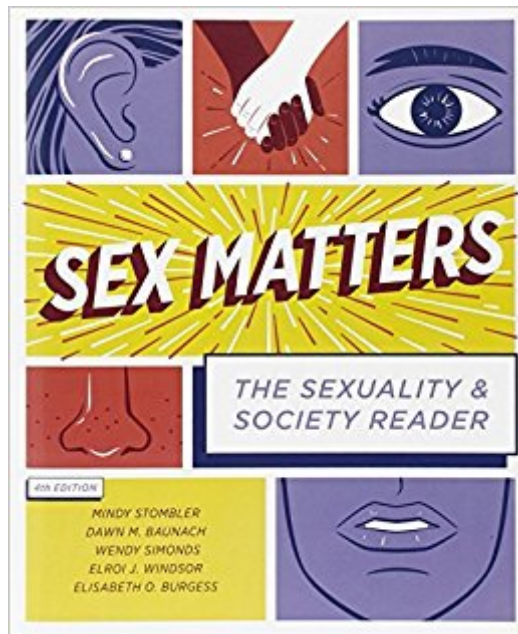




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# Sex Matters: The Sexuality And Society Reader (Fourth Edition)



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Maternal Grief in Popular Literature, and coauthor with Barbara Katz Rothman and Bari Meltzer Norman of *Laboring On: Birth in Transition in the United States*. She is currently the president of SSSP. Elroi J. Windsor is an assistant professor of sociology at Salem College in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, and incoming chair of SSSP's Sexual Behavior, Politics, and Communities division. Windsor's teaching and research interests include gender, sexuality, health, and embodiment. Most recently, Windsor researched the disparate regulation of transgender and cisgender consumers of surgical body modification. Elisabeth O. Burgess is the director of the Gerontology Institute and an associate professor of gerontology and sociology at Georgia State University. Her research interests focus on changes in intimate relations over the life course, including involuntary celibacy, sexuality and aging, and intergenerational relationships. In addition, Dr. Burgess writes on theories of aging and attitudes toward older adults.

I purchased this book for a Sexuality and Culture topical seminar I took in college. Less of a textbook and more of a collection of viewpoints from many diverse writers, it is an illuminating read for persons who are wanting to expand their knowledge into many different topics dealing with sexuality, gender, and culture. It is a bit tedious at times with some of the writings but overall a decent read that I would recommend.

This is a textbook. Packed with case studies written in an interesting format, it informs the uninitiated about nearly every sex-related issue. Occasionally tedious- remember these are academic studies, for the most part, one of the most interesting texts ever. This is one of the few college textbooks that I will not resell.

Maybe I'm just a sociology and/or sexology nerd but I loved the readings in here. Best part was that a lot of them were from the voices of the subjects rather than just ethnographical essays. An educational article on sex as intersex, trans, or differently abled written by people who are actually intersex, trans, and differently asked!?!? Yes please! Plus, where else are you going to find such a comprehensive, educational, and actually interesting collection of scholarly articles and essays??? (But if you actually know where please let me know because I love this stuff and was super sad this book was only a rental).

I had to get this book for a class that I am taking. It is a good book

Great book! This reader was required for my sex and sexualities class and I found it to be very informative and interesting. The book brings a lot of new perspectives on human sexuality that I did not think about in my everyday life. After reading this, my views on different aspects of sexuality have changed and I have been more aware of how race, gender, and age relate to our societies ideas on sexuality. My only complaint is that this book does not do a good job with showing different views on certain issues. I tend to be very progressive and liberal, but I had a friend in the class who was not and she noted that the book does offer a alternative conservative view on sex. This obviously did not bother me, but it would have been nice to read about it from other people's perspectives.

It is Great

This book was for my College class at Georgia State on Sexuality and Society. It was such an interesting book, that I would recommend it to anyone that is interested in Sexual behavior, and why some people practice it a certain way. It was well written and easy to follow. The stories are great too. You will definitely want to keep this book.

Great!

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