

Sex And Power

Testosterone - Joe Herbert 2015

We inherit mechanisms for survival from our primeval past; none so obviously as those involved in reproduction. The hormone testosterone underlies the organization of activation of masculinity: it changes the body and brain to make a male. It is involved not only in sexuality but in driving aggression, competitiveness, risk-taking - all elements that were needed for successful survival and reproduction in the past. But these ancient systems are carried forward into a modern world. The ancient world shaped the human brain, but the modern world is shaped by that brain. How does this world, with all its cultural, political, and social variations, deal with and control the primeval role of testosterone, which continues to be essential for the survival of the species? Sex, aggression, winning, losing, gangs, war: the powerful effects of testosterone are entwined with them all. These are the ingredients of human history, so testosterone has played a central role in our story. In *Testosterone*, Joe Herbert explains the nature of this potent hormone, how it operates in mammals in general and in humans in particular, what we know about its role in influencing various aspects of behaviour in men, and what we are beginning to understand of its role in women. From rape to gang warfare among youths, understanding the workings of testosterone is critical to enable us to manage its continuing powerful effects in modern society.

Gender, Power and Sexuality - Pamela Abbott 2016-07-27

Gender, Power and Sexuality is a collection of original and exciting articles by well-known feminists which makes a major contribution to our understanding of the ways in which men exercise control over girls and women in their daily lives, in the home, at school, at work and in the courts. Women are seen to resent and challenge male power, but, the institutionalisation of male power is shown to mitigate against women taking control over their own lives.

Power and Sex - Scilla Elworthy 2002

Can power be wielded with integrity and responsibility? How do we oppose domination and power without using force or escalating conflict? Author and former UNESCO consultant Scilla Elworthy, Ph.D., takes on these timely and important issues in her groundbreaking book. Dr. Elworthy calls upon men and women to replace their distorted notions of "male" power and domination with a new, inner power, developed through the body, mind, and spirit. This power, she asserts, is available equally to men and women; it is rooted in the power of union, balancing the male and female elements in everyone. This union also offers men and women a more natural and fearless approach to sex and sensuality. In *Power and Sex*, we see how in both personal and public life, the inner fusion of masculine and feminine energies are the answer to the kind of power the world needs today. Readers can use this book to bring power into their lives without taking it away from others. With it, you can transform yourself and your world.

Sex, Power and Consent - Anastasia Powell 2010-07-29

Sex, Power and Consent: Youth Culture and the Unwritten Rules draws on the real world stories and experiences of young women and young men - as told in their own words - regarding love, sex, relationships and negotiating consent. Judicious reference to feminist and sociological theory underpins explicit connections between young people's lived experience and current international debates. Issues surrounding youth sex within popular culture, sexuality education and sexual violence prevention are thoroughly explored. In a clear, incisive and eminently readable manner, Anastasia Powell develops a compelling framework for understanding the 'unwritten rules' and the gendered power relations in which sexual negotiations take place. Ultimately *Sex, Power and Consent* provides practical strategies for young people, and those working with them, toward the prevention of sexual violence.

Money, Sex and Power - Richard Foster 2009

No issues touch us more profoundly or universally,' writes Richard Foster. 'No topics cause more controversy. No human realities have greater power to bless or curse. No three things have been more sought after or are more in need of a Christian response.' *Money, Sex and Power* discerns the biblical principles that enable us to live out a relevant and authentic response to the three greatest temptations of our age. Gerard Kelly writes: 'Foster follows a road few in recent years have travelled, and does so with depth, wit and down-to-earth wisdom. Don't assume for one moment that this book is anti-money, anti-sex or anti-power: the

author has a healthy respect and admiration for all three as sacred gifts of a loving creator. What he does urge us to do, though, is to "live rightly" in respect of these key areas, and so to be freed into a life of creative celebration.'

Power, Sex, Suicide - Nick Lane 2006-10-26

Mitochondria are tiny structures located inside our cells that carry out the essential task of producing energy for the cell. They are found in all complex living things, and in that sense, they are fundamental for driving complex life on the planet. But there is much more to them than that. Mitochondria have their own DNA, with their own small collection of genes, separate from those in the cell nucleus. It is thought that they were once bacteria living independent lives. Their enslavement within the larger cell was a turning point in the evolution of life, enabling the development of complex organisms and, closely related, the origin of two sexes. Unlike the DNA in the nucleus, mitochondrial DNA is passed down exclusively (or almost exclusively) via the female line. That's why it has been used by some researchers to trace human ancestry daughter-to-mother, to 'Mitochondrial Eve'. Mitochondria give us important information about our evolutionary history. And that's not all.

Mitochondrial genes mutate much faster than those in the nucleus because of the free radicals produced in their energy-generating role. This high mutation rate lies behind our ageing and certain congenital diseases. The latest research suggests that mitochondria play a key role in degenerative diseases such as cancer, through their involvement in precipitating cell suicide. Mitochondria, then, are pivotal in power, sex, and suicide. In this fascinating and thought-provoking book, Nick Lane brings together the latest research findings in this exciting field to show how our growing understanding of mitochondria is shedding light on how complex life evolved, why sex arose (why don't we just bud?), and why we age and die. This understanding is of fundamental importance, both in understanding how we and all other complex life came to be, but also in order to be able to control our own illnesses, and delay our degeneration and death. 'An extraordinary account of groundbreaking modern science... The book abounds with interesting and important ideas.' Mark Ridley, Department of Zoology, University of Oxford

Between Sex and Power - Göran Therborn 2004-07-31

The institution of the family changed hugely during the course of the twentieth century. In this major new work, Göran Therborn provides a global history and sociology of the family as an institution and of politics within the family, focusing on three dimensions of family relations: on the rights and powers of fathers and husbands; on marriage, cohabitation and extra-marital sexuality; and on population policy. Therborn's empirical analysis uses a multi-disciplinary approach to show how the major family systems of the world have been formed and developed. Therborn concludes by assessing what changes the family might see during the next century. This book will be essential reading for anybody with an interest in either the sociology or the history of the family.

Sex, Time, and Power - Leonard Shlain 2004-08-03

As in the bestselling *The Alphabet Versus the Goddess*, Leonard Shlain's provocative new book promises to change the way readers view themselves and where they came from. *Sex, Time, and Power* offers a tantalizing answer to an age-old question: Why did big-brained *Homo sapiens* suddenly emerge some 150,000 years ago? The key, according to Shlain, is female sexuality. Drawing on an awesome breadth of research, he shows how, long ago, the narrowness of the newly bipedal human female's pelvis and the increasing size of infants' heads precipitated a crisis for the species. Natural selection allowed for the adaptation of the human female to this environmental stress by reconfiguring her hormonal cycles, entraining them with the periodicity of the moon. The results, however, did much more than ensure our existence; they imbued women with the concept of time, and gave them control over sex—a power that males sought to reclaim. And the possibility of achieving immortality through heirs drove men to construct patriarchal cultures that went on to dominate so much of human history. From the nature of courtship to the evolution of language, Shlain's brilliant and wide-ranging exploration stimulates new thinking about very old matters.

Work, Sex, and Power - Willie Thompson 2015-02-13

The forces that shape our history are always contentious, yet our fascination with what drives the actions of the human race is

inexhaustible. In *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, Jared Diamond proposed one set of forces; Willie Thompson, in *Work, Sex, and Power*, suggests a far more radical and fundamental trio. Deploying decades of experience as a historian, Thompson re-establishes a materialist narrative of the entire span of human history, drawing on a vast range of contemporary research. Written in a clear and compelling style, this sweeping, ambitious history is accessible to audiences who are new to Marxism. Thompson discusses and explains the foundations of social structures and themes that have recurred throughout the phases of global history in the interaction between humans and their environment. From communities of Paleolithic hunter-gatherers to the machine-civilization of recent centuries, Thompson takes us on a journey through the latest thinking in regard to long-term historical development.

Threesomes - Arno Karlen 1988

A landmark study in sexuality, *Threesomes* is the first comprehensive examination of sexual threesomes. Representing 20 years of research, it includes extensive interviews with 50 people, information with 200 more and

Power in Close Relationships - Christopher R. Agnew 2019-02-28

An outline of how power, an inherent feature of social interactions, operates and affects close relationships.

Sex Power Money - Sara Pascoe 2019-08-27

**** THE SUNDAY TIMES TOP 5 BESTSELLER ** ** FEATURED ON BBC ARTS' BETWEEN THE COVERS **** Award-winning comedian Sara Pascoe turns her attention to the things that really matter to humans - sex, power and money. 'A genuinely hilarious explanation of the science of sex' FRANKIE BOYLE 'I've never read a book so fast and laughed so loudly while learning so much. Pascoe is a sage for our times.' DEBORAH FRANCES-WHITE, *The Guilty Feminist* Following her hit book *Animal*, Sara Pascoe decides to confront her fear of the male libido, and turns her attention to the things that really matter to humans, delving into such questions as: Why don't people care about the welfare of the people they masturbate to? and Why is there such stigma around those who work in the sex industry? when Some women still want men to buy them dinner? In this comedic and educational hopscotch over anatomy, the history of sexual representation and the sticky way all human interactions are underwritten by wealth, Pascoe explores whether we'll ever be able to escape the Conundrum of Heterosexuality. Drawing on anecdotal experience, unqualified opinion, interviews and original research, *Sex Power Money* is thought-provoking and riotously funny: a fresh take on the oldest discussion. 'Important, timely, poignant, mind-blowing and VERY FUNNY. Written with kindness, bravery and ridiculous attention to detail, it will make you feel cleverer without all the usual effort.' AISLING BEA ****SUBSCRIBE TO THE AWARD-WINNING SEX POWER MONEY PODCAST****

Night Games - Anna Krien 2015-08-06

What does a sportsman do to cut loose? At night, some play what they think of as pranks, or games. Night games with women. In the closely-knit world of top-level sport, what happens when the bonds that join teammates on the pitch twist into something darker after the final whistle? *Night Games* follows the rape trial of a young footballer. It is both a real-life courtroom drama and an exemplary piece of investigative journalism. Fearlessly and without prejudice, Anna Krien shines a light into the darkest recesses of sports culture.

Sex, Power and Pleasure - Mariana Valverde 1987

Text lust -- Body and erotic power -- Heterosexuality: contested ground -- Lesbianism: a country that has no language -- Bisexuality: coping with sexual boundaries -- Pornography: not for men only -- Imagining desire -- Pleasure and ethics.

Work, Sex and Power - 2015

Sex, Power, and Partisanship - Hector A. Garcia 2019-02-05

An evolutionary psychologist traces the roots of political divisions back to our primate ancestors and male-dominated social hierarchies. Through the lens of evolutionary science, this book offers a novel perspective on why we hold our political ideas, and why they are so often in conflict.

Drawing on examples from across the animal kingdom, clinical psychologist Hector A. Garcia reveals how even the most complex political processes can be influenced by our basic drives to survive and reproduce—including the policies we back, whether we are liberal or conservative, and whether we are inspired or repelled by the words of a president. The author demonstrates how our political orientations derive from an ancestral history of violent male competition, surprisingly influencing how we respond to issues as wide-ranging as affirmative action, women's rights, social welfare, abortion, foreign policy, and even global warming. Critically, the author shows us how our instinctive political tribalism can keep us from achieving stable, functioning societies, and offers solutions for rising above our ancestral past.

Sex and Power - Rita Banerji 2008-11-14

'Sex underlies human existence, and if human life is sacred, how can sex not be?' As squeamish as India is today about sex, this is also the land where queens once copulated with head horses at religious ceremonies, where the art of love-making was declared the revelation of the gods and recorded in elaborate detail in the kama sutras and prostitution was a form of sacred offering at temples adorned with erotic sculptures. Using India as a paradigm, Rita Banerji illustrates that sexual morality is not an absolute but a facet of living that undergoes periodic upheavals. She delineates four major periods in Indian history when there were significant shifts in the collective social perception of sex and sexuality, and the associated customs and beliefs. What causes this revision in sexual ethos? To explain this, *Sex and Power* proposes a modified version of Nietzsche's slave versus master morality theory. The theory, which is tested against the dynamics of each of the four defined periods, establishes that the moral overview of any given period is determined not by a set of pre-existing ethics but by the existent power structure of the period in question. The accepted moral code actually serves the party in power. How would this theory play out in the context of India today? Banerji examines this question at length as one of extreme urgency, and concludes that the three most burning issues facing the country today—population explosion, AIDS and female genocide—are the manifestations of a collective sexual malfunctioning of society and need to be redressed in the context of an existent social and economic power hierarchy.

Catherine the Great - Virginia Rounding 2006

Many legends have grown up about the sexual rapacity of Catherine the Great. While it is true that she shocked the Russian court with the number and age of her lovers, there is no truth in the rumour of her death by stallion. Unhappily married to the Grand Duke Peter, a man who preferred to play with his toy soldiers in the bedroom, they failed to produce an heir, and Catherine turned her attentions to a certain Sergey Saltykov who fathered the future Tsar Paul I. Six months into the reign of Peter III, Catherine, supported by the Imperial Guard, staged a successful coup against her husband and became Empress. It was her ambition to transform a vast but semi-barbaric country with the cultural and political reforms of Enlightenment Europe. In this timely and fascinating biography, Virginia Rounding reveals an extraordinary woman in all her complexity.

How To Increase Sex Power - Dr. Rajeev Sharma 2003-01-01

Agrippina - Anthony A. Barrett 1996-01-01

Drawing on the latest archaeological, numismatic, and historical evidence, Barrett argues that Agrippina has been misjudged. Although she was ambitious, says Barrett, she made her way through ability and determination rather than by sexual allure, and her political contributions to her time seem to have been positive. After Agrippina's marriage to Claudius there was a marked decline in the number of judicial executions and there was close cooperation between the Senate and the emperor; the settlement of Cologne, founded under her aegis, was a model of social harmony; and the first five years of Nero's reign, while she was still alive, were the most enlightened of his rule. According to Barrett, Agrippina's one real failing was her relationship with her son, the monster of her own making who had her murdered in horrific and violent circumstances.

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