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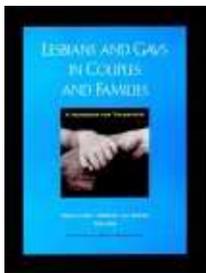
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"The text is well written and very readable and readers do not need extensive training or knowledge in the area to gain a great deal from this book. Overall, this book can be an invaluable resource for both the practicing counselors and students." (Counseling Today)

"This book exemplifies a unique and valuable contribution to the field of couples and family therapy for many reasons. To my knowledge, this handbook represents a first attempt at integrating personal accounts, clinical practice, theory, and empirical research in addressing the complexities of being gay or lesbian in couples and families. . . . Because it is informative and comprehensive, I highly recommend it to all therapists."

"Lesbians and Gays in Couples and Families is most effective in the way it unapologetically challenges the myths our society perpetuates about gays and lesbians, particularly the myth that places sex rather than relatedness at the center of our lives. The book challenges these myths with innovative feminist, relational theories of families and connections, and with sound research to back up most of their claims. This is a book that should be read not only by clinicians working with gay and lesbian clients, but by anyone who is worried about the effects of the patriarchy on future generations . . . gay, lesbian, straight, or bisexual."

"This book is a valuable contribution to the growing gay-friendly literature on clinical work with gay men and lesbians and demonstrates how understanding gay and lesbian relationships adds to our understanding of heterosexual ones."

"Joan Laird and Robert-Jay Green are two of the brightest luminaries in our field....This book should be required reading for all family therapists...for educating ourselves, our trainees, and the field of family therapy in general."

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"This profoundly moving collection of essays is more than a handbook for therapists. Everybody concerned about couples, families, mental health, love, support, community, and lives of dignity and decency will want to read this stirring book. Joan Laird and Robert-Jay Green have given us all a very great gift." (Blanche Wiesen Cook, Ph.D., author of the acclaimed biography, Eleanor Roosevelt and professor of history and women's studies, City University of New York)

"This exceptionally powerful and important book is a major contribution to the helping professions. Despite the fact that I have worked all my professional life in multicultural psychology, I gained insights and new knowledge which I hope will make me a more sensitive and competent helping professional when working with lesbians/gays." (Derald Wing Sue, Ph.D., coauthor, Counseling the Culturally Different: Theory and Practice)

"Comprehensive and theoretically grounded... provides clinically useful approaches... A must for therapists working with lesbians and gay men." (Marshall Forstein, M.D., former president, Association of Gay & Lesbian Psychiatrists; medical director, Mental Health & Addiction Services, Fenway Community Health Center)

"Laird and Green have collected an impressive amalgam of clinical wisdom and empirical data...destroying stereotypes and shining light in dark corners.... A necessary companion to any couples and family therapist who wishes to have a new perspective on any family grouping, irrespective of sexual orientations." (Laura S. Brown, Ph.D., ABPP, author of Subversive Dialogues: Theory in Feminist Therapy; clinical professor of psychology, University of Washington; and psychologist in private practice, Seattle)

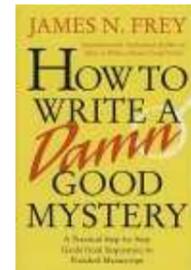
"A long overdue book that belongs on every therapist's bookshelf. In both subtle and obvious ways, we are given direction and guidance for addressing the problems faced by families of lesbians and gays." (Gail A. Rekers, Lesbian Review of Books, Altadena, California)

"[Laird and Green] have edited a remarkable book, ambitious in intent, comprehensive in scope, challenging in concept." (Volker Thomas, Book Review Editor, Journal of Marital and Family Therapy)

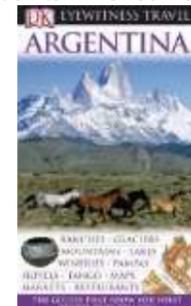
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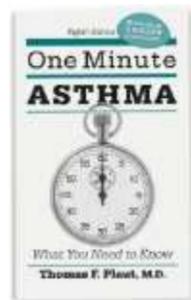
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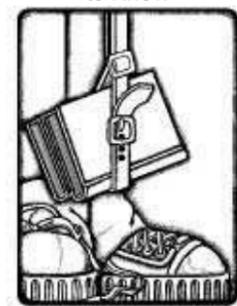
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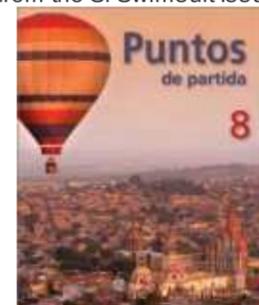
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"Clearly written and timely chapters provide information about gay fathers and lesbian mothers, lesbian and gay males in committed couple relationships as well as in their families of origin...Lesbians and Gays in Couples and Families helps us confront our ignorance and biases and increases our knowledge base at the same time."

(Terrance Patterson, EdD, The Family Psychologist)

"[This book] shatters many myths that family therapists may hold about the nature of couple and family relationships...The editors have done a terrific job of pulling together a large amount of theory, research, and case examples into a cohesive body of work. This book challenges our assumptions about the nature of individuals, couples and families and, in doing so, should help wake up the mental health profession to the fact that lesbians and gays are family too."

"An excellent compilation of chapters designed to change this situation [of invisibility], bringing gay and lesbian family issues more into the public and professional eye ... In general, Laird and Green have created an extremely thoughtful and provoking forum for many discussions that surely will be continued in the coming years." (Jane Ariel, Ph.D., Journal of Feminist Family Therapy)

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The first book to focus on clinical work with lesbians and gays in family relationships

This groundbreaking resource provides you with a wealth of fascinating research and case examples, as well as recommendations and suggestions for working with gay couples and families. Joan Laird and Robert-Jay Green have gathered a distinguished panel of practitioners to create this comprehensive collection. The contributors address the experiences of lesbians and gay men as couples and as parents and examine their relationships with the families in which they were raised.

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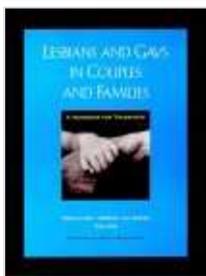
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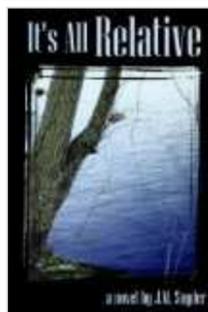
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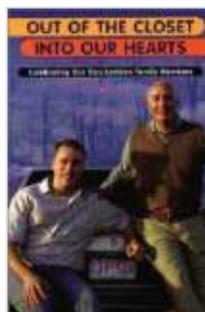
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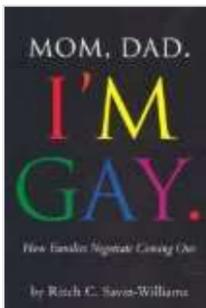
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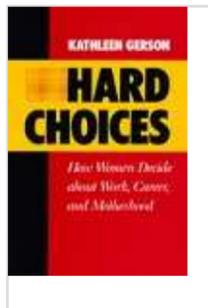
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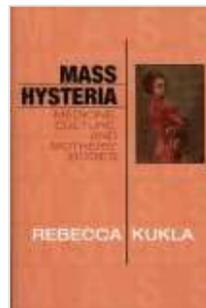
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Markowitz, F. (1998). Even when gay and lesbian couples do receive "spousal benefits" equal to those of straight people they have to pay extra taxes on them (they are "imputed income"). "Loss of Consortium" allows a married heterosexual to collect damages against any who injures their married partner. How the family has responded to accept the new partner. Therapist Skill. Many have argued for and against gays and lesbians only receiving services from other gays and lesbians. It's not that being gay includes the necessary and sufficient knowledge to provide effective services, but rather that it provides a cultural frame of reference that is very hard to duplicate otherwise, especially as prejudice comes up frequently even in modern research. Gay and lesbian parented families in hiding about who they are can be presumed to be everywhere. They may look like heterosexual nuclear families, with no one outside the family knowing that one or both parents is gay. More often, one sees what looks like a single mother, perhaps. Whether or not a family is open about being headed by gay or lesbian parents, however, the lack of legal recognition for a nonbiological parent has a profound impact both on internal family dynamics and on the way the family is integrated into their community and extended families. The anxiety may be enormous for a parent who invests his heart and soul in a child with the ever present danger that this child could be taken from him in an instant if the legal parent died. In addition to her work providing couples therapy in addiction treatment facilities, Diane has codeveloped and facilitated a number of training programs for families, groups, and therapists focused on identifying and treating addiction. She also co-created for the State of Oregon a multi-family group treatment program for persons with problematic gambling. Learning objectives: After attending this webinar, participants will be able to: Describe the framework of addiction and how it impacts the couple system.

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