of being a scheming, heartless opportunist.

"Ellen looked at Anne with love in her eyes,"



confides a pal of both women. "But Anne only had dollar signs in hers."

A showbiz insider claims that "Anne was even willing to change her sexual preference to gain notoriety through Ellen. Once she got famous, she went back to liking men."

Ellen's three-year gay romance with Anne was the talk of the nation. The gals were photographed

cuddling during a visit to the Clinton White House and credited with making lesbian flings "chic" in Hollywood.

The affair was even more startling because previously, Anne had been dating men, including comic Steve Martin. But last August, the pair announced they'd split. Shortly after, Anne popped up everywhere with new love Laffoon.

Now, sources say Anne was never gay and was just using Ellen to boost her career. Her sudden book release is just another wound in Ellen's heart.

"This new book is one more betrayal," says the friend. "Ellen's upset all over again." - **ROBIN MIZRAHI**

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