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Sharon Stone, 47, is returning to the provocative role that made her famous in the upcoming *Basic Instinct 2*. She has also written *Something to Hold*, a book about guardian angels, and talked to Scoop about both projects—and other things on her mind.

How is *Basic Instinct 2*?

Obviously it's a popcorn movie, a thriller and a sexy movie, but, I think, also a movie that could provide some intriguing social commentary.

You're outspoken about pol-

itics. Does it make a difference?

I suspect it does good. Shimon Peres just called and invited me to come to Israel to speak on the subject of peace to a group of Israeli and Palestinian women. Peace begins personally, and in your own life.

You've been an AIDS activist for over 10 years. What has changed in that time?

It's a harder battle now, because there are more than twice as many people with AIDS. Some people take it less seriously even though it's much worse. What's

needed are great leaders who will step in, whether it's Bill Clinton or Will Smith or a great doctor—people who have the possibility of leading a community.

Your book, *Something to Hold*, shows a spiritual side.

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Are you enjoying being a mom [to Rowan, 5, and Laird, 9 months]?

I love being a mom, but I think it's very peculiar that every time my

children are mentioned they are called adopted. Do you say "her biological child"? Are all of our children delineated and defined?

You sued a plastic surgeon for falsely claiming he had worked on you—and settled out of court when he agreed to perform free surgery for children with facial deformities. Was that your idea?

Yes, it was my idea. It might inspire others... an entire country of plastic surgeons who would say, gee, I could do one or two of those a year.