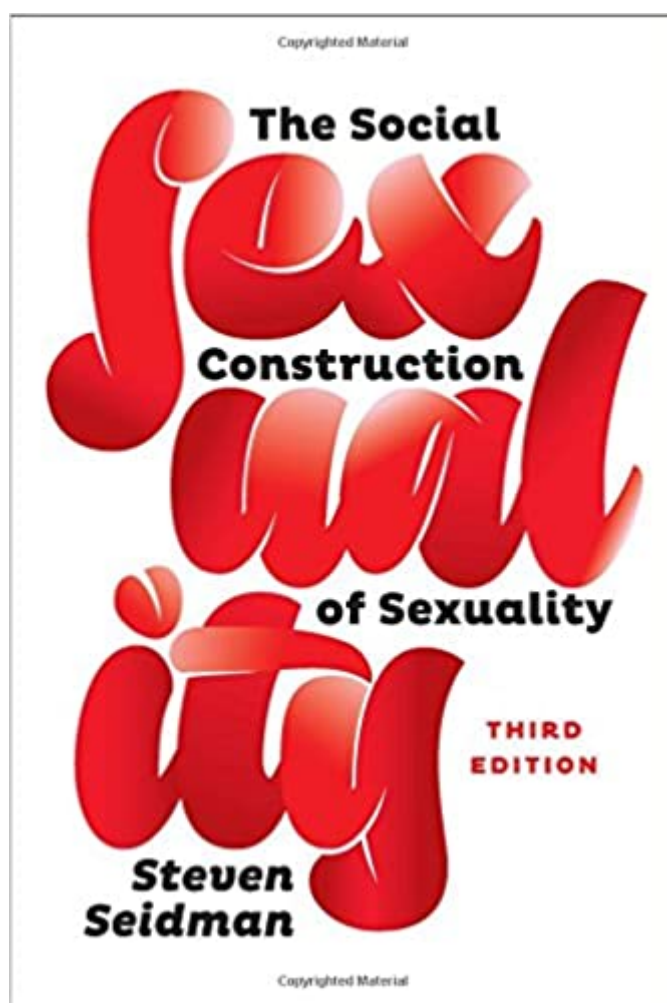


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## Customer Reviews

Steven Seidman has lectured widely in the United States and Europe on the topic of sexuality. He is the author of many books, including *Romantic Longings: Love in America, 1830-1980*, *Embattled Eros: Sexual Ethics and Politics in America*, *Queer Theory/Sociology*, and *Beyond the Closet: The Transformation of Gay and Lesbian Life*. He currently teaches sociology at the State University of New York at Albany.

The description of the physical condition of this book was inflated. Given every benefit of the doubt, it is no better than acceptable. It was described as being much better than that. The cover was smudged with grime that should have been removed before mailing. I managed to get most of it

off. The pages were stiff as if they had once been exposed to moisture. Unwanted stickers were on the back and spine. This vendor is not recommended unless he is the only option. Sloppy and lazy!

Very nice, easy to read, concise book concerning the complex spectrum of human sexuality. I definitely recommend it.

Race, sexuality, gender class. It was actually a good read.

Great book

I used this as a textbook for a sexual politics class. The material is fascinating, but the author seems to often forget to mention asexuality in his discussions. His definitions of "queer" are also pretty off, and all of his examples of BDSM in the media are actually examples of abuse/rape. Sometimes I wonder how much research he actually did before writing a section. His entire chapter on youth intimacy culture is full of things my class disagreed with. However, this book provides great perspective and the opportunity to think critically.

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