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Who Cares? Michele J. Eliason 1996 The health care professions take pride in the philosophy that all persons receive equal treatment. Yet prejudice, fears, and stereotyping are so deeply ingrained in our society that discrimination is widespread. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual persons are often harassed, mistreated, or misunderstood in our health care systems. This book explores how prejudices have become institutionalized, and offers viable solutions for real change. Essential for educators, students, nurses, health care professionals, community activists—all those interested in combating prejudice.

Handbook of Contemporary Families Marilyn Coleman 2004 What has happened to marriage and families? What is the current state of families? Where are families headed? Where is family scholarship headed? As families face challenges today brought on by events that have changed their perception of the world, there is a need for a clear assessment of what has happened to families in the past and an examination of some data-based theories about what is likely to happen in the future. The Handbook of Contemporary Families explores how families have changed in the last 30 years and speculates about future trends. Editors Marilyn Coleman and Lawrence H. Ganong, along with a multidisciplinary group of contributors, critique the approaches used to study relationships and families while suggesting modern approaches for the new millennium. The Handbook looks at how changes within the contemporary family have been reflected in family law, family education, and family therapy. Features of this Handbook: Examines a diverse array of families and relationships in which people live, including chapters on alternative lifestyles, gay and lesbian relationships, economically distressed families, religion and families, racial and ethnic diversity, a feminist vision for families, older families, and the effect of computers and other technology on family relationships. Includes both a historical review and future speculation on the subjects covered in each chapter. Interdisciplinary contributors representing a variety of fields such as history, family studies, sociology, law, therapy, social work, psychology, nursing, and human development. The Handbook of Contemporary Families is an excellent resource for advanced undergraduate and graduate students, researchers, educators, and practitioners who study and work with families in several disciplines, including Family Science, Human Development and Family Studies, Sociology, Marriage & Family Therapy, and Social Work.

Women and Sex Therapy Ellen Cole 2014-03-18 Outstanding feminist scholars present seldom discussed women’s views of sexuality. In the past, there has been little feminist discussion among sexuality
professionals and between feminist therapists and sex therapists. The valuable ideas expressed by the contributors to this book are aimed at increasing the possibilities for all therapists and counselors to discuss with their clients the nature of sexuality, and in particular, what women feel about sex. Professionals provide remarkable perspectives on issues that concern all women--orgasm, the double standard, new reproductive options, intimacy, bisexuality, and more.

**The Psychology of Sexual Orientation, Behavior, and Identity**
William J. Mitchell 1995 This comprehensive overview of research, issues, and theories relating to sexual orientation, behavior, and identity by experts in various disciplines is unique in providing both historical perspectives and a synthesis of the recent advances in understanding homosexuality and heterosexuality. Drawing from biological and psychological research, this major reference explores the major theories about orientation; summarizes recent developments in genetic and neuroanatomic research; considers the role of social institutions in shaping current beliefs; and discusses the social construction of gender, sexuality, and sexual identity. The handbook also describes sexual dysfunctions in non-clinical populations, clinical disorders, and important social issues. Experts address the continuing controversy over the feasibility of altering sexual orientation; practical concerns such as disability and illness; new developments in treating sexual and personal problems within heterosexual and homosexual populations; and perspectives about sexual deviations today. This handbook is designed for the use of educators, students, and researchers in the social and behavioral sciences.

**Gender Issues in Art Therapy**
Susan Hogan 2003 Art therapy enables the client and therapist to explore issues that may ordinarily be difficult to articulate in words; one such issue is the complexity of gender, which can be a subject of therapy in a range of ways. These wide-ranging papers cover both theoretical and practical topics, giving clinical examples and instances of clients' artwork.

**Cultural Diversity and Social Work Practice**
Bruce A. Thyer 2010

**Violence and Sexual Abuse at Home**
Susan B. Sorenson 1997 The book is intended for use by clinicians who work with both perpetrators and victims of spouse and child abuse and by persons who develop community-based services for victims and offenders. Beginning articles explore current issues, interventions, and research related to family violence; therapist awareness of appropriate intervention in the treatment of domestic violence; ethical responsibilities of therapists in spouse abuse cases; biopsychosocial aspects of understanding relationship aggression; and implications of research concerning wife abuse for physician training. Subsequent articles examine battered women, female offenders in domestic violence, multifaceted approaches to spouse abuse treatment, risk factors for the occurrence of child abuse and neglect, child homicide in Los Angeles, physical abuse and childhood disability, children of battered women, and psychological maltreatment of children. Final articles focus on child sexual maltreatment, incest survivors incest offenders, sibling child sexual abuse, treatment strategies for sexually abused children, treatment strategies for dissociative identity disorders in adult sexual abuse survivors, and characteristics and treatment of incest offenders. References, tables, and figures.

**Lesbian & Bisexual Identities**
Kristin Esterberg 1997-02-19 A revealing examination of how lesbian and bisexual women come to see themselves and what those identities mean to them.

**Lesbian Love and Relationships**
Suzanna Rose 2013-09-13 Explore the broad range of healthy lesbian attitudes and behaviors in love, friendship, self-image, and society! This pioneering book makes a revolutionary assumption: that lesbian and bisexual women are normal, if not average. Instead of focusing on which family or genetic quirks might produce lesbians, these studies turn attention to describing the healthy ways lesbians interact with each other, with heterosexual women, and with society. The result is a significant exploration of uncharted territory. Lesbian Love and Relationships examines the lives of lesbian and bisexual women from adolescence to old age, addressing issues of class and race as well as sexual orientation. It encompasses theory, empirical research, and memoir on such diverse topics as physical appearance, cross-generational friendships, butch-femme issues, and lesbian sexuality. It
also looks at such difficult and painful issues as lesbian domestic violence and the impact of homophobia on lesbian couples. Lesbian Love and Relationships asks personal, political, and psychological questions, including: how do young lesbians find each other? what makes successful lesbian relationships last? how does social class affect African-American lesbian relationships? what was it like growing up lesbian in the South during World War II? does “lesbian bed death” exist? This compendium offers exciting original research in a neglected field. Lesbian Love and Relationships is an essential resource for anyone interested in women’s lives and sexuality as well as scholars in the field.

**Same Sex Intimacies** Catherine Donovan 2003-09-02 Our families are increasingly a matter of choice, and the choices are widening all the time. This is particularly true of the non-heterosexual world, where the last ten years have seen a popular acceptance of same sex partnerships and, to a lesser extent, of same sex parenting. Based on extensive interviews with people in a variety of non-traditional relationships, this fascinating new book argues that these developments in the non-heterosexual world are closely linked to wider changes in the meaning of family in society at large, and that each can cast light on the other. Same Sex Intimacies gives vivid accounts of the different ways non-heterosexual people have been able to create meaningful intimate relationships for themselves, and highlights the role of individual agency and collective endeavour in forging these roles: as friends, partners, parents and as members of communities. This topical book will provide compelling reading for students of the family, sexuality and lesbian and gay studies.

**New Our Right to Love** Ginny Vida 2010-05-11 The complete lesbian resource guide, Our Right to Love instantly became a classic when it was first published in 1978. Now fully revised and expanded for the 1990s, this new edition includes over 60 articles and interviews covering the many aspects of lesbian life: relationships, sexuality, health, activism, education and sports, religion and spirituality, the law and legal issues, multiethnic lesbian experience, and lesbian culture. A group of essays explores the lesbian experience across cultures (African American, Latina, Asian, Native American) and age groups. Interviews with notable lesbians Martina Navratilova, Melissa Etheridge, Margarethe Cammermeyer, and Minnesota State Representative Karen Clark examine the particular experiences of highly visible out lesbians. An extensive bibliography, resource lists and index make this the complete lesbian reference.

**Bobos in Paradise** David Brooks 2010-05-11 Do you believe that spending $15,000 on a media center is vulgar, but that spending $15,000 on a slate shower stall is a sign that you are at one with the Zenlike rhythms of nature? Do you work for one of those visionary software companies where people come to work wearing hiking boots and glacier glasses, as if a wall of ice were about to come sliding through the parking lot? If so, you might be a Bobo. In his bestselling work of "comic sociology," David Brooks coins a new word, Bobo, to describe today's upper class -- those who have wed the bourgeois world of capitalist enterprise to the hippie values of the bohemian counterculture. Their hybrid lifestyle is the atmosphere we breathe, and in this witty and serious look at the cultural consequences of the information age, Brooks has defined a new generation.

**Lesbians and Psychoanalysis** Judith M. Glassgold 2000-10-06 Encouragement and direction for a brand-new road in life. Embrace God s powerful promises for you as you leave one road and set your course on another . . . exciting, new, and rich with opportunity. "God s Promises(r) for Graduates 2013 "on topics such as confidence, discipline, faith, and wisdom direct your steps and light your path in God s Holy Word. This little book will help steer graduates in God s will as they embark on their new journey in life.

**Lesbian Health** Phyllis N. Stern 2013-01-11 The sexual orientation of lesbians is just one factor in their lives, yet providers of healthcare often assume everyone is heterosexual and counsel their clients accordingly. This book contains a series of scientific investigations by leading authorities in the field into multiple problems lesbians face when seeking healthcare. Should lesbians disclose their sexual orientation? Can it be kept of the record? Where can lesbians go if they feel unable to trust traditional medicine and what is the history of the scientific and medical community towards lesbians? How are lesbians viewed by college
Issues In Therapy With Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual And Transgender Clients
Neal, Charles 2000-07-01 This book takes the reader inside the multiple worlds of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people, and examines the different kinds of 'problems in living' that can confront counsellors working with clients from these groups.

Feminist Foremothers in Women’s Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health
Ellen Cole 2014-05-12 Feminist Foremothers in Women’s Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health is by and about the more recent wave of feminist foremothers; those who were awakened in the 1960s and ‘70s to the realization that something was terribly wrong. These are the women who created the fields of feminist therapy, feminist psychology, and women’s mental health as they exist today. The 48 women share their life stories in the hope that they will inspire and encourage readers to take their own risks and their own journeys to the outer edges of human possibility. Authors write about what led up to their achievements, what their accomplishments were, and how their lives were consequently changed. They describe their personal stages of development in becoming feminists, from unawareness to activism to action. Some women focus on the painful barriers to success, fame, and social change; others focus on the surprise they experience at how well they, and the women’s movement, have done. Some well-known feminist foremothers featured include: Phyllis Chesler Gloria Steinem Kate Millett Starhawk Judy Chicago Zsuszanna Emese Budapest Andrea Dworkin jean Baker Miller Carol Gilligan In Feminist Foremothers in Women’s Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health, many of the women see in hindsight how prior projects and ideas and even dreams were the forerunners to their most important work. They note the importance of sisterhood and the presence of other women and the loneliness and isolation experienced when they don’t exist. They note the validation they have received from grassroots feminists in contrast to disbelief from professionals. Although these women have been and continue to be looked up to as foremothers, they realize how little recognition they’ve been given from society-at-large and how much better off their male counterparts are. Some foremothers write about the feeling of being different, not meshing with the culture of the time and about challenging the system as an outsider, not an insider. These are women who had few mentors, who had to forge their own way, “hit the ground running.” Their stories will challenge readers to press on, to continue the work these foremothers so courageously started. Throughout the pages of Feminist Foremothers in Women’s Studies, Psychology, and Mental Health runs a sense of excitement and vibrancy of lives lived well, of being there during the early years of the women’s movement, of making sacrifices, of taking risks and living to see enormous changes result. Throughout these pages, too, sounds a call not to take these changes for granted but to recognize that feminists, rather than arguing over picayune issues or splitting politically correct hairs, are battling for the very soul of the world.

Clinical Handbook of Pastoral Counseling
Robert J. Wicks 2003 Building on the groundbreaking original work with the same title, these articles focus on current issues, such as certain life stages, special populations, the devalued and abused, the addicted and special issues of the 1990’s.

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The Gender Politics of HIV/AIDS in Women
Nancy Goldstein 1997-06 From their posts at the center of the pandemic - in the laboratory, the academy, clinics, and community based organizations - experts such as Evelyn Hammond, Lisa Denenberg, Michelle Murrain, and Paul Farmer criticize blind spots in the recognition and treatment of HIV in women and articulate accessible and practical solutions to specific areas of difficulty. Trusting Ourselves Karen Johnson 1991 Definitive and comprehensive, Trusting Ourselves is the only book to cover every aspect of psychology as it applies to women. This groundbreaking work will empower its readers to understand and make decisions about their psychological well-being and treatment in much the same way Our Bodies, Ourselves

students today? Lesbians are treated in this book as women first; their sexual orientation is just one factor in their lives.
redefined women's health care. In a radical reversal of the usual approach to psychological care, which assumes that only the professional understands the problem. Johnson strongly believes that women and their values, perspectives, and biases have merit, and that most patients understand why they’re not happy with their lives. Trusting this self-knowledge and taking action on one's own behalf provide a foundation for all the information in this book. It is time to revise psychotherapy to incorporate a woman's perspective.

**Married Women Who Love Women** Carren Strock 2009-04-15 This book is about women in heterosexual marriages who discover or come to terms with their lesbianism or bisexuality. It answers questions such as how women make this discovery, what they do once they realize their same-gender sexuality, how family and friends deal with the situation, and what happens to marriages and families. This second edition contains a new introduction, three new chapters, a glossary of gay-related terms, and a new list of additional reading.

**Lesbian Family Life, Like the Fingers of a Hand** Valory Mitchell 2013-09-13 In this book, an array of approaches - first person and theoretical accounts, clinical understandings, qualitative and quantitative research - are brought to bear on controversial or under-discussed topics in lesbian family life. From conception all the way to care for elderly parents, this book takes a fresh look at lesbian family relationships. Topics include: butch/femme couples, infidelity, the psychological meaning of family for lesbians, age-discrepant couples, lesbian nuns as family, Listserves as family, intentional family for aging women, women raising sons, mothers who come out late in life, mothers and children in situations of domestic violence, lack of support for lesbian domestic violence survivors, death of a partner, psychological issues in the use of sperm donors or surrogates, and middle-aged lesbians caring for homophobic elderly parents. Some authors use self psychology and Jungian psychology to describe aspects of family life. The richness and diversity of topics makes it a text on "lesbian lives". Therapists and academics from throughout the U.S. have contributed to this collection. Many lesbian women, as well as teachers (it can be a text) and mental health professionals who work with children, families, couples and elderly will find useful material here. This book was published as a special issue of the Journal of Lesbian Studies.

**Midlife and Older LGBT Adults** Ski Hunter 2013-10-11 Gain insight into the various practice issues that arise when working with midlife and older LGBT persons! Take a unique look at the lives of midlife and older LGBT persons in Midlife and Older LGBT Adults. This book reviews various life arenas in which midlife and older LGBT persons exist and the problems with which they cope. It addresses the lives of this group—from their sexual identities to their family and work situations. The book includes research-based knowledge on issues such as coming out, disclosure, education, work, family, general positives and negatives, and more. Not only does this book discuss the lifestyles of individuals in this group, but it also includes how social services professionals can respond to their needs in an affirmative way. The book provides an overview of practice issues with midlife and older LGBT persons to help social workers and other human services workers treat individuals in this group more effectively. It also identifies changes in diagnostics, treatments, and human services. The book presents numerous studies involving midlife and older LGBT persons and an extensive reference list for further information. In Midlife and Older LGBT Adults you’ll learn how to help individuals in this group deal with: coming out—the positives and the negatives disclosure to different audiences benefits of community involvement and participation family lives including friends and significant others transitions and downturns HIV/AIDS victimization, loneliness, loss and much more! This book will appeal to any social services professional interested in or working with individuals in this population. It serves as a useful resource for human services workers and administrators by outlining practice issues. It is also suitable as a textbook for students in courses on adult development and aging. Midlife and older LGBT persons will find this book to be an engaging look at the lives of their peers. Make this one-of-a-kind book part of your collection!

**Shameless** Arlene Stein 2006-07-01 Since the breakdown of the Oslo peace process in 2000 and the beginning of the second Intifada, conflict
has escalated in Israel/Palestine and come to seem irreversible. The overwhelming power of the Israeli military has been unleashed against a largely defenseless population in the occupied territories of the West Bank and Gaza, driving Palestinians to despair and to desperate measures of retaliation. The author of this book, Michel Warschawski, has for many decades been active in building alliances of Jews and Palestinians to oppose the Israeli occupation. In this book, however, he focuses especially on the effects of the occupation on the occupiers—that is, on Israeli society—rather than its victims. Warschawski describes the atrocities of the occupation—from the sack of Ramallah to the massacre in Jenin, the razing of houses and refugee camps, shooting at ambulances and hospitals, the use of Palestinian civilians as human shields—showing how each of these pushes back the boundaries of what was previously thinkable. He documents the resulting shifts in Israeli political thought, citing Ariel Sharon, army officers and even rabbis who begin by describing Palestinians as Nazis and end by relying on the German army's tactics for subjugating the Warsaw ghetto. Toward an Open Tomb seeks to explain the forces within Israeli society and culture that are leading to this self-defeating result. Warschawski has the keen eye of an Israeli insider. He develops a powerful critique of Israeli policies with a persuasive power drawn from his own Jewish origins and his deepening devotion to Jewish traditions.

Psychotherapy With Lesbian Clients
Kristine L. Falco 2013-05-24
An explanation of who lesbians are, how psychotherapy with this population is unique, how therapists and patients are influenced by homophobia and what the therapist brings to the therapeutic relationship. It presents models of lesbian-affirmative psychotherapy and offers guidelines for therapists.

The Therapist's Notebook for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients
Joy S. Whitman 2013-12-19
Most therapy is set up in a heterosexist context. Explore the issues facing your gay, lesbian, and bisexual clients—and how to deal with them! The Therapist's Notebook for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients offers therapists treating lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients innovative, practical interventions plus homework and hands-on activities tailored to these populations. Use the notebook to explore the issues surrounding coming out, homophobia in the workplace, spirituality, identity formation, and issues that require a non-heterosexist approach, such as domestic violence and relationship concerns. Grounded in current theory, each chapter explains the rationale for the activity it proposes, includes contraindications, and provides a list of helpful resources for therapists and clients. Here are just a few of the issues this extraordinary book explores in its four thoughtfully planned sections: Section I: Homework, Handouts, and Activities for Coming Out and Managing Homophobia and Heterosexism addresses: conflicts in self-perceptions obstacles to the growth of a healthy GLB identity dealing with the trauma and anxiety that result from discrimination using semi-hypnotic visualization to treat internalized homophobia helping bisexuals decide whether to come out or to “pass” coping with internalized homophobic messages dealing with heterosexualism in the workplace or at school Section II: Homework, Handouts, and Activities for Relationship Issues will help you and your clients understand and work on issues involving: choosing the right partner intimacy and gender roles financial stability assimilation, queer pride, and everything in between how ethnicity and coupling impact sexual identity negotiating a healthy open relationship sexual concerns, sexual dysfunction, and pleasuring sexual role values for bisexual and lesbian women Section III: Homework, Handouts, and Activities for Gender, Ethnic, and Sexual Identity Issues addresses “who am I” issues: sexual orientation and gender identity the intersection of sexual and ethnic identity oppression on multiple fronts gender exploration for lesbians Section IV: Homework, Handouts, and Activities for Specific Issues tackles concepts including: enhancing resilience through spirituality reconciling with religion spiritual wellness and the spiritual autobiography body image disturbances unwanted sexual behavior creating a safety plan in case of same-sex domestic violence alienation and finding a caring community medication adherence for HIV+ clients the difficulties faced by coupled lesbians with children family care planning addiction and recovery healing from the wounds of homophobia relationships with ex-partners managing workplace stress If you're new to
treating lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients you’ll find rich material, based in current literature, to guide your work. If you’ve already worked extensively with LGBT clients, the activities and fresh, innovative strategies in The Therapist’s Notebook for Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual Clients will expand and invigorate your skills.

Beyond Bylines Barbara M. Freeman 2012-08-01 Beyond Bylines: Media Workers and Women’s Rights in Canada explores the ways in which several of Canada’s women journalists, broadcasters, and other media workers reached well beyond the glory of their personal bylines to advocate for the most controversial women’s rights of their eras. To do so, some of them adopted conventional feminine identities, while others refused to conform altogether, openly and defiantly challenging the gender expectations of their day. The book consists of a series of case studies of the women in question as they grappled with the concerns close to their hearts: higher education for women, healthy dress reforms, the vote, equal opportunities at work, abortion, lesbianism, and Aboriginal women’s rights. Their media reflected their respective eras: intellectual magazines, daily and weekly newspapers, radio, feminist public relations, alternative women’s periodicals, and documentary film made for television. Barbara Freeman takes an interdisciplinary approach, combining biography, history, and communication studies to demonstrate how their use of different media both enabled and limited these women in their ability to be daring advocates for gender equality. She shows how a number of these women were linked through the generations by their memberships in activist women’s organizations.

Sexual Salvation Naomi B. McCormick 1994 A feminist sex-researcher, clinical psychologist, and college professor links new feminist scholarship with social science and psychological therapy to analyze women’s experiences with sexuality and intimacy. IP.

Lesbian Studies: Setting an Agenda Tamsin Wilton 2002-09-11 Neither women's studies nor lesbian and gay studies offers an adequate theoretical or political base for lesbian scholarship. Lesbian Studies: Setting and Agenda aim to promote lesbian studies as an academic and political approach to both gender and the erotic, and to clarify the damaging influence of heterosexism across a range of disciplines. Drawing on feminism and queer theory, Tamsin Wilton argues that ‘lesbian’ is a theoretical position which must be widely available in order to challenge the dominance of the heterosexual perspective. Engaging with theoretical and political debates, the book moves beyond its role of setting an agenda for lesbian studies into a wider role as resource and catalysts for anyone interested in gender and the erotic.


Sexual Sameness (Routledge Revivals) Joseph Bristow 2014-03-18 First published in 1992, Sexual Sameness examines the differing textual strategies male and female writers have developed to celebrate homosexuality. Examining such writers as E.M. Forster, James Baldwin, Sylvia Townsend Warner and Audre Lourde, this wide-ranging book demonstrates how literature has been one of the few cultural spaces in which sexual outsiders have been able to explore forbidden desires. From the humiliating trials of Oscar Wilde to the appalling stigmatisation of people living with AIDS, Sexual Sameness reveals the persistent homophobia that has until recently almost completely inhibited our understanding of lesbian and gay writing. In opening up homosexual literature to informed and objective methods of reading, Sexual Sameness will be of interest to a large lesbian and gay readership, as well as to students of gender studies, literary studies and the social sciences.

For Sex Education, See Librarian Martha Cornog 1996 An annotated bibliography includes information on the role of libraries in sex education

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Aging Douglas C. Kimmel 2006 This volume fills a unique gap. Gerontologists seldom focus on special concerns of gay and lesbian older adults, lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender aging organizations rarely address issues of aging, and the mental health field has demonstrated an ability to marginalize both aging and homosexuality. This book lays out the state of knowledge with respect to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender aging—physical health,
sexuality, family ties, victimization, and legal and financial concerns. The references at the end of individual chapters and the bibliographical material at the end of the book provide an invaluable resource. For any gerontologist intrigued by the interplay of historical changes and individual aging, it is difficult to imagine a more powerful example than Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Aging. Evolution of attitudes toward homosexuality, the emergence of HIV/AIDS, and legal protections beginning to be afforded to same-sex relationships are all part of the changing world that has shaped and been shaped by lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals who are now old.

**Love Matters** Ellen Cole 2016-04-29 Love Matters: A Book of Lesbian Romance and Relationships is a collection of advice columns and personal reflections that will help lesbian couples validate and appreciate their unique relationships. With excerpts taken from the author’s “Love Matters” column in the lesbian newspaper New Phazes, this book explores real-life questions and issues that lesbians have about dating, sex, love, and relationship longevity. From Love Matters, you’ll receive honest, informative advice that can help you and your partner share a more open and fulfilling relationship. Offering support, care, and understanding for lesbian couples, Love Matters seeks to recognize the “new female role” for lesbian women. Using her 15-year long relationship as a basis for many of the responses, the author provides you with suggestions and insight into topics relating to lesbian relationships, such as: keeping sex alive in a long-term relationship handling finances fairly and successfully supporting your partner through the physical, emotional, and spiritual changes caused by menopause identifying the difficulties of dating and what lesbians look for on a date questioning the purpose of and emotions caused by a long-distance relationship. Moving beyond a traditional focus on sexual functioning, this book emphasizes the complex interaction of psychological, social, cultural and biological influences on women’s sense of themselves as sexual beings. Written for practitioners and educators, its goal is to challenge contradictory messages and meanings that cause many women to feel disconnected from their bodies and from their needs and desires. Themes explored include the development of sexual awareness and sexuality in childhood and adolescence, the critical sexual choices of young adulthood, and the multiple transitions characterizing the middle and later years of life. The book features creative exercises and interventions to help girls and women construct more affirming sexual meanings.

**Relationship Therapy with Same-Sex Couples** Jerry Bigner 2014-01-14 Use new knowledge of the LGBT culture to ably counsel same-sex couples! Relationship Therapy with Same-Sex Couples provides psychologists, therapists, social workers, and counselors with an overview of the array of treatment issues they may face when working with couples from the LGBT community. This book highlights the experiences of therapists who have encountered concerns particular to LGBT clients—especially those in intimate relationships. This intriguing resource covers clinical issues, sex therapy, special situations, and training issues for helping therapists successfully counsel same-sex couples. Relationship Therapy with Same-Sex Couples explores the therapist’s role in working through universal issues in couples therapy—such as communication problems, infidelity, and decision-making—with a focus on how therapy should differ for same-sex couples. This important guide also identifies which problems are unique to couples as an aspect of their sexual orientation, including gender role socialization and societal oppression. With this book, you will be able provide appropriate therapy without over- or under-attributing a couple’s problems to their LGBT status. This book shows how experienced therapists have developed methods for working with: gay and lesbian parents heterosexual spouses and ex-spouses couples in HIV serodiscordant relationships “lesbian bed death” couple and family dynamics supporting transgender and sexual reassignment issues and more! Relationship Therapy with Same-Sex Couples contains several topics for discussion and self-help resources.
features for you to utilize in your own practice, including the Sexual Orientation Matrix for Supervision (SOMS) to assist supervisors and trainers in preparing supervisees to work with lesbian, gay, and bisexual clients. The book also offers guidelines for heterosexual therapists who plan to work with same-sex couples and how to overcome any residual homophobia or heterosexual guilt. Lastly, this essential sourcebook reviews several articles, book chapters, books, and Web sites that are relevant to same-sex couples and the therapists who work with them. *Praeger Guide to the Psychology of Gender* Michele Antoinette Paludi 2004 Written by therapists, scholars, educators, and management consultants, this handbook deals with the psychology of gender-related topics.

*In Changing Times* Martin P. Levine 1997-08-18 The HIV/AIDS epidemic has been a major catastrophe for gay communities. In less than two decades, the disease has profoundly changed the lives of gay men and lesbians. Not just a biological and viral agent, HIV has become an opportunistic social invader, reshaping communities and the distribution of wealth, altering the social careers of gay professionals and the patterns of entry into gay and lesbian life, and giving birth to groups like ACT UP and Queer Nation. The distinguished contributors to this volume discuss the ways HIV/AIDS has changed collective and individual identities, as well as lives, of gay men and lesbians, and how these alterations have changed our perceptions of the epidemic. They cover such topics as the impact of the epidemic on small towns, cultural barriers to AIDS prevention, gay youth and intergenerational relations, and the roles of lesbians in AIDS organizations. This collection provides compelling insights into the new communities among gay men and lesbians and the new kinds of identities and relationships that are emerging from the social and cultural ferment engendered by HIV/AIDS. Contributors include Barry D. Adam, Lourdes Arguelles, Rafael Miguel Diaz, John H. Gagnon, Gilbert Herdt, Gregory M. Herek, Nan D. Hunter, Peter M. Nardi, John L. Peterson, Anne Rivero, Gayle S. Rubin, Beth E. Schneider, and Nancy E. Stoller.

*Trauma and Sexuality* James Chu 2003-06-16 Examine the effects of childhood trauma—including sexual abuse—on sexual orientation and behavior. It will help you expand your sensitivity and expertise in a critically important way: by providing a nonjudgmental look at the profound effects of long-standing early abuse on the sexual identities, orientation, behaviors, and fantasies of the people who come to you for help. From the editors: “In the modern era of trauma studies, clinicians and researchers have been treating and investigating the effects of trauma—including the sexual abuse of children—for more than two decades. And yet, we know far more about sequelae such as post-traumatic and dissociative symptoms, disrupted attachment, addictions, eating disorders, and somatoform symptoms than we do about the effects of trauma on sexual behavior. With the exception of a relatively few articles in the scientific literature (many of which were written by the authors in this collection), little has been published about the sexual effects of sexual abuse and other childhood maltreatment. “Why have we neglected this obvious and important area? Perhaps the reason can be simply attributed to our Victorian legacy of reluctance to openly discuss sexuality. Or, perhaps the reason may be related to some of the expressions of sexuality that are sometimes seen in persons with childhood trauma. At times, expressions such as sexual addiction, homosexuality, sadomasochistic behavior, and prostitution have been classified as deviant. This may have contributed to our reluctance to discuss them openly. Or, perhaps the reason is that we collectively wish to deny the effects of abuse on one of the core aspects of ourselves—to deny that early traumatic events forever change the sexual lives of persons in such an intimate and profound way.” The co
leading researchers in the sociological study of gender. It synthesizes the
diverse field of gender scholarship into a cohesive theoretical framework,
gender structure theory, in order to position the specific contributions of
each author/chapter as part of a complex and multidimensional gender
structure. Through this organization of the handbook, readers do not only
gain tremendous insight from each chapter, but they also attain a broader
understanding of the way multiple gendered processes are interrelated
and mutually constitutive. While the specific focus of the handbook is on
gender, the chapters included in the volume also give significant attention
to the interrelation of race, class, and other systems of stratification as
they intersect and implicate gendered processes.