

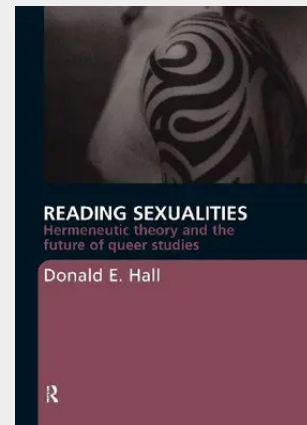
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## Reading Sexualities

Hermeneutic Theory and the Future of Queer Studies

Reading Sexualities confronts the reigning practices, priorities, and preoccupations of queer theory and sexuality studies. Looking at a range of texts, from novels to travel narratives to internet porn, Donald E. Hall deftly weaves the theoretical with the literary in order to: - examine the vexed ethical, critical, and political questions arising from sexual consumerism and cross-cultural encounters - read the changing landscape of sexual identity, finding great cause for optimism and enthusiastic engagement - urge readers to embrace a far-reaching dialogic practice as a mechanism for furthering radical social change. Reading Sexualities shows how our sexual desires and bases for identification are being widely challenged and changed. Drawing on hermeneutic theory and the work of Hans-Georg Gadamer, Hall argues that by approaching sexual diversity with openness and humility, we become active participants in the politically urgent process of reading the self through the perspective of the other.

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