

# *I want to adopt boys says April*



April Ashley

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**SEX-CHANGE** pioneer April Ashley has a new aim in life—to adopt children.

The former merchant seaman said yesterday: "I love kids and my one regret is that I can't have any of my own."

April, 42, wearing a flowing, full length dress, said: "I would like to adopt four boys—and maybe two girls as well.

April had a sex-change

operation in Casablanca nearly twenty years ago.

Then she wed Arthur Corbett, who now owns a bar in Spain, but they were later divorced.

"One of the reasons I got married was to adopt children," said April. "It didn't work out."

She was talking at the end of a week when she has "come out of retirement" to be a hostess at a hotel in Leamington Spa, Warwickshire.

"I've been taking things easy after two heart attacks. Now I'm planning to write my life story," said April.

She claims she will tell of her friendships with famous people — including actors Omar Sharif and Peter O'Toole.