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learned to describe that which was nameless and indescribable in this way this groundbreaking book offers the definitive portrait of male homosexuality in the nineteenth century and includes many perceptive insights into what it reveals about the interaction between public and private morality which lay at the heart of victorian england nameless offences is a cogently argued and well written book which contributes importantly to our understanding of the history of the legal regulation of sexual behavior between men in the 19th century i cannot do justice to the richness of his historical narrative he has found gems of narrative detail and woven them into a persuasive analysis morris b kaplan associate professor of philosophy state university of new york same sex desire in victorian religious culture examines the role of christian history in nineteenth century definitions of homosexual identity roden charts the emergence of the modern homosexual in relation to religious not exclusively sociological discourses positing catholicism as complementary to classical greece he challenges the separatism of sexuality and religion in critical practice moving from newman and rossetti to hopkins wilde and michael field amongst others same sex desire claims a new literary history bringing together gay studies and theology in victorian literature homosexuality became increasingly visible in 19th century english society and problems related to the secret vice and the love that dare not speak its name go to the root of victorian social and cultural history this book shows how the homosexual closet was created it was not just by the operation of the law and increasing police enforcement but also by the efforts of successive governments politicians and journalists and others involved in public debate to marginalize homosexuality in civil society the problem of disclosure and the risk of inflaming class divisions in an age of growing homosexual awareness accompanied an appetite for sexual scandal and the danger of blackmail prevention of slander and the vilification involved in scandals among the ruling classes were potent reasons to marginalize homosexuality and create the closet the victorian masculine character was at issue as the homosexual scandals of the 1880s exposed the gulf between notions of private and public morality bloomsbury publishing in strangers homosexual love in the nineteenth century award winning author graham robb explores the story and history of male and female homosexuality in the uk and us uncovering elements from legislature literature medicine and day to day life that point to a particularly self aware and sophisticated culture of victorian homosexuality drawing on famous cases such as the wilde trials as well as a wide variety of previously neglected sources robb recreates this era with great insight humour and aplomb exploding modern myths and restoring the real and vibrant truth of homosexual love to today s readers strangers tells a tale that is in part familiar and in part extremely surprising a story of oppression and secrecy but also of unexpected tolerance and familiarity in his new book edward carpenter a victorian rebel fighting for gay rights brian anderson explores the life of the neglected victorian gay icon edward carpenter using a large number of previously unpublished letters to his lovers and friends his tortuous journey from conforming youth to outspoken critic of victorian society is traced his adolescent hurts and sexual confusion his fumbling first love affairs the remarkable expansion of his mind at cambridge and his timely release from a priestly and donnish life are recounted his entry into the world of socialist politics as a polemical writer and his turning from socialist rhetoric to sexual politics forms a central part of the narrative together with an account of the obstacles that he faced in finding publishers daring enough to take his work at the height of the oscar wilde scandal the intimate details of his gay life are for the first time combined with the most extensive analysis to date of

his pioneering writing on homosexuality seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 2 3 university of bayreuth sprach und kulturwissenschaftliche fakultät course oscar wilde and the victorians language english abstract diese arbeit beschäftigt sich mit anzeichen von oscar wilde s homosexualität in seinem werk the picture of doran grey zudem wird ein Überblick über sein leben und seinen umgang mit seiner homosexualität gegeben exquisite materials explores the connections between gay subjects material objects and the social and aesthetic landscapes in which they circulated each of the book s four chapters takes up as a case study a figure or set of figures whose life and work dramatize different aspects of the unique queer relationship to materiality and style these diverse episodes converge around the contention that paying attention to the multitudinous objects of the victorian world and to the social practices surrounding them reveals the boundaries and influences of queer forms of identity and aesthetic sensibility that emerged in the mid nineteenth century and have remained recognizable up to our own moment in the cases that author abigail joseph examines objects become unexpected sites of queer community and desire queer others in victorian gothic transgressing monstrosity explores the intersections of gothic cultural gender queer socio economic and postcolonial theories in nineteenth century british representations of sexuality gender class and race from mid century authors like wilkie collins and elizabeth gaskell to fin de siecle writers such as j sheridan le fanu florence marryat and vernon lee this study examines the ways that these victorian writers utilized gothic horror as a proverbial safe space in which to grapple with taboo social and cultural issues this work simultaneously explores our current assumptions about a victorian culture that was monolithic in its disdain for those who were other the author examines four victorian novels pride and prejudice cranford bleak house and picture of dorian gray he shows these stories should be seen less as attempts to repress sex and sexuality than as efforts to produce construct and control the sexual the author argues that the sexual was perceived by the victorians as chaotic anarchic and resistant to rational categorization and was seen as a threat to ordered dichotomies such as nature culture savage civilized and private public annotation copyright by book news inc portland or dowling s compact and intelligently argued study is concerned with the late victorian emergence of homosexuality as an identity rather than as an activity this identity was formed out of notions of hellenism current in mid century oxford that were held to be lofty and ennobling and even a kind of substitute for a waning christianity nineteenth century literature dowling s study is an exceptionally clear headed and far reaching analysis of the way greek studies operated as a homosexual code during the great age of english university reform beautifully written and argued with subtlety the book is indispensable for students of victorian literature culture gender studies and the nature of social change choice hellenism and homosexuality presents a detailed and knowledgeable account of such factors as the oxford movement and the influence of such victorian dons as jowett and pater and the evolving evaluations of classical greece its mores and morals it is also enhanced by an analysis of greek terminology with homosexual connotations as to be found for instance in plato s republic lambda book report sexual attitudes and behaviour have changed radically in britain between the victorian era and the twenty first century however lesley a hall reveals how slow and halting the processes of change have been and how many continuities have persisted under a façade of modernity thoroughly revised updated and expanded the second edition of this established text explores a wide range of relevant topics including marriage homosexuality

commercial sex media representations censorship sexually transmitted diseases and sex education features an entirely new last chapter which brings the narrative right up to the present day provides fresh insights by bringing together further original research and recent scholarship in the area lively and authoritative this is an essential volume for anyone studying the history of sexual culture in britain during a period of rapid social change originally passed in 1885 the law that had made homosexual relations a crime remained in place for 82 years but during this time restrictions on same sex relationships did not go unchallenged between 1891 and 1908 three books on the nature of homosexuality appeared they were written by two homosexual men edward carpenter and john addington symonds and a third havelock ellis at this time the study of homosexuality was limited almost exclusively to the european continent books that were circulated freely in europe were hardly known in england and men who loved men were pushed to the margins of a society where masculinity was strenuously upheld carpenter and symonds story and their brave stand against persecution is largely forgotten but in such a hostile environment their publications were highly significant they were the first english contributions to the scientific understanding of homosexuality and more importantly opened the long struggle for the legal recognition of same sex love that was finally achieved in 1967 the fraternity of the estranged will speak principally to the lgbt community and in a time more accepting of sexual diversity to a wider readership it will also appeal to readers interested in history as it recounts what it was like to be homosexual in late victorian england in its specially commissioned fourteen chapters this important book discusses an impressively wide range of issues around the theme of male spirituality in the nineteenth century drawing from history cultural studies art history and literary criticism topics explored include ideological and iconographical representations of masculinity across the major christian denominations militarism and hymnody male homosexuality and homoeroticism the book is not afraid to explore controversial areas nor to go beyond the generally acknowledged canon of prescribers of gender identity it includes for example leading nonconformist figures like william booth and charles haddon spurgeon and early gay writers like john addington symonds examine lytton strachey s struggle to create a new homosexual identity and voice through his life and work this study of lytton strachey one of the neglected voices of early twentieth century england uses his life and work to re evaluate early british modernism and the relationship between strachey s sexual rebellion and literature a perfect ancillary textbook for courses in history literature and women s studies lytton strachey and the search for modern sexual identity the last eminent victorian contributes to the expanding field of queer studies from an historian s perspective it looks at homosexuality through the eyes of lytton strachey as opposed to the too often analyzed oscar wilde and e m forster questioning the idea that homosexuality is a transgressive rebellion as strachey as well as scholars on bloomsbury have insisted this volume focuses on the ongoing conflict between strachey s victorian notions of class gender and race and his desire to be modern linking strachey s life and work to the larger movement of english modernism lytton strachey and the search for modern sexual identity examines strachey s role at cambridge before world war i how he created his version of homosexuality out of the victorian tradition of male romantic friendship his relations with the british empire as he constructed a rich fantasy life that rested on racial and class differences his friendships and rivalries with the women of bloomsbury how strachey s use of sexuality and irony and history defined and undermined his brand of modernism this thoughtfully

indexed well referenced volume looks at strachey s life in the words of author julie anne taddeo to illustrate some of the issues concerning his generation of cambridge and bloomsbury colleagues and how they battled the victorian ideology often without success it is an essential read for everyone interested in this fascinating chapter in literary and queer history we can begin with a kiss though this will not turn out to be a love story at least not a love story of anything like the usual kind so begins a very queer family indeed which introduces us to the extraordinary benson family edward white benson became archbishop of canterbury at the height of queen victoria s reign while his wife mary was renowned for her wit and charm the prime minister once wondered whether she was the cleverest woman in england or in europe the couple s six precocious children included e f benson celebrated creator of the mapp and lucia novels and margaret benson the first published female egyptologist what interests simon goldhill most however is what went on behind the scenes which was even more unusual than anyone could imagine inveterate writers the benson family spun out novels essays and thousands of letters that open stunning new perspectives including what it might mean for an adult to kiss and propose marriage to a twelve year old girl how religion in a family could support or destroy relationships or how the death of a child could be celebrated no other family has left such detailed records about their most intimate moments and in these remarkable accounts we see how family life and a family s understanding of itself took shape during a time when psychoanalysis scientific and historical challenges to religion and new ways of thinking about society were developing this is the story of the bensons but it is also more than that it is the story of how society transitioned from the high victorian period into modernity a fresh examination of this forbidden history shows the profound effects of gay culture on modern life robb brilliant biographer of balzac hugo and rimbaut examines how homosexuals were treated by society and finds a tale of surprising tolerance proust s cup of tea analyzes proust s reading of various victorian authors and shows how they contributed to a la recherche du temps perdu this book proves that british literature and art played a fundamental role in proust s writing process by citing from the manuscript versions of his novel as well as from his correspondence essays and the lengthy critical apparatus accompanying his translations of ruskin eells reflects here on why proust was attracted to victorian culture and how he incorporated it into his novel the works of the british novelists he was most interested in thomas hardy and george eliot address questions of gender which proust develops in his own work he builds sodom et gomorrhe i the section of his novel focusing on homosexuality on a series of explicit citations and guarded allusions to shakespeare darwin walter scott oscar wilde and robert louis stevenson eells explores how proust followed in the pioneering footsteps of those british writers who had ventured beyond the boundaries of conventional sexuality though he took pains to erase their traces in the definitive version of his work this study also highlights how proust made his fictitious painter elstir into a master of ambiguity by modeling his art on turner the pre raphaelites and whistler eells shows that proust drew on victorian culture in his depiction of sexual ambiguity arguing that he confounded eroticism and aestheticism in the way he inextricably linked the man woman figure with british art and literature as proust aestheticized male and female homosexuality using references to british art and letters eells coins the term anglosexuality to refer to his characters of the third sex she defines anglosexuality as an intersexuality represented through intertextuality as an artistic sensitivity an aesthetic stance and a new way of seeing proust s cup of tea thus demonstrates that

victorian culture and homoeroticism form one of the cornerstones of proust's monumental work studies sexual expression in literature of high quality analyzes more than a dozen novels and poems that in a variety of ways treat topics such as intercourse voyeurism frigidity masturbation homosexuality and incest a reimagining of how the aesthetic movement of the victorian era ushered in modern queer theory late victorian aesthetes were dedicated to the belief that an artwork's value derived solely from its beauty rather than any moral or utilitarian purpose works by these queer artists have rarely been taken seriously as contributions to the theories of sexuality or aesthetics but in before queer theory dustin friedman argues that aestheticism deploys its art for art's sake rhetoric to establish a nascent sense of sexual identity and community friedman makes the case for a claim rarely articulated in either victorian or modern culture that intellectually creatively and ethically being queer can be an advantage not in spite but because of social hostility toward nonnormative desires showing how aesthetes among them walter pater oscar wilde vernon lee and michael field harnessed the force that georg wilhelm friedrich hegel called the negative friedman reveals how becoming self-aware of one's sexuality through art can be both liberating and affirming of humanity's capacity for subjective autonomy challenging one of the central precepts of modern queer theory the notion that the heroic subject of enlightenment thought is merely an effect of discourse and power friedman develops a new framework for understanding the relationship between desire and self-determination he also articulates an innovative queer notion of subjective autonomy that encourages reflecting critically on one's historical moment and envisioning new modes of seeing thinking and living that expand the boundaries of social and intellectual structures before queer theory is an audacious reimagining that will appeal to scholars with interests in victorian studies queer theory gender and sexuality studies and art history this book examines changing perceptions of sex between men in early victorian britain a significant yet surprisingly little explored period in the history of western sexuality looking at the dramatic transformations of the era changes in the family and in the law the emergence of the world's first police force the growth of a national media and more charles upchurch asks how perceptions of same-sex desire changed between men in families and in the larger society to illuminate these questions he mines a rich trove of previously unexamined sources including hundreds of articles pertaining to sex between men that appeared in mainstream newspapers the first book to relate this topic to broader economic social and political changes in the early nineteenth century before wilde sheds new light on the central question of how and when sex acts became identities beginning with tennyson's in memoriam and continuing by way of hopkins and swinburne to the novels of oscar wilde and thomas hardy richard dellamora draws on journals letters censored texts and pornography to examine the cultural construction of a victorian enthusiast has a startling sexual revelation to make at his monthly society meeting two men find love in the aftermath of hurricane katrina a home-teaching assignment goes terribly wrong when a man is confronted with a young gay cowboy a relief society president is trapped on a plane next to a gay man flaunting his sexuality gay mormons react when the prophet has a new revelation about homosexuality as recently as the 1970s gay and lesbian history was a relatively unexplored field for serious scholars the past quarter-century however has seen enormous growth in gay and lesbian studies the literature is now voluminous it is also widely scattered and not always easily accessible in toward stonewall nicholas edsall provides a much-needed synthesis drawing upon both scholarly and popular writings to chart the

development of homosexual subcultures in the modern era and the uneasy place they have occupied in western society edsall s survey begins three hundred years ago in northwestern europe when homosexual subcultures recognizably similar to those of our own era began to emerge and it follows their surprisingly diverse paths through the enlightenment to the early nineteenth century the book then turns to the victorian era tracing the development of articulate and self aware homosexual subcultures with a greater sense of identity and organization came new forms of resistance this was the age that saw the persecution of oscar wilde among others as well as the medical establishment s labeling of homosexuality as a sign of degeneracy the book s final section locates the foundations of present day gay sub cultures in a succession of twentieth century scenes and events in pre nazi germany in the lesbian world of interwar paris in the law reforms of 1960s england culminating in the emergence of popular movements in the postwar united states rather than examining these groups in isolation the book considers them in their social contexts and as comparable to other subordinate groups and minority movements in the process toward stonewall illuminates not only the subcultures that are its primary subject but the larger societies from which they emerged jack saul is a handsome young man in london who has found his body to be his best asset and makes his way through life as a prostitute one day jack is picked up by a male customer in leicester square and after their encounter the man offers to pay jack for a written account of his experiences what follows is the sins of the cities of the plain a narrative tracing in explicit detail the development of jack s vices as he progresses from boarding school and into young adulthood amidst london s thriving but clandestine gay underworld featuring a mixture of fact and fiction and incorporating real life personages involved in the cleveland street scandal the oscar wilde trials and other infamous legal proceedings of the period the sins of the cities of the plain was one of the first and frankest works on homosexuality in victorian england read by oscar wilde and an influence on the more famous gay erotic novel teleny 1893 the sins of the cities of the plain was privately printed in two volumes in 1881 and is completely unobtainable today this new edition contains the unabridged text of the first edition housed at the british library together with a new introduction by wolfram setz and a facsimile reproduction of the original volumes title pages although two previous modern editions have been published under this title they are severely altered and rewritten versions of the story this edition marks the first complete reprinting of the original text carolyn oulton recovers the strategies nineteenth century authors used to justify the ideal of same sex romantic friendship and the anxieties these strategies reveal informed by recent insights into the erotic potential of such relationships but focused on romantic friendship as an independent and fully formulated ideal oulton departs from other critics who view romantic friendship as either nebulous and culturally naive or an invocation of homoerotic responsiveness by considering both male and female friendships oulton uncovers surprising parallels between them in novels and poetry by authors such as dickens tennyson disraeli charlotte brontë and braddon oulton also examines conduct manuals periodicals and religious treatises tracing developments from mid century to the fin de siècle when romantic friendship first came under serious attack her book is a persuasive challenge to those who view mid victorian england existing in a state of blissful pre freudian innocence as unproblematically accommodating of passionate same sex relationships following oscar wilde s trials for committing acts of gross indecency with men he lost his family his freedom and his will to live this book sets out to examine how victorian society could allow

or indeed need this to happen with readings of novels by thomas hardy anthony trollope oscar wilde bram stoker henry james and others this work explores the relationship between illicit sex and the postal service in victorian britain focusing on the representation of same sex desire in victorian autobiographical writing oliver buckton offers significant new readings of works by such influential 19th century writers as edward carpenter john henry newman john addington symonds and in an epilogue e m forster and reveals the confessional elements of their writings when ulysses the earl of wolfshire goes to investigate the whereabouts of his sister s husband he ends up stumbling upon raymond the younger brother of the marquis of oakbridge with another man not knowing his preference for men the younger noble tries to seduce him in exchange for his silence and ends up being seduced instead thus begins the game of seduction between the two nobles as they are forced to work together to solve a mystery unfolding in the very heart of the ton bonus this ebook contains a preview of the hot story the male condition by melody lewis warning this 16 749 word novella is a steamy read that contains explicit scenes between men in a historical victorian era setting and may be too much for some readers to handle why does passion bewilder and torment so many victorian protagonists and why do so many literary characters experience moments of ecstasy before their deaths in this original study christopher lane shows why victorian fiction conveys both the pleasure and anguish of intimacy examining works by bulwer lytton swinburne schreiner hardy james santayana and forster he argues that these writers struggled with aspects of psychology that were undermining the utilitarian ethos of the victorian age lane discredits the conservative notion that victorian literature expresses only a demand for repression and moral restraint but he also refutes historicist and foucauldian approaches arguing that they dismiss the very idea of repression and end up denouncing psychoanalysis as complicit in various kinds of oppression these approaches lane argues reduce victorian literature to a drama about politics power and the ego striving instead to reinvigorate discussions of fantasy and the unconscious lane offers a clear often startling account of writers who grapple with the genuine complexities of love desire and friendship ravage me alexander a gay victoria love story the journey of two remarkable men in victorian england continues as they navigate daily trials and conquer adversity in ways that stretch our imaginations within these pages we become their staunch supporters accompanying alexander pierce howell and oliver wainwright on their pursuit of a shared story of love and the pursuit of an intense sexual relationship with unwavering support we stand by their side cheering them on as they strive to overcome obstacles and craft a narrative of love that binds them together their story unfolds like a forbidden romance that defies the conventions of their era their love becomes a guiding light leading them through trials and tribulations as they seek authenticity amidst a world that values appearances over truth their connection becomes an anthem of defiance inspiring others to question the societal norms that shackle their hearts yet the depth of their feelings remains unexplored the full extent of their connection yet to be revealed unbeknownst to them their destinies are intricately interwoven and their love story like a masterpiece of passion and authenticity stands poised to leave an indelible mark on history the allure of temptation has led them to this juncture and their hearts teetering on the edge of surrender are poised to embrace a love that is both forbidden and inevitable this love will reshape their lives and the very fabric of victorian london itself it has been decades since michel foucault urged us to rethink the repressive hypothesis and see new forms of sexual discourse as coming into being in the nineteenth century

century yet the term victorian still has largely negative connotations lgbt victorians argues for re visiting the period s thinking about gender and sexual identity at a time when our queer alliances are fraying we think of those whose primary self definition is in terms of sexuality lesbians gay men bisexuals and those for whom it is gender identity intersex and transgender people genderqueers as simultaneously in coalition and distinct from each other on the assumption that gender and sexuality are independent aspects of self identification re examining how the victorians considered such identity categories to have produced and shaped each other can ground a more durable basis for strengthening our present lgbtq coalition lgbt victorians draws on scholarship reconsidering the significance of sexology and efforts to retrospectively discover transgender people in historical archives particularly in the gap between what the nineteenth century termed the sodomite and the hermaphrodite it highlights a broad range of individuals including anne lister and the defendants in the fanny and stella trial of the 1870s key thinkers and activists including karl heinrich ulrichs and edward carpenter and writers such as walt whitman and john addington symonds to map the complicated landscape of gender and sexuality in the victorian period in the process it decenters oscar wilde and his imprisonment from our historical understanding of sexual and gender nonconformity this book offers a radically new reading of dickens and his major works it demonstrates that rather than representing a largely conventional conservative view of sexuality and gender he presents a distinctly queer corpus everywhere fascinated by the diversity of gender roles the expandability of notions of the family and the complex multiplicity of sexual desire the book examines the long overlooked figures of bachelor fathers maritally resistant men and male nurses it explores dickens s attention to a longing not to reproduce but to nurture his interest in healing touch and his articulation over the course of his career of homoerotic desire holly furneaux places dickens s writing in a broad literary and social context alongside authors including bulwer lytton tennyson braddon collins and whitman to make a case for dickens s central position in queer literary history examining novels poetry life writing journalism and legal and political debates queer dickens argues that this eminent victorian can direct us to the ways in which his culture could and did comfortably accommodate homoeroticism and families of choice further it contends that dickens s portrayals of nurturing masculinity and his concern with touch and affect between men challenge what we have been used to thinking about victorian ideals of maleness queer dickens intervenes in current debates about the victorians neither so punitive nor so prudish as we once imagined and about the methodologies of the histories of the family and of sexuality it makes the case for a more optimistic nurturing and life affirming trajectory in queer theory is their real life love story doomed to be a tragedy or can they rewrite the ending london 1883 finely dressed and finely drunk charlie price is a man dedicated to his vices chief among them is his explicit novel collection though his impending marriage to a woman he can t love will force his carefully curated collection into hiding before it does charlie is determined to have one last hurrah meeting his favorite author in person miles montague is more gifted as a smut writer than a shopkeep and uses his royalties to keep his flagging bookstore afloat so when a cheerful dandy appears out of the mist with miles s highly secret pen name on his pretty lips miles assumes the worst but charlie price is no blackmailer he s miles s biggest fan a scribbled signature on a worn book page sets off an affair as scorching as anything miles has ever written but miles is clinging to a troubled past while charlie s future has spun entirely out of his control carina

adores is home to romantic love stories where lgbtq characters find their happily ever afters lucky lovers of london book 1 the gentleman s book of vices it has long been recognised that the gothic genre sensationalised beliefs and practices associated with catholicism often the rhetorical tropes and narrative structures of the gothic with its lurid and supernatural plots were used to argue that both catholicism and sexual difference were fundamentally alien and threatening to british protestant culture ultimately however the gothic also provided an imaginative space in which unconventional writers from john henry newman to oscar wilde could articulate an alternative vision of british culture patrick o malley charts these developments from the origins of the gothic novel in the mid eighteenth century through the mid nineteenth century sensation novel toward the end of the victorian gothic in bram stoker s dracula and thomas hardy s jude the obscure o malley foregrounds the continuing importance of victorian gothic as a genre through which british authors defined their culture and what was outside it never has the victorian novel appeared so perverse as it does in these pages and never has its perversity seemed so fundamental to its accomplishment by viewing this fiction alongside the most alarming public scandals of the day cohen exposes both the scandalousness of this literature and its sexiness in narratives ranging from great expectations to the boulton and park sodomy scandal of 1870 71 from eliot s and trollope s novels about scandalous women to oscar wilde s writing and his trials for homosexuality cohen shows how in each instance sexuality appears couched in coded terms he identifies an assortment of cunning narrative techniques used to insinuate sex into victorian writing demonstrating that even as such narratives air the scandalous subject they emphasize its unspeakable nature written with an eye toward the sex scandals that still whet the appetites of consumers of news and novels this work is suggestive about our own modes of imagining sexuality today and how we arrived at them book jacket

Hellenism and Homosexuality in Victorian Oxford 2014-09-10 dowing s compact and intelligently argued study is concerned with the late victorian emergence of homosexuality as an identity rather than as an activity this identity was formed out of notions of hellenism current in mid century oxford that were held to be lofty and ennobling and even a kind of substitute for a waning christianity nineteenth century literature dowing s study is an exceptionally clear headed and far reaching analysis of the way greek studies operated as a homosexual code during the great age of english university reform beautifully written and argued with subtlety the book is indispensable for students of victorian literature culture gender studies and the nature of social change choice hellenism and homosexuality presents a detailed and knowledgeable account of such factors as the oxford movement and the influence of such victorian dons as jowett and pater and the evolving evaluations of classical greece its mores and morals it is also enhanced by an analysis of greek terminology with homosexual connotations as to be found for instance in plato s republic lambda book report

Same-Sex Desire in Victorian Religious Culture 2002-10-23 same sex desire in victorian religious culture examines the role of christian history in nineteenth century definitions of homosexual identity roden charts the emergence of the modern homosexual in relation to religious not exclusively sociological discourses positing catholicism as complementary to classical greece he challenges the separatism of sexuality and religion in critical practice moving from newman and rossetti to hopkins wilde and michael field amongst others same sex desire claims a new literary history bringing together gay studies and theology in victorian literature

Victorian Sexual Dissidence 2019-04-08 recent critical and historical work on the late victorian period has furnished a vocabulary for discussing gender and sexuality these popular terms include categories such as homo hetero patriarchal feminist and masculine effeminate this collection exploits this framework while refining and resisting it in places to show how certain victorians imagined difference in ways that continue to challenge us today one essay for example traces the remarkable feminist appropriation of male identified fields of study such as classical philology others address the validation of male bodies as objects of desire in writing painting and emergent modernist choreography the writings shed light on the diverse interests served by a range of cultural practitioners and on the complex ways in which the late victorians invented themselves as modern subjects this volume will be essential reading for students of british literary and cultural history as well as for those interested in feminist gay and lesbian studies contributors are oliver buckton richard dellamora dennis denisoff regenia gagnier eric haralson andrew hewitt christopher lane thaïs morgan yopie prins kathy alexis psomiades julia saville robert sulcer jr martha vicinus

Nameless Offences 2003-05-23 what did the victorians know about desire between men was it really the love that dare not speak its name nameless offences argues that even before oscar wilde and the rise of sexual science there was an open public and concerted discussion of same sex desire that went to the heart of victorian notions of masculinity civil society class and identity how did homosexuality come to be known as a secret vice consigned to a secret place the closet when contemporaries regularly described its existence as widespread threatening and even notorious nameless offences asks where the closet came from and how the english learned to describe that which was nameless and indescribable in this way this groundbreaking book offers the definitive portrait of male homosexuality in the nineteenth century and includes

many perceptive insights into what it reveals about the interaction between public and private morality which lay at the heart of victorian england nameless offences is a cogently argued and well written book which contributes importantly to our understanding of the history of the legal regulation of sexual behavior between men in the 19th century i cannot do justice to the richness of his historical narrative he has found gems of narrative detail and woven them into a persuasive analysis morris b kaplan associate professor of philosophy state university of new york

Same-Sex Desire in Victorian Religious Culture 2002-10-23 same sex desire in victorian religious culture examines the role of christian history in nineteenth century definitions of homosexual identity roden charts the emergence of the modern homosexual in relation to religious not exclusively sociological discourses positing catholicism as complementary to classical greece he challenges the separatism of sexuality and religion in critical practice moving from newman and rossetti to hopkins wilde and michael field amongst others same sex desire claims a new literary history bringing together gay studies and theology in victorian literature

Nameless Offences 2003 homosexuality became increasingly visible in 19th century english society and problems related to the secret vice and the love that dare not speak its name go to the root of victorian social and cultural history this book shows how the homosexual closet was created it was not just by the operation of the law and increasing police enforcement but also by the efforts of successive governments politicians and journalists and others involved in public debate to marginalize homosexuality in civil society the problem of disclosure and the risk of inflaming class divisions in an age of growing homosexual awareness accompanied an appetite for sexual scandal and the danger of blackmail prevention of slander and the vilification involved in scandals among the ruling classes were potent reasons to marginalize homosexuality and create the closet the victorian masculine character was at issue as the homosexual scandals of the 1880s exposed the gulf between notions of private and public morality bloomsbury publishing

Strangers 2017-07-27 in strangers homosexual love in the nineteenth century award winning author graham robb explores the story and history of male and female homosexuality in the uk and us uncovering elements from legislature literature medicine and day to day life that point to a particularly self aware and sophisticated culture of victorian homosexuality drawing on famous cases such as the wilde trials as well as a wide variety of previously neglected sources robb recreates this era with great insight humour and aplomb exploding modern myths and restoring the real and vibrant truth of homosexual love to today s readers strangers tells a tale that is in part familiar and in part extremely surprising a story of oppression and secrecy but also of unexpected tolerance and familiarity

Edward Carpenter 2021-09-07 in his new book edward carpenter a victorian rebel fighting for gay rights brian anderson explores the life of the neglected victorian gay icon edward carpenter using a large number of previously unpublished letters to his lovers and friends his tortuous journey from conforming youth to outspoken critic of victorian society is traced his adolescent hurts and sexual confusion his fumbling first love affairs the remarkable expansion of his mind at cambridge and his timely release from a priestly and donnish life are recounted his entry into the world of socialist politics as a polemical writer and his turning from socialist rhetoric to sexual politics forms a central part of the narrative together with an account of the

obstacles that he faced in finding publishers daring enough to take his work at the height of the oscar wilde scandal the intimate details of his gay life are for the first time combined with the most extensive analysis to date of his pioneering writing on homosexuality

Oscar Wilde. The homosexual genius 2014-04-22 seminar paper from the year 2013 in the subject english language and literature studies literature grade 2 3 university of bayreuth sprach und kulturwissenschaftliche fakultät course oscar wilde and the victorians language english abstract diese arbeit beschäftigt sich mit anzeichen von oscar wilde s homosexualität in seinem werk the picture of dorian grey zudem wird ein Überblick über sein leben und seinen umgang mit seiner homosexualität gegeben

Exquisite Materials 2019-11-08 exquisite materials explores the connections between gay subjects material objects and the social and aesthetic landscapes in which they circulated each of the book s four chapters takes up as a case study a figure or set of figures whose life and work dramatize different aspects of the unique queer relationship to materiality and style these diverse episodes converge around the contention that paying attention to the multitudinous objects of the victorian world and to the social practices surrounding them reveals the boundaries and influences of queer forms of identity and aesthetic sensibility that emerged in the mid nineteenth century and have remained recognizable up to our own moment in the cases that author abigail joseph examines objects become unexpected sites of queer community and desire

Queer Others in Victorian Gothic 2012-03-15 queer others in victorian gothic transgressing monstrosity explores the intersections of gothic cultural gender queer socio economic and postcolonial theories in nineteenth century british representations of sexuality gender class and race from mid century authors like wilkie collins and elizabeth gaskell to fin de siecle writers such as j sheridan le fanu florence marryat and vernon lee this study examines the ways that these victorian writers utilized gothic horror as a proverbial safe space in which to grapple with taboo social and cultural issues this work simultaneously explores our current assumptions about a victorian culture that was monolithic in its disdain for those who were other

Sexuality in Victorian Fiction 1993-01-01 the author examines four victorian novels pride and prejudice cranford bleak house and picture of dorian gray he shows these stories should be seen less as attempts to repress sex and sexuality than as efforts to produce construct and control the sexual the author argues that the sexual was perceived by the victorians as chaotic anarchic and resistant to rational categorization and was seen as a threat to ordered dichotomies such as nature culture savage civilized and private public annotation copyright by book news inc portland or

Hellenism and Homosexuality in Victorian Oxford 2014-09-10 dowling s compact and intelligently argued study is concerned with the late victorian emergence of homosexuality as an identity rather than as an activity this identity was formed out of notions of hellenism current in mid century oxford that were held to be lofty and ennobling and even a kind of substitute for a waning christianity nineteenth century literature dowling s study is an exceptionally clear headed and far reaching analysis of the way greek studies operated as a homosexual code during the great age of english university reform beautifully written and argued with subtlety the book is indispensable for students of victorian literature culture gender studies and the nature of social change choice hellenism and homosexuality presents a

detailed and knowledgeable account of such factors as the oxford movement and the influence of such victorian dons as jowett and pater and the evolving evaluations of classical greece its mores and morals it is also enhanced by an analysis of greek terminology with homosexual connotations as to be found for instance in plato s republic lambda book report

Sex, Gender and Social Change in Britain since 1880 2017-09-16 sexual attitudes and behaviour have changed radically in britain between the victorian era and the twenty first century however lesley a hall reveals how slow and halting the processes of change have been and how many continuities have persisted under a façade of modernity thoroughly revised updated and expanded the second edition of this established text explores a wide range of relevant topics including marriage homosexuality commercial sex media representations censorship sexually transmitted diseases and sex education features an entirely new last chapter which brings the narrative right up to the present day provides fresh insights by bringing together further original research and recent scholarship in the area lively and authoritative this is an essential volume for anyone studying the history of sexual culture in britain during a period of rapid social change

The Fraternity of the Estranged 2018-04-10 originally passed in 1885 the law that had made homosexual relations a crime remained in place for 82 years but during this time restrictions on same sex relationships did not go unchallenged between 1891 and 1908 three books on the nature of homosexuality appeared they were written by two homosexual men edward carpenter and john addington symonds and a third havelock ellis at this time the study of homosexuality was limited almost exclusively to the european continent books that were circulated freely in europe were hardly known in england and men who loved men were pushed to the margins of a society where masculinity was strenuously upheld carpenter and symonds story and their brave stand against persecution is largely forgotten but in such a hostile environment their publications were highly significant they were the first english contributions to the scientific understanding of homosexuality and more importantly opened the long struggle for the legal recognition of same sex love that was finally achieved in 1967 the fraternity of the estranged will speak principally to the lgbt community and in a time more accepting of sexual diversity to a wider readership it will also appeal to readers interested in history as it recounts what it was like to be homosexual in late victorian england

Masculinity and Spirituality in Victorian Culture 2000-10-04 in its specially commissioned fourteen chapters this important book discusses an impressively wide range of issues around the theme of male spirituality in the nineteenth century drawing from history cultural studies art history and literary criticism topics explored include ideological and iconographical representations of masculinity across the major christian denominations militarism and hymnody male homosexuality and homoeroticism the book is not afraid to explore controversial areas nor to go beyond the generally acknowledged canon of prescribers of gender identity it includes for example leading nonconformist figures like william booth and charles haddon spurgeon and early gay writers like john addington symonds

Lytton Strachey and the Search for Modern Sexual Identity 2012-11-12 examine lytton strachey s struggle to create a new homosexual identity and voice through his life and work this study of lytton strachey one of the neglected voices of early twentieth century england uses his life and work to re evaluate early british modernism and the relationship between strachey s sexual rebellion and literature a perfect ancillary textbook for courses in history

literature and women's studies lytton strachey and the search for modern sexual identity the last eminent victorian contributes to the expanding field of queer studies from an historian's perspective it looks at homosexuality through the eyes of lytton strachey as opposed to the too often analyzed oscar wilde and e m forster questioning the idea that homosexuality is a transgressive rebellion as strachey as well as scholars on bloomsbury have insisted this volume focuses on the ongoing conflict between strachey's victorian notions of class gender and race and his desire to be modern linking strachey's life and work to the larger movement of english modernism lytton strachey and the search for modern sexual identity examines strachey's role at cambridge before world war i how he created his version of homosexuality out of the victorian tradition of male romantic friendship his relations with the british empire as he constructed a rich fantasy life that rested on racial and class differences his friendships and rivalries with the women of bloomsbury how strachey's use of sexuality androgyny and history defined and undermined his brand of modernism this thoughtfully indexed well referenced volume looks at strachey's life in the words of author julie anne taddeo to illustrate some of the issues concerning his generation of cambridge and bloomsbury colleagues and how they battled the victorian ideology often without success it is an essential read for everyone interested in this fascinating chapter in literary and queer history

A Very Queer Family Indeed 2016-10-03 we can begin with a kiss though this will not turn out to be a love story at least not a love story of anything like the usual kind so begins a very queer family indeed which introduces us to the extraordinary benson family edward white benson became archbishop of canterbury at the height of queen victoria's reign while his wife mary was renowned for her wit and charm the prime minister once wondered whether she was the cleverest woman in england or in europe the couple's six precocious children included e f benson celebrated creator of the mapp and lucia novels and margaret benson the first published female egyptologist what interests simon goldhill most however is what went on behind the scenes which was even more unusual than anyone could imagine inveterate writers the benson family spun out novels essays and thousands of letters that open stunning new perspectives including what it might mean for an adult to kiss and propose marriage to a twelve year old girl how religion in a family could support or destroy relationships or how the death of a child could be celebrated no other family has left such detailed records about their most intimate moments and in these remarkable accounts we see how family life and a family's understanding of itself took shape during a time when psychoanalysis scientific and historical challenges to religion and new ways of thinking about society were developing this is the story of the bensons but it is also more than that it is the story of how society transitioned from the high victorian period into modernity

Strangers 2004 a fresh examination of this forbidden history shows the profound effects of gay culture on modern life robb brilliant biographer of balzac hugo and rimbaud examines how homosexuals were treated by society and finds a tale of surprising tolerance

Proust's Cup of Tea 2017-03-02 proust's cup of tea analyzes proust's reading of various victorian authors and shows how they contributed to a la recherche du temps perdu this book proves that british literature and art played a fundamental role in proust's writing process by citing from the manuscript versions of his novel as well as from his correspondence essays and the lengthy critical apparatus accompanying his translations of ruskin eells reflects here on why proust was attracted to victorian culture and how he incorporated it into his novel the works of

the british novelists he was most interested in thomas hardy and george eliot address questions of gender which proust develops in his own work he builds sodomite et gomorrhe in the section of his novel focusing on homosexuality on a series of explicit citations and guarded allusions to shakespeare darwin walter scott oscar wilde and robert louis stevenson eells explores how proust followed in the pioneering footsteps of those british writers who had ventured beyond the boundaries of conventional sexuality though he took pains to erase their traces in the definitive version of his work this study also highlights how proust made his fictitious painter elstir into a master of ambiguity by modeling his art on turner the pre raphaelites and whistler eells shows that proust drew on victorian culture in his depiction of sexual ambiguity arguing that he confounded eroticism and aestheticism in the way he inextricably linked the man woman figure with british art and literature as proust aestheticized male and female homosexuality using references to british art and letters eells coins the term anglosexuality to refer to his characters of the third sex she defines anglosexuality as an intersexuality represented through intertextuality as an artistic sensitivity an aesthetic stance and a new way of seeing proust's cup of tea thus demonstrates that victorian culture and homoeroticism form one of the cornerstones of proust's monumental work

Sexual Repression and Victorian Literature 1970 studies sexual expression in literature of high quality analyzes more than a dozen novels and poems that in a variety of ways treat topics such as intercourse voyeurism frigidity masturbation homosexuality and incest

Before Queer Theory 2019-09-03 a reimagining of how the aesthetic movement of the victorian era ushered in modern queer theory late victorian aesthetes were dedicated to the belief that an artwork's value derived solely from its beauty rather than any moral or utilitarian purpose works by these queer artists have rarely been taken seriously as contributions to the theories of sexuality or aesthetics but in *before queer theory* dustin friedman argues that aestheticism deploys its art for art's sake rhetoric to establish a nascent sense of sexual identity and community friedman makes the case for a claim rarely articulated in either victorian or modern culture that intellectually creatively and ethically being queer can be an advantage not in spite but because of social hostility toward nonnormative desires showing how aesthetes among them walter pater oscar wilde vernon lee and michael field harnessed the force that georg wilhelm friedrich hegel called the negative friedman reveals how becoming self aware of one's sexuality through art can be both liberating and affirming of humanity's capacity for subjective autonomy challenging one of the central precepts of modern queer theory the notion that the heroic subject of enlightenment thought is merely an effect of discourse and power friedman develops a new framework for understanding the relationship between desire and self determination he also articulates an innovative queer notion of subjective autonomy that encourages reflecting critically on one's historical moment and envisioning new modes of seeing thinking and living that expand the boundaries of social and intellectual structures *before queer theory* is an audacious reimagining that will appeal to scholars with interests in victorian studies queer theory gender and sexuality studies and art history

Before Wilde 2013-08-01 this book examines changing perceptions of sex between men in early victorian britain a significant yet surprisingly little explored period in the history of western sexuality looking at the dramatic transformations of the era changes in the family and in the law the emergence of the world's first police force the growth of a national media and more charles upchurch asks how perceptions of same sex desire changed between men in families

and in the larger society to illuminate these questions he mines a rich trove of previously unexamined sources including hundreds of articles pertaining to sex between men that appeared in mainstream newspapers the first book to relate this topic to broader economic social and political changes in the early nineteenth century before wilde sheds new light on the central question of how and when sex acts became identities

Masculine Desire 1990 beginning with tennyson s in memoriam and continuing by way of hopkins and swinburne to the novels of oscar wilde and thomas hardy richard dellamora draws on journals letters censored texts and pornography to examine the cultural construction o

The Mormon Victorian Society 2013-03 a victorian enthusiast has a startling sexual revelation to make at his monthly society meeting two men find love in the aftermath of hurricane katrina a home teaching assignment goes terribly wrong when a man is confronted with a young gay cowboy a relief society president is trapped on a plane next to a gay man flaunting his sexuality gay mormons react when the prophet has a new revelation about homosexuality

Toward Stonewall 2006 as recently as the 1970s gay and lesbian history was a relatively unexplored field for serious scholars the past quarter century however has seen enormous growth in gay and lesbian studies the literature is now voluminous it is also widely scattered and not always easily accessible in toward stonewall nicholas edsall provides a much needed synthesis drawing upon both scholarly and popular writings to chart the development of homosexual subcultures in the modern era and the uneasy place they have occupied in western society edsall s survey begins three hundred years ago in northwestern europe when homosexual subcultures recognizably similar to those of our own era began to emerge and it follows their surprisingly diverse paths through the enlightenment to the early nineteenth century the book then turns to the victorian era tracing the development of articulate and self aware homosexual subcultures with a greater sense of identity and organization came new forms of resistance this was the age that saw the persecution of oscar wilde among others as well as the medical establishment s labeling of homosexuality as a sign of degeneracy the book s final section locates the foundations of present day gay sub cultures in a succession of twentieth century scenes and events in pre nazi germany in the lesbian world of interwar paris in the law reforms of 1960s england culminating in the emergence of popular movements in the postwar united states rather than examining these groups in isolation the book considers them in their social contexts and as comparable to other subordinate groups and minority movements in the process toward stonewall illuminates not only the subcultures that are its primary subject but the larger societies from which they emerged

The Sins of the Cities of the Plain 2014 jack saul is a handsome young man in london who has found his body to be his best asset and makes his way through life as a prostitute one day jack is picked up by a male customer in leicester square and after their encounter the man offers to pay jack for a written account of his experiences what follows is the sins of the cities of the plain a narrative tracing in explicit detail the development of jack s vices as he progresses from boarding school and into young adulthood amidst london s thriving but clandestine gay underworld featuring a mixture of fact and fiction and incorporating real life personages involved in the cleveland street scandal the oscar wilde trials and other infamous legal proceedings of the period the sins of the cities of the plain was one of the first and frankest works on homosexuality in victorian england read by oscar wilde and an influence on

the more famous gay erotic novel *teleny* 1893 the sins of the cities of the plain was privately printed in two volumes in 1881 and is completely unobtainable today this new edition contains the unabridged text of the first edition housed at the british library together with a new introduction by wolfram setz and a facsimile reproduction of the original volumes title pages although two previous modern editions have been published under this title they are severely altered and rewritten versions of the story this edition marks the first complete reprinting of the original text

Romantic Friendship in Victorian Literature 2016-04-08 carolyn oulton recovers the strategies nineteenth century authors used to justify the ideal of same sex romantic friendship and the anxieties these strategies reveal informed by recent insights into the erotic potential of such relationships but focused on romantic friendship as an independent and fully formulated ideal oulton departs from other critics who view romantic friendship as either nebulous and culturally naive or an invocation of homoerotic responsiveness by considering both male and female friendships oulton uncovers surprising parallels between them in novels and poetry by authors such as dickens tennyson disraeli charlotte brontë and braddon oulton also examines conduct manuals periodicals and religious treatises tracing developments from mid century to the fin de siècle when romantic friendship first came under serious attack her book is a persuasive challenge to those who view mid victorian england existing in a state of blissful pre freudian innocence as unproblematically accommodating of passionate same sex relationships

The Trials of Oscar Wilde 1997-01-01 following oscar wilde s trials for committing acts of gross indecency with men he lost his family his freedom and his will to live this book sets out to examine how victorian society could allow or indeed need this to happen

Postal Pleasures 2012 with readings of novels by thomas hardy anthony trollope oscar wilde bram stoker henry james and others this work explores the relationship between illicit sex and the postal service in victorian britain

Secret Selves 1998 focusing on the representation of same sex desire in victorian autobiographical writing oliver buckton offers significant new readings of works by such influential 19th century writers as edward carpenter john henry newman john addington symonds and in an epilogue e m forster and reveals the confessional elements of their writings

May the Best Gentleman Win - A Sexy Victorian-Era Gay M/M Mystery Novella from Steam Books 2013 when ulysses the earl of wolfshire goes to investigate the whereabouts of his sister s husband he ends up stumbling upon raymond the younger brother of the marquis of oakbridge with another man not knowing his preference for men the younger noble tries to seduce him in exchange for his silence and ends up being seduced instead thus begins the game of seduction between the two nobles as they are forced to work together to solve a mystery unfolding in the very heart of the ton bonus this ebook contains a preview of the hot story the male condition by melody lewis warning this 16 749 word novella is a steamy read that contains explicit scenes between men in a historical victorian era setting and may be too much for some readers to handle

The Burdens of Intimacy 1999 why does passion bewilder and torment so many victorian protagonists and why do so many literary characters experience moments of ecstasy before their deaths in this original study christopher lane shows why victorian fiction conveys both the pleasure and anguish of intimacy examining works by bulwer lytton swinburne schreiner hardy james santayana and forster he argues that these writers struggled with aspects of psychology

that were undermining the utilitarian ethos of the victorian age lane discredits the conservative notion that victorian literature expresses only a demand for repression and moral restraint but he also refutes historicist and foucauldian approaches arguing that they dismiss the very idea of repression and end up denouncing psychoanalysis as complicit in various kinds of oppression these approaches lane argues reduce victorian literature to a drama about politics power and the ego striving instead to reinvigorate discussions of fantasy and the unconscious lane offers a clear often startling account of writers who grapple with the genuine complexities of love desire and friendship

Ravage Me, Alexander! 2023-08-16 ravage me alexander a gay victoria love story the journey of two remarkable men in victorian england continues as they navigate daily trials and conquer adversity in ways that stretch our imaginations within these pages we become their staunch supporters accompanying alexander pierce howell and oliver wainwright on their pursuit of a shared story of love and the pursuit of an intense sexual relationship with unwavering support we stand by their side cheering them on as they strive to overcome obstacles and craft a narrative of love that binds them together their story unfolds like a forbidden romance that defies the conventions of their era their love becomes a guiding light leading them through trials and tribulations as they seek authenticity amidst a world that values appearances over truth their connection becomes an anthem of defiance inspiring others to question the societal norms that shackle their hearts yet the depth of their feelings remains unexplored the full extent of their connection yet to be revealed unbeknownst to them their destinies are intricately interwoven and their love story like a masterpiece of passion and authenticity stands poised to leave an indelible mark on history the allure of temptation has led them to this juncture and their hearts teetering on the edge of surrender are poised to embrace a love that is both forbidden and inevitable this love will reshape their lives and the very fabric of victorian london itself

LGBT Victorians 2022-07-28 it has been decades since michel foucault urged us to rethink the repressive hypothesis and see new forms of sexual discourse as coming into being in the nineteenth century yet the term victorian still has largely negative connotations lgbt victorians argues for re visiting the period s thinking about gender and sexual identity at a time when our queer alliances are fraying we think of those whose primary self definition is in terms of sexuality lesbians gay men bisexuals and those for whom it is gender identity intersex and transgender people genderqueers as simultaneously in coalition and distinct from each other on the assumption that gender and sexuality are independent aspects of self identification re examining how the victorians considered such identity categories to have produced and shaped each other can ground a more durable basis for strengthening our present lgbtq coalition lgbt victorians draws on scholarship reconsidering the significance of sexology and efforts to retrospectively discover transgender people in historical archives particularly in the gap between what the nineteenth century termed the sodomite and the hermaphrodite it highlights a broad range of individuals including anne lister and the defendants in the fanny and stella trial of the 1870s key thinkers and activists including karl heinrich ulrichs and edward carpenter and writers such as walt whitman and john addington symonds to map the complicated landscape of gender and sexuality in the victorian period in the process it decenters oscar wilde and his imprisonment from our historical understanding of sexual and gender nonconformity

Secreted Desires 2006 this book offers a radically new reading of dickens and his major works it demonstrates that rather than representing a largely conventional conservative view of sexuality and gender he presents a distinctly queer corpus everywhere fascinated by the diversity of gender roles the expandability of notions of the family and the complex multiplicity of sexual desire the book examines the long overlooked figures of bachelor fathers maritally resistant men and male nurses it explores dickens s attention to a longing not to reproduce but to nurture his interest in healing touch and his articulation over the course of his career of homoerotic desire holly furneaux places dickens s writing in a broad literary and social context alongside authors including bulwer lytton tennyson braddon collins and whitman to make a case for dickens s central position in queer literary history examining novels poetry life writing journalism and legal and political debates queer dickens argues that this eminent victorian can direct us to the ways in which his culture could and did comfortably accommodate homoeroticism and families of choice further it contends that dickens s portrayals of nurturing masculinity and his concern with touch and affect between men challenge what we have been used to thinking about victorian ideals of maleness queer dickens intervenes in current debates about the victorians neither so punitive nor so prudish as we once imagined and about the methodologies of the histories of the family and of sexuality it makes the case for a more optimistic nurturing and life affirming trajectory in queer theory

Queer Dickens: Erotics, Families, Masculinities 2009-12-10 is their real life love story doomed to be a tragedy or can they rewrite the ending london 1883 finely dressed and finely drunk charlie price is a man dedicated to his vices chief among them is his explicit novel collection though his impending marriage to a woman he can t love will force his carefully curated collection into hiding before it does charlie is determined to have one last hurrah meeting his favorite author in person miles montague is more gifted as a smut writer than a shopkeep and uses his royalties to keep his flagging bookstore afloat so when a cheerful dandy appears out of the mist with miles s highly secret pen name on his pretty lips miles assumes the worst but charlie price is no blackmailer he s miles s biggest fan a scribbled signature on a worn book page sets off an affair as scorching as anything miles has ever written but miles is clinging to a troubled past while charlie s future has spun entirely out of his control carina adores is home to romantic love stories where lgbtq characters find their happily ever afters lucky lovers of london book 1 the gentleman s book of vices

The Gentleman's Book of Vices 2022-11-29 it has long been recognised that the gothic genre sensationalised beliefs and practices associated with catholicism often the rhetorical tropes and narrative structures of the gothic with its lurid and supernatural plots were used to argue that both catholicism and sexual difference were fundamentally alien and threatening to british protestant culture ultimately however the gothic also provided an imaginative space in which unconventional writers from john henry newman to oscar wilde could articulate an alternative vision of british culture patrick o malley charts these developments from the origins of the gothic novel in the mid eighteenth century through the mid nineteenth century sensation novel toward the end of the victorian gothic in bram stoker s dracula and thomas hardy s jude the obscure o malley foregrounds the continuing importance of victorian gothic as a genre through which british authors defined their culture and what was outside it

Catholicism, Sexual Deviance, and Victorian Gothic Culture 2006-09-21 never has the victorian novel appeared so perverse as it does in these pages and never has its perversity

seemed so fundamental to its accomplishment by viewing this fiction alongside the most alarming public scandals of the day cohen exposes both the scandalousness of this literature and its sexiness in narratives ranging from great expectations to the boulton and park sodomy scandal of 1870 71 from eliot s and trollope s novels about scandalous women to oscar wilde s writing and his trials for homosexuality cohen shows how in each instance sexuality appears couched in coded terms he identifies an assortment of cunning narrative techniques used to insinuate sex into victorian writing demonstrating that even as such narratives air the scandalous subject they emphasize its unspeakable nature written with an eye toward the sex scandals that still whet the appetites of consumers of news and novels this work is suggestive about our own modes of imagining sexuality today and how we arrived at them book jacket *Sex Scandal* 1996

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