

Queer Sites: Gay Urban Histories Since 1600 - David Higgs - 214 pages - 9780415158978 - 1999 - Psychology Press, 1999

David Higgs, a Professor of History at University College at the University of Toronto, Canada, has published on aspects of French, Portuguese and Brazilian social history and edited the collection, *Queer Sites: Gay Urban Histories since 1600*. Gary P. Leupp is Professor of History, and Adjunct Professor of Comparative Religion, at Tufts University, where he coordinates the Asian Studies Program. His works include *Servants, Shophands, and Laborers in the Cities of Tokugawa Japan* (1992), *Male Colors: the Construction of Homosexuality in Tokugawa Japan* (1996), and *Interracial Intimacy: Japanese Women and Western Men, 1543-1900* (2003), and many articles on ethnicity, gender and sexuality, criminality, urban life and labor in early modern Japan. Search. Books. Queer sites : gay urban histories since 1600 / edited by David Higgs. Higgs, David, 1939-. Date. Queerspace: A History of Urban Sexuality, edited by David Higgs, offers a history of gay space in the major cities from the early modern period to the present. The book focuses on the changing nature of queer experience in London, Amsterdam, Rio de Janeiro, San Francisco, Paris, Lisbon and Moscow. This book provides an interdisciplinary analysis of extensive source material, including diaries, poems, legal accounts and journalism. 'A delight to read *Queer Sites* begins to explore some of the major themes in the emerging field of queer urban histories.' - *The Gay and Lesbian Review*. Related Subjects. Women's & Gender History. Editor David Higgs's anthology *Queer Sites: Gay Urban Histories Since 1600*, derived from the 1993 Toronto conference of the same name, documents that collective journey--both physical and metaphorical--as gay men have taken it to such diverse locales as Paris, Moscow, Amsterdam, London, Lisbon, Rio de Janeiro, and, of course, San Francisco (New York doesn't get its own chapter). Higgs, a professor of history at the University of Toronto, establishes in his introduction the book's parameters (such as "Terminology" and "Identity"), but don't let these dry categories dissuade you from dipping in A history of gay space in seven of the world's major cities from the early modern period to the present. Describing gay space as an area with a significant gay/lesbian population, this collection of essays focuses on the changing nature of queer experience in London, Amsterdam, Rio de Janeiro, San Francisco, Paris, Lisbon and Moscow. The contributors, leading scholars in gay history, span a rich variety of disciplines and make extensive use of source material to examine the transition from the sexual furtiveness of centuries when male homosexual behavior was criminal, to the open affirmation o