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Editorial Review

From the Publisher

Greek Love is the first literary, historical, psychological and sociological study of boy-love ever to appear.

Up to now, specialists in sexology have been either too confused to say anything of relevance, or too scared to commit it to print! Such authorities as Stekel, Krafft-Ebing, Bergler, George W. Henry, Ulrichs, Carpenter, Havelock Ellis, and Freud managed to write volumes about other sexual practices, but they betrayed no real understanding of what makes a man love a boy.

The author of Greek Love believes that boy-love is a potential social force for good. In Ancient Greece, it was closely bound up with the highest ethical and philosophical ideals. Therefore, we must seriously consider the possibility that boy-love can be a force for good right now, in our own country.

Greek Love is refreshing to read. The author does not affect the modern pseudo-objectivity that is so often a coverup for moral vacillation. Though he treats the subject fairly, he makes no attempt to conceal his pro-sexual orientation.

From the Back Cover

In 1764, Cesare Beccaria published the epoch-making treatise *Dei delitti e delle pene*, which marked the beginning of the movement to reform the medieval penal codes with their savage penalties for sexual offenses.

In 1864, Karl Heinrich Ulrichs published the first of his pamphlets on androphile homosexuality, calling for the recognition of the legal and social rights of a biological minority of the population which religious intolerance had doomed to outlawry and infamy.

In 1914, Magnus Hirschfeld, the greatest authority on homosexuality in the first third of the twentieth century, published *Die Homosexualität des Mannes und des Weibes*, in which he argued that attraction to one's own sex was a congenital and unmodifiable anomaly, a "third sex" occurring as a natural variety of the human species.

In 1964, as the culmination of two hundred years of inquiry and discussion of one of the most complex subjects that have ever baffled the human mind, J. Z. Eglinton published *Greek Love*, a work destined to clarify the problems of homosexuality and bisexuality by forthrightly repudiating the tendentious assertions of polemicists and apologists and establishing the true character of homosexual relationships within the framework of an orthopsychology and sociology of sexual behavior.

Greek Love – one of the classic treatises in behavioral science – belongs in the library of everyone whose research, teaching, medical or social welfare practice brings him into contact with the sexual problems of modern life, and who is seeking guidance in the interpretation and direction of human sexuality in all its manifold aspects.

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