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Torn - Justin Lee 2024-05-14

In a culture war between gays and Christians, Justin Lee was caught in the middle. Nicknamed "God Boy" by his peers, Lee knew that he was called to a life in evangelical Christian ministry. But questions about his

own sexuality forced him to rethink his "love the sinner, hate the sin" approach, sending him on a journey to better understand the Bible, the science, and the history of the church's gay debate--eventually leading him to become one of the most respected voices on the subject on both sides of the divide. Filled with personal

stories and careful research, Torn provides insightful, practical guidance for all committed Christians who wonder how to relate to gay friends or family members--or who struggle with their own sexuality. Torn has been a trusted resource in this space for over a decade, and this updated edition features new material to address the impact and aftermath of the "ex-gay" movement, gender identity and the broader LGBTQ+ movement, an updated and expanded look at where the overall affirming Christian movement is going, and new practical recommendations for combating the increased polarization that threatens to tear us apart. Convinced that God's grace is the key to loving one another without compromise, Lee charts a path for people on both sides of the debate to help mend Christianity's shattered reputation and bring peace to our families and churches.

**Anything but Straight** - Wayne Besen 2012-07-26

The real story behind "ex-gay" ministries and reparative therapy! Nationally known activist Wayne Besen spent four years examining the phenomenon of "ex-gay" ministries and reparative therapies—interviewing leaders, attending conferences, and visiting ministries undercover as he accumulated hundreds of hours of research. The result is *Anything but Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth*, a groundbreaking exposé of the controversial movement that's revered by independent religious groups and reviled by gay and lesbian organizations. The book presents a historical perspective on the dispute, examining "ex-gay" groups such as Love In Action, Exodus International, Homosexuals Anonymous, and profiling a cast of characters that includes Pat Robertson, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, "ex-gay" poster boy John Paulk, National Association of Research and Therapy of Homosexuality activist Richard Cohen, and psychiatrist Dr. Robert Spitzer. An in-depth, well-researched, and historically significant account, *Anything but Straight* is full of startling facts and alarming surprises. The original content and novel material in the book includes: a first-ever comprehensive history of the "ex-gay" ministries and "reparative therapy" the inside story of the night the author photographed "ex-gay" poster boy John Paulk inside a gay bar the author's discovery that Anne Paulk lied about being a lesbian and has admitted to having a strong attraction to men BEFORE she became "ex-gay" previously undisclosed bizarre techniques used by the "ex-gay" ministries and "reparative therapists" the author's exclusive in-depth interviews with leading "ex-gay" leaders—they disclose their deepest secrets, hidden desires, and true motivations an extraordinary new study that shows that most "ex-gay" leaders have suffered from substance abuse or severe emotional problems—while many "ex-gay" leaders claim they were "unhappy being gay," this report helps prove that their dissatisfactions came not from their homosexuality, but from poor life choices and irresponsible behavior new revelations that one of the nation's leading "reparative therapists" hailed from a secretive cult that was scandalized for practicing nude therapy From the author: Through my extensive experience, I have learned that the extraordinary claims made by the "ex-gay" groups are without merit and the efficacy of their programs is dubious at best and harmful at worst . . . One frequent question I get is, "Why can't gay activists simply leave 'ex-gay' groups alone and let them go about their business?" This is exactly what happened for nearly three decades while "ex-gay" groups labored in near anonymity. But all this recently changed when the "ex-gay" groups intricately aligned themselves with the anti-gay political agenda of the Religious Right. With "ex-gays" added to their arsenal, the Right could disingenuously claim to love gay people and offer them "hope for change," while simultaneously fighting for punitive legislation. Their insidious message: Since gays and lesbians can change, there is no need for laws that protect them against arbitrary prejudice. *Anything but Straight: Unmasking the Scandals and Lies Behind the Ex-Gay Myth* is an essential read for activists on both sides of the "ex-gay" fence, family members of gays and lesbians, Gay, Bisexual, Lesbian, and Transgender church members, psychiatric and social science professionals, and anyone who has dealt with "coming out" issues. An appendix of resources and a helpful bibliography make it easy to find additional information on this fascinating topic.

*Unrepentant, Self-Affirming, Practicing* - Gary David Comstock 2002-06-14

Praise for *Unrepentant* ... : "For open-minded religious leaders, there are nuggets of enlightenment in this ecumenical array."--Publishers Weekly "Surprisingly readable as well as informative." - San Francisco Chronicle "A significant body of knowledge." - Theology Today "Publishers' catalogues are full of books on the church's view of homosexuality; Comstock here offers gay views of the church. Given the often hostile environment, he asks why gay people stay in religious institutions. Using social scientific methods, he

summarizes thirty-six surveys of gay attitudes toward religious communities, including Jewish, Buddhist, Muslim, and Native American traditions. He adds data from his survey of gay people in two mainline Protestant denominations." --Religious Studies Review "Explores how each religions accepts, half-accepts, or rejects gays and lesbians and how they themselves feel about their religion. The book is also filled with personal stories of how spiritual people who discovered they are homosexual came out within their community and their congregation, and how they feel about the central figures and tenets of their belief." -- Gatherings "With its succinct, accessible language and rich collection of empirical research findings on lesbigay peoples, *Unrepentant, Self-Affirming Practicing*, would be an excellent addition to academic libraries and could be appropriately used as well in an undergraduate religion or sociology classroom." -- Journal for Scientific Study of Religion>

*Straight to Jesus* - Tanya Erzen 2006

"Erzen is sensitive, savvy, and provocative. Her mastery of historical sources, ethnographic technique, and accessible writing style are evident throughout. She illuminates aspects of conservative Christianity central to the 'culture wars,' deepening our understanding of the movement's internal struggles over sexuality, gender, and family issues. Erzen has written a wonderful book."--Diane Winston, author of *Red-Hot and Righteous: The Urban Religion of the Salvation Army* "Tanya Erzen's wonderful and timely book provides us with a compelling cultural history of the Christian right in the post-war period--from the cold war to family and sexual politics--as well as remarkable ethnographic insight into the dynamics of Exodus International. With compassion, humor, and insight, Erzen takes the reader through the ideological, organizational, and daily practices used in efforts to change people's theological and sexual orientations, from self-help to conversion testimony."--Faye Ginsburg, Professor of Anthropology, New York University, author of *Contested Lives*

*Unconditional* - Justin Lee 2013-01-17

'Gay. The word seemed to hold the weight of eternity within its single syllable. As strange as it may seem, in all the years I had struggled with my sexuality, the idea that I could be 'gay' had simply never crossed my mind. I was a Christian! That was my whole life! And Christians weren't gay.' This could be the most important book you read this year. It's a memoir. An exploration of what is, and what could be. Most of all, it's a clarion call to the church - to rediscover the love that Jesus called us to. Unconditionally. 'So many gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender people give up on Christianity because they cannot reconcile who they are with what they were brought up to believe that the Bible teaches about sexuality. Here is a wonderfully told story of a brave young homosexual man who has struggled to hold onto his faith while still affirming himself as gay. This is a must-read.' Tony Campolo

*Still Time to Care* - Greg Johnson 2021-12-07

At the start of the gay rights movement in 1969, evangelicalism's leading voices cast a vision for gay people who turn to Jesus. It was C.S. Lewis, Billy Graham, Francis Schaeffer and John Stott who were among the most respected leaders within theologically orthodox Protestantism. We see with them a positive pastoral approach toward gay people, an approach that viewed homosexuality as a fallen condition experienced by some Christians who needed care more than cure. With the birth and rise of the ex-gay movement, the focus shifted from care to cure. As a result, there are an estimated 700,000 people alive today who underwent conversion therapy in the United States alone. Many of these patients were treated by faith-based, testimony-driven parachurch ministries centered on the ex-gay script. Despite the best of intentions, the movement ended with very troubling results. Yet the ex-gay movement died not because it had the wrong sex ethic. It died because it was founded on a practice that diminished the beauty of the gospel. Yet even after the closure of the ex-gay umbrella organization Exodus International in 2013, the ex-gay script continues to walk about as the undead among us, pressuring people like me to say, "I used to be gay, but I'm not gay anymore. Now I'm just same-sex attracted." For orthodox Christians, the way forward is a path back to where we were forty years ago. It is time again to focus with our Neo-Evangelical fathers on care--not cure--for our non-straight sisters and brothers who are living lives of costly obedience to Jesus. With warmth and humor as well as original research, *Still Time to Care* will chart the path forward for our churches and ministries in providing care. It will provide guidance for the gay person who hears the gospel and finds themselves smitten by the life-giving call of Jesus. Woven throughout the book will be Richard

Lovelace's 1978 call for a "double repentance" in which gay Christians repent of their homosexual sins and the church repents of its homophobia--putting on display for all the power of the gospel.

**Sin, Sex, and Democracy** - Cynthia Burack 2008-04-17

Explores the Christian Right's use of tailored rhetorics to advance multiple and varied antigay political projects.

*The God Box* - Alex Sanchez 2010-12-14

Paul, a religious teen living in a small conservative town, finds his world turned upside down when he meets Manuel—a young man who says he's both Christian and gay, two things that Paul didn't think could coexist in one person. Doesn't the Bible forbid homosexuality? As Paul struggles with Manuel's interpretation of the Bible, thoughts that Paul has long tried to bury begin to surface, and he finds himself re-examining his whole life. This is an unforgettable book on an extremely timely topic that strives to open minds on both ends of the spectrum.

*God and the Gay Christian* - Matthew Vines 2014-04-22

"God and the Gay Christian is a game changer. Winsome, accessible, and carefully researched, every page is brought to life by the author's clear love for Scripture and deep, persistent faith. With this book, Matthew Vines emerges as one of my generation's most important Christian leaders, not only on matters of sexuality but also on what it means to follow Jesus with wisdom, humility, and grace. Prepare to be challenged and enlightened, provoked and inspired. Read with an open heart and mind, and you are bound to be changed."

— Rachel Held Evans, author of *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* and *Faith Unraveled* As a young Christian man, Matthew Vines harbored the same basic hopes of most young people: to someday share his life with someone, to build a family of his own, to give and receive love. But when he realized he was gay, those hopes were called into question. The Bible, he'd been taught, condemned gay relationships. Feeling the tension between his understanding of the Bible and the reality of his same-sex orientation, Vines devoted years of intensive research into what the Bible says about homosexuality. With care and precision, Vines asked questions such as: • Do biblical teachings on the marriage covenant preclude same-sex marriage or not? • How should we apply the teachings of Jesus to the gay debate? • What does the story of Sodom and Gomorrah really say about human relationships? • Can celibacy be a calling when it is mandated, not chosen? • What did Paul have in mind when he warned against same-sex relations? Unique in its affirmation of both an orthodox faith and sexual diversity, *God and the Gay Christian* is likely to spark heated debate, sincere soul searching, even widespread cultural change. Not only is it a compelling interpretation of key biblical texts about same-sex relations, it is also the story of a young man navigating relationships with his family, his hometown church, and the Christian church at large as he expresses what it means to be a faithful gay Christian.

**Homosexuality: How Should Christians Respond?** - Richard F. Lovelace 2002-04-30

In recent times the question of homosexual rights has burst upon the scene, becoming a burning, emotional controversy. Many church leaders have become embroiled in debate and entire denominations are sharply divided over this issue. Though the church has traditionally served as a moralistic commentator on the sidelines, it now finds itself in the middle of this controversy. Should self-affirmed, sexually active homosexuals be ordained as ministers? Should they even be welcomed as fellow believers? How should the Bible be interpreted, and what is its role in ethical guidance of reason, experience, and the Holy Spirit? Should the church tolerate a diversity of convictions and life styles in its sexual ethic? In *Homosexuality: How Should Christians Respond?* Dr. Richard F. Lovelace deals with these questions from an evangelical point of view. He presents the historic church position from Augustine to Theilicke and surveys and analyzes the literature of recent decades which challenges the historic position. Biblical texts that speak specifically on homosexual behavior are studied extensively and brought into sharp focus by corollary Scripture passages. This is an intensely practical book, sensitively written to help the church reach out to the needs of homosexuals in constructive and compassionate ways.

**Single, Gay, Christian** - Gregory Coles 2017-08-22

Foreword INDIES Award Finalist IVP Readers' Choice Award In an age where neither society nor the church knows what to do with gay Christians, Greg Coles tells his own story. Let's make a deal, you and me. Let's make promises to each other. I promise to tell you my story. The whole story. I'll tell you about a boy

in love with Jesus who, at the fateful onset of puberty, realized his sexual attractions were persistently and exclusively for other guys. I'll tell you how I lay on my bed in the middle of the night and whispered to myself the words I've whispered a thousand times since: "I'm gay." I'll show you the world through my eyes. I'll tell you what it's like to belong nowhere. To know that much of my Christian family will forever consider me unnatural, dangerous, because of something that feels as involuntary as my eye color. And to know that much of the LGBTQ community that shares my experience as a sexual minority will disagree with the way I've chosen to interpret the call of Jesus, believing I've bought into a tragic, archaic ritual of self-hatred. But I promise my story won't all be sadness and loneliness and struggle. I'll tell you good things too, hopeful things, funny things, like the time I accidentally came out to my best friend during his bachelor party. I'll tell you what it felt like the first time someone looked me in the eyes and said, "You are not a mistake." I'll tell you that joy and sorrow are not opposites, that my life has never been more beautiful than when it was most brokenhearted. If you'll listen, I promise I'll tell you everything, and you can decide for yourself what you want to believe about me.

[What Do I Say to a Friend Who's Gay?](#) - Emily Parke Chase

With real-life stories and answers from a Christian perspective, this text teaches young adults how to openly minister to gay friends and deal with personal questions regarding the social ambiguities of homosexuality.

[Defusing the Sexuality Debate](#) - Mark Vasey-Saunders 2023-07-30

As debates around sexuality rumble on within certain sections of the church, and become increasingly entrenched and embittered, there is an increasing need from non-evangelicals and evangelicals alike to grasp the historical and cultural context in which current debates about sexuality are happening. Offering a detailed examination of the development, consolidation and fracturing of an evangelical anglican consensus on the sexuality, *Defusing the Sexuality Debate* seeks to explain why current disagreements are so intractable and offer some suggestions as to how all sides could facilitate a more constructive conversation. Building on an exploration of the development of tradition and biblical scholarship in evangelical anglicanism during the twentieth century, the book makes the case that conflicts over sexuality are symbolic of deeper disagreements over the place of christianity in the modern world.

[The Homosexual Lie](#) - Claire Henry 2004-01-05

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*Costly Obedience* - Mark A. Yarhouse 2019-06-25

Though we often hear about the "gay problem" today, there is an even deeper problem in the church today--one that we often overlook. The call to follow Christ is a call to costly obedience for all, not just for gay Christians. Far too often, the church has elevated homosexuality above other sins and required a costly obedience from gays that it is unwilling to demand of others. And yet, the answer is not to weaken the demands of obedience. Instead, gay Christians who make the difficult choice to align their lives with the biblical view of sexuality are a gift to the church, reminding all of us that spiritual growth and maturity is costly. There is a price to pay in following Christ and devoting our lives to the call of the gospel, and it is one that we all must pay--gay and straight Christians alike. Through the stories and struggles of gay Christians who are reorienting their lives around the costly obedience required to follow Christ, Mark Yarhouse and Olya Zaporozhets call the church to reorient as well, leaving behind the casual morality that is widespread today to pursue the path of radical discipleship. Unlike any other book on homosexuality and the church, this is a call to examine your life and consider what God is asking you to lay down to take up your cross and follow him.

[Undoing Theology](#) - Chris Greenough 2018-05-31

The fundamental issue with 'queer' research is it cannot exist in any definable form, as the purpose of queer is to disrupt and disturb. This book generates a process of 'undoing' as central to queer research enquiries. Aiming to engage in a process which breaks free from traditional academic norms, the text explores three life stories: an intersex-identifying Catholic, a former 'ex-gay' minister and a Christian who engages in bondage and fetishist practices. Employing an 'undoing' methodology, which liberates the researcher and allows intuitive, reflective and creative methods, the book makes a significant contribution to the fields of gender, sexuality and queer studies in religion, both empirically and theoretically.

**Love the Homosexual** - M. S. Linda D. Jernigan 2015-03-30

Love the Homosexual: A Message to the Christian Church is a manual designed to educate the Christian church and bring a perspective from an ex-homosexual on the complexities of engaging homosexuals in the Christian church. This manual discusses the trial and tribulations, victories and defeats of the Christian church over the past decade in regards to homosexuality. In 2004, the Christian church appeared resolute in its belief on homosexuality and same-sex marriage (SSM). In less than a decade, the Christian church became divided on its beliefs; some favored SSM and others opposed but both used tenets of the Christian faith to affirm their position. The splintering of foundational beliefs and with the advancement of the homosexual agenda, the Christian church seemed to be dazed and confused. Ms. Linda addresses a few reasons why the church lost its way and relented on what it believed for centuries. In addition, Ms. Linda shares her personal experiences as a homosexual, as an ex-homosexual, and her experiences as a mentor to other ex-homosexual.

*Queer Christianities* - Kathleen T. Talvacchia 2015

Queerness and Christianity, often depicted as mutually exclusive, both challenge received notions of the good and the natural. Nowhere is this challenge more visible than in the identities, faiths, and communities that queer Christians have long been creating. As Christians they have staked a claim for a Christianity that is true to their self-understandings. How do queer-identified persons understand their religious lives? And in what ways do the lived experiences of queer Christians respond to traditions and reshape them in contemporary practice? *Queer Christianities* integrates the perspectives of queer theory, religious studies, and Christian theology into a lively conversation—both transgressive and traditional—about the fundamental questions surrounding the lives of queer Christians. The volume contributes to the emerging scholarly discussion on queer religious experiences as lived both within communities of Christian confession, as well as outside of these established communities. Organized around traditional Christian states of life—celibacy, matrimony, and what is here provocatively conceptualized as promiscuity—this work reflects the ways in which queer Christians continually reconstruct and multiply the forms these states of life take. *Queer Christianities* challenges received ideas about sexuality and religion, yet remains true to Christian self-understandings that are open to further enquiry and to further queerness.

Generous Spaciousness - Wendy VanderWal-Gritter 2014-05-13

Committed Christians may respond differently to gay and lesbian Christians. How can we engage those with whom we might disagree and navigate our journey together in a way that nurtures unity, hospitality, humility, and justice? Through her extensive experience in ministering to gay and lesbian Christians, Wendy VanderWal-Gritter has come to believe we need a new paradigm for how the church engages those in the sexual minority. She encourages generous spaciousness, a hope-filled, relational way forward for those in turmoil regarding a response to gay and lesbian Christians. This book offers a framework for discussing diversity in a gracious way, showing that the church can be a place that welcomes a variety of perspectives on the complex matter of human sexuality. It also offers practical advice for implementing generous spaciousness in churches and organizations.

Paranoid Science - Antony Alumkal 2019-04-01

Explores the Christian Right's fierce opposition to science, explaining how and why its leaders came to see scientific truths as their enemy. For decades, the Christian Right's high-profile clashes with science have made national headlines. From attempts to insert intelligent design creationism into public schools to climate change denial, efforts to "cure" gay people through conversion therapy, and opposition to stem cell research, the Christian Right has battled against science. How did this hostility begin and, more importantly, why has it endured? Antony Alumkal provides a comprehensive background on the war on science—how it developed and why it will continue to endure. Drawing upon Richard Hofstadter's influential 1965 essay "The Paranoid Style in American Politics," Antony Alumkal argues that the Christian Right adopts a similar paranoid style in their approach to science. Alumkal demonstrates that Christian Right leaders see conspiracies within the scientific establishment, with scientists not only peddling fraudulent information, but actively concealing their true motives from the American public and threatening to destroy the moral foundation of society. By rejecting science, Christian Right leaders create their own alternative reality, one that does not challenge their literal reading of the Bible. While Alumkal recognizes the many evangelicals who oppose the Christian Right's agenda, he also highlights the consequences of the war on reality—both for the evangelical community and the broader American public. A compelling glimpse into the heart of the Christian Right's anti-science agenda, *Paranoid Science* is a must-read for those who hope to understand the Christian Right's battle against science, and for the scientists and educators who wish to stop it.

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