Western Love
A selected bibliography of materials in the University of Oregon Libraries
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HISTORY

Dangerous Liaisons: Sex and Love in the Segregated South / by Charles Frank Robinson II. Fayetteville: University of Arkansas Press, 2003
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: E185.62 .R66 2003
An examination of interracial relationships during segregation.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ1206 .Y35 2001
Explores the religious, legal and social structures that have shaped the wife throughout history, from its conception by the Hebrews, Greeks, and Romans, to the present-day New Woman.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ76.3.U5 K375 2001
Explores love and sex between men in the 19th century, before there were defined terms for such relationships.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ513 .O43 1991
Plato's Symposium / a translation by Seth Benardete; with commentaries by Allan Bloom and Seth Benardete. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2001
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: B385.A5 B46 2001
Referred to as "the most erotic of philosophers," Plato arguably started it all with this classic philosophical work on the nature of love.

FINDING IT, KEEPING IT

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HM1106 .C553 2001
“With contributions from the leading experts on relationships, this book covers love as self-expansion, equity in maintaining close relationships, commitment, social support, self-verification, and minding the relationship” (from the book cover).

Falling in Love: Why We Choose the Lovers We Choose / by Ayala Malach Pines. New York: Routledge, 1999
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ801 .M366 1999
A scholarly approach to why we fall in love, covering the social and psychological reasons we pursue romance.

This text focuses on intimate relationships prior to and in the early stages of marriage, and also integrates the use of RELATE, a comprehensive online relationship self-inventory.


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ76.3.U5 B47 2004
Practical and compassionate advice from an experienced psychotherapist, including emotional issues, finances, legal issues, children.


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ801 .L299 2000
Moving beyond the myths of romance, this presents a realistic guide to finding a compatible life partner, including a series of checklists, discussion questions, and short tests designed for assessing one's relationship.

**FOREVER?**


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ745 .G45 2001
A lively and accessible critique of weddings and the institution of marriage, particularly as they affect women.


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ1031 .R64 2001
“Traces the social changes that account for the growth of intermarriage as well as the lingering prejudices and false beliefs that oppress racially mixed families.” (from book cover)

**Marriage, A History : From Obedience to Intimacy or How Love Conquered Marriage** / by Stephanie Coontz. New York: Viking, 2005

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ503 .C66 2005
A broad historical examination of marriage that reveals marriage to be a complex mix of economics, politics, social obligations, religious constructs, and romantic love.


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ801 .R334 2003
“Provides a comprehensive review of the nature of love, the role of sex in relationships, and theories of human attraction.” (from book cover)

**Monogamy** / Adam Phillips. London: Faber, 1996

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ728 .P49 1996b
The author offers 120 aphorisms about monogamy, posing such questions as what brings people together? Why should they, in fact, stay together? "What are couples for," he asks, "if they are not for pleasure? And if pleasure doesn't matter, then what does?"
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ76.3.U5 L49 1998
The author, who describes herself as a "married lesbian," seeks to "fashion a cultural understanding of lesbian and gay weddings as powerful and complex ritual occasions."

SCIENCE OF LOVE
Location: KNIGHT
The title really says it all.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: GN281.4 .M53 2000
Argues that human feelings, behaviors, and cultural productions are a result of natural selection, i.e., everything we do—from painting great works of art to painting our toenails—is all to increase our reproductive success.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ801.P373 1985
An entertaining read which addresses the relationships between attraction, flirtation, intimacy, courtship, sex, love, and biology.

MASS MEDIA
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ801 .O77 2004
A up-close and behind-the-scenes look at the world of finding love/sex/partnership online.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ801 .G273 2004
"This accessible yet research-based text offers both foundational theories and practical applications of analysis and criticism of mass media portrayals of sex, love, and romance in a wide variety of mass media, from entertainment to advertising to news." (from book cover)

Striptease Culture: Sex, Media and the Democratization of Desire / by Brian McNair. New York: Routledge, 2002
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: P96.S45 M36 2002
Using historical analysis and examples of popular culture, this book argues that the increasing sexualization of culture makes society more open to alternative ways of living and thinking about sex, love, and relationships.

SEXUALITY

Western Love: A Selected Bibliography, Feb. 2007
University of Oregon Libraries
http://libweb.uoregon.edu/reference
A friendly and candid primer to sexual pleasure with information for folks of all persuasions.


Location: SCIENCE
Call #: BF692 .L48 2006

“This textbook aims to help readers understand the diversity of human sexual expression as well as the diversity of perspectives from which sexuality can be viewed. These perspectives range from biology and medicine, evolutionary theory, cognitive science, social psychology, feminism, and cross-cultural studies to moral and political discourse.” (from book cover)


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ36 .Z55 1999

A guide to sexuality especially for men with an emphasis on communication, respect for oneself and one’s partner, and mutual pleasure.

**Sexual Pathways : Adapting to Dual Sexual Attraction** / Mark JK Williams. Westport, CT: Praeger, 1999

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ74 .W55 1999

An exploration of bisexuality in terms of psychology, human sexuality, and culture.

**“FREE” LOVE**


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ31 .E288 1997

Monogamy not working for you? This book explores how to have satisfying multiple intimate relationships and feel okay about it.


Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ75.6.U5 L385 1999

Full of lots of personal stories and practical advice about loving and intimacy beyond the bounds of monogamy. Rooted in lesbian culture, this book is nonetheless useful for anyone intrigued by the possibilities.

**Marriage and Love** / by Emma Goldman. New York, Mother Earth Pub. Association, 1916

Location: MICROFORMS
Call #: MICROFILM HQ1111 .H5 ser.1 reel 962

The notorious anarchist argues that “marriage and love have nothing in common,” and we must liberate love from its socioeconomic stranglehold in marriage. Part of the History of Women microform collection. Also available online: [http://womenshistory.about.com/library/etext/bl_eg_anb_marriage_love.htm](http://womenshistory.about.com/library/etext/bl_eg_anb_marriage_love.htm)

**Sex Radicalism as Seen by an Emancipated Woman of the New Time** / by Dora Forster. Chicago: M. Harman, 1905

Location: MICROFORMS
Call #: MICROFILM HQ1111 .H5 ser.1 reel 652

Debunks many of the myths and hang-ups about sex and monogamy that prevailed during the turn of the (20th) century. Part of the History of Women microform collection. Also available online: [http://pds.harvard.edu:8080/pdx/servlet/pds?op=f&id=2582319&n=8&s=4](http://pds.harvard.edu:8080/pdx/servlet/pds?op=f&id=2582319&n=8&s=4)
 vintage advice

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ734.K37

Husbands must be firm and stoic, wives must submit and keep things tidy. The conjugal bed is for procreation, not recreation. This is a guide to marriage in its most traditional sense for young couples, written by a Catholic priest.

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ51 .H8

An early sex education guide for young women, with an emphasis on being good so boys won’t be bad.

So You Think It's Love! Dating, Necking, Petting, Going Steady / by Ralph Eckert. New York: Public Affairs Committee, 1950
Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ31 .E28

A chummy guide to managing all those confusing adolescent feelings from a time when girls were “co-eds” and boys were named “Buzz.”

Location: KNIGHT
Call #: HQ36 .S77

A sex and marriage manual very popular in the 1920s among "modern" young people.

videos/dvds

The Politics of Love in Black & White
Location: KNIGHT VIDEO COLLECTION
Call #: VIDEOTAPE 02003

In this documentary college students talk about interracial relationships, about the racial legacy they have inherited from the fears of past generations and their current experiences and attitudes both pro and con concerning interracial dating and marriage

Gender and Relationships : Male-Female Differences in Love and Marriage
Location: KNIGHT VIDEO COLLECTION
Call #: VIDEO DVD 00856

Explores the differences in the ways that men and women experience the love relationship. Examines ways to make a relationship work better for both men and women. Features men and women from a variety of cultural and social backgrounds who provide testimony on how gender differences affect their relationships.

One Wedding and a ... Revolution
Location: Law Library
Call #: HQ1034.U5 O54 2004

A documentary about the historic decision in 2004 by San Francisco mayor Gavin Newsom to allow lesbian and gay couples to marry. Features footage of Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, founders of the first lesbian-rights organization and celebrating their 51st anniversary, who were invited to be the first couple married.