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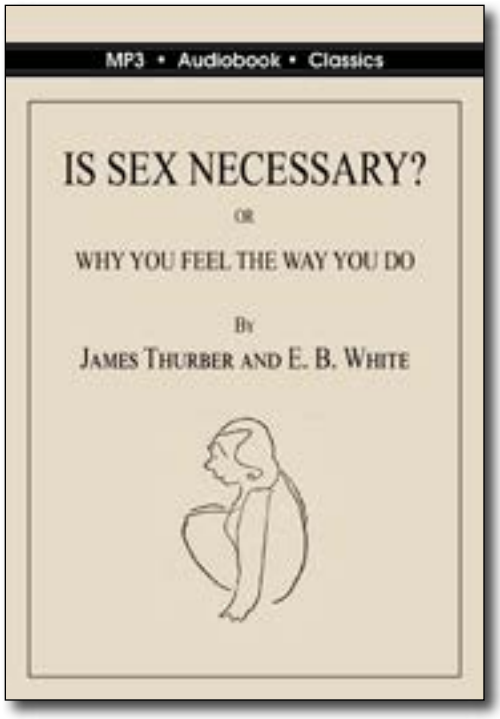

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Is Sex Necessary? Or, Why You Feel The Way You Do

James Thurber(1894 – 1961) and E. B. White (1899-1985)

Read by:	Zach Hoyt	Language:	English
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Genre(s):	Essays		

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From the Foreword:
"During the past year, two factors in our civilization have been greatly overemphasized. One is aviation, the other is sex. Looked at calmly, neither diversion is entitled to the space it has been accorded. Each has been deliberately promoted.

In the case of aviation, persons interested in the sport saw that the problem was to simplify it and make it seem safer. They introduced stabilizers and emergency landing fields. Even so, the plain fact remained that very few people were fitted for flying. With sex, the opposite was true. Everybody was fitted for it but there was a lack of general interest. The problem in this case was to make sex seem more complex and dangerous. This task was taken up by sociologists, analysts, gynecologists, psychologists, and authors; they approached it with a good deal of scientific knowledge and an immense zeal. They joined forces and made the whole matter of sex complicated beyond the wildest dreams of our fathers. The whole country became flooded with books. Sex, which had hitherto been a physical expression, became largely mental……."

From the Preface:
"Men and women have always sought, by one means and another, to be together rather than apart. At first, they were together by the simple expedient of being unicellular, and there was no conflict. Later the cell separated, for reasons which are not clear even today, although there is considerable talk. Almost immediately the two halves of the original cell began experiencing a desire to unite again-usually with a half of some other cell. This urge has survived down to our time. Its commonest manifestations are marriage, divorce, neuroses, and a little less frequently, gun-fire." - *Summary by E. B. White and James Thurber*

James Thurber (1894–1961) was an American humorist, cartoonist, and writer best known for his witty short stories and distinctive drawings. Born in Columbus, Ohio, he attended Ohio State University before moving to New York City. Thurber became a prominent contributor to The New Yorker, where his essays and cartoons captured the absurdities of modern life. His most famous works include My Life and Hard Times and The Secret Life of Walter Mitty. Despite losing much of his eyesight, Thurber continued writing and drawing, leaving a lasting impact on American humor and literature.

E. B. White (1899-1985) was an American writer best known for his classic children's books and elegant essays. Born in 1899 in Mount Vernon, New York, he graduated from Cornell University in 1921. White became a longtime contributor to The New Yorker, where his essays and humor pieces earned wide acclaim. He wrote beloved children's novels including Charlotte's Web, Stuart Little, and The Trumpet of the Swan. White also co-authored the influential writing guide The Elements of Style. He died in 1985, remembered for his warmth, clarity, and lasting literary impact.

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