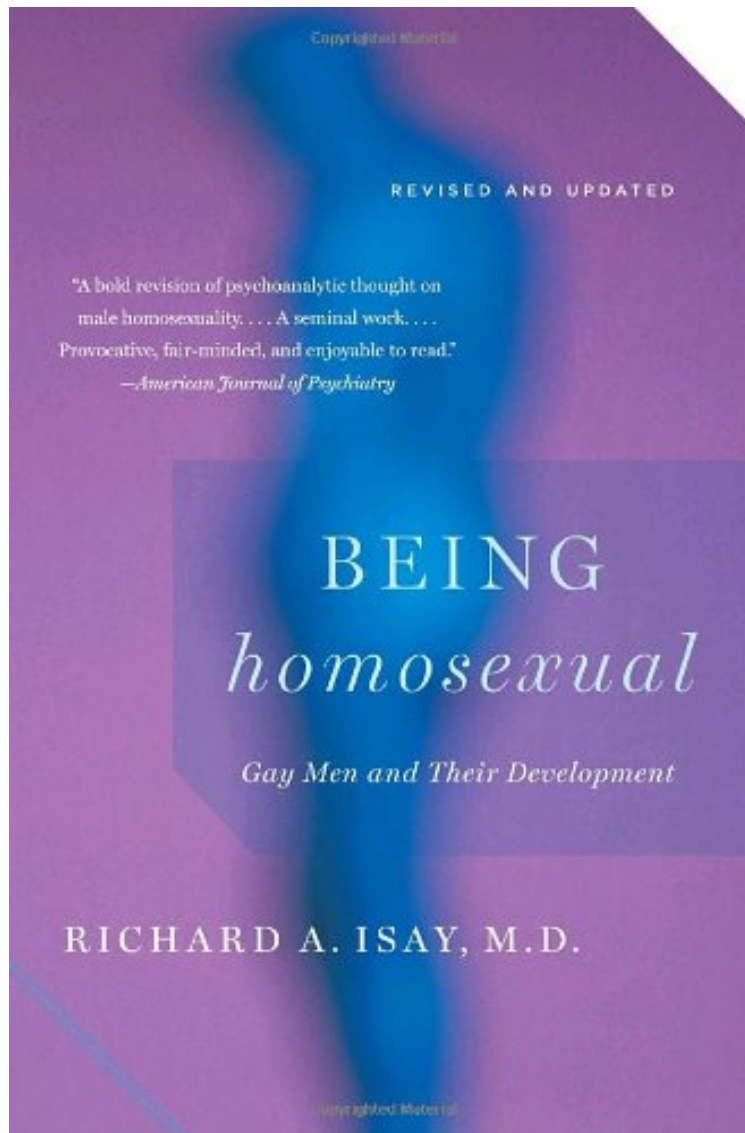


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Richard Isay : Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development:

3 of 3 people found the following review helpful. EnlighteningBy Gary J OlsonAfter a twenty-two year marriage, a twelve year divorce and over forty years of hiding my true sexuality I, in October 2013, came out and first told my daughters that I was gay. A few days later I told my entire family. I lived in constant fear of being discovered. My

coming out has been a positive experience for me. I have acceptance from all my family members. I am still loved. Although, I am very happy now i have recently become confused and not sure who I am as a gay man. Richard Isay's book *Being Homosexual: Gay Men and Their Development* has helped me to understand why it was that I was so fearful and shameful all my life. The book has identified many problem areas that I must work on with my psychotherapist so that I can become a healthy gay man. 6 of 6 people found the following review helpful. I've never felt so gratified. This author clearly understands the topic area. By googarman Although every book can be given a benevolent list of areas it can be improved on, I must say, none of my minor criticisms could have prevent me from giving it a well deserved 5 star review. If I was given just one sentence to praise this book, i would choose to say "the truth has never before been so available to the general public". For just over 14 years I have researched the topic areas covered in this book and have formed my own opinions, after much deliberation, communication, reading and reflection of personal events. Although there are some sections in the book i have difficulty relating too, i can agree that they describe a very real phenomena. What I found most satisfying when reading this book, was that I could agree on almost everything written there, and my criticisms are so minor that I am forced to review my own personal convictions. The most important message I have distilled from the book's pages, is that homosexual people are given more reasons, and greater justification, for adversity to sustained and fulfilling relationships with partners and people in society. Society lacks support for the proper emotional development of the homosexual from a substantially young age and this could be corrected if society learnt to surrender compulsory notions of heterosexuality. Most importantly, the problem begins when I small male child, who adopts more effeminate behaviors, is subsequently distanced from his father, which creates a sense of guilt at experiencing emotions associated with the desire for affection with another male. Later in life the boy will experience mixed emotions associated with forming a union with other males and this leads to lost and lonely homosexuals in society. It leads to a domination of lustful relationships that are not emotionally fulfilling and additionally, an unsettling and wrestless maladjustment to a teenager's unwanted and uncontrollable developing homosexuality. The message from this book is that the homosexual minority in society could be substantially more adjusted if there was acceptance from the very start. 1 of 1 people found the following review helpful. Great book for exploring your gayness. By JohnnyC This text was written by a psychoanalyst, and although I'm not strictly into psychoanalytic theory, I must say I was highly impressed by a number of insights this text provided for me. If you're gay and you're into self-exploration, I would definitely recommend this book. And actually, it would be a good book for one of your straight loved ones, to help them understand more about you. After reading this text, I purchased two more books by the same author. As I said, I was impressed.

Richard Isay was the first person to challenge the homophobia of the psychoanalytic community and prove, through his own story and those of his patients, that homosexuality is an innate characteristic rather than a learned pathology. Now revised and updated for the 21st-century, the groundbreaking *Being Homosexual* carries the reader through the main developmental stages in the gay male's life cycle from the initial awareness of same-sex impulses to coming out, forming friendships with other gay men, and a mature integration of one's sexual identity. An invaluable resource for gay men, *Being Homosexual* is a compassionate and powerful work.

From Publishers Weekly Many psychiatrists still tend to view homosexuality as an emotional disturbance arising from unsatisfactory childhood relations with parents. Disputing them, Isay, a psychiatrist who has treated gay men for more than 20 years, views his patients' homosexual orientation as totally normal, nonpathological and constitutional in origin. In this succinct, clearly written volume, he maps the developmental stages in the gay male's life cycle, from the small boy's awareness of same-sex impulses to "self-labeling," coming out, homosocialization (forming friendships with other gay men) and mature integration of one's sexual identity. Isay is especially good at showing how a rejecting father and a close-binding or denigrating mother can damage the gay male's sense of self-worth. He brings a liberal, liberating, neo-Freudian perspective to a discussion of gay relationships, homoerotic fantasies, bisexuality, the effects of the AIDS epidemic and society's increasing homophobia on gay men's emotional development. Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. From Library Journal Isay (psychiatry, Cornell and Columbia) addresses himself both to his professional colleagues and to gay men who wish to understand more fully the dynamics of their own development. He differs sharply with orthodox psychoanalysis in rejecting the categorical classification of homosexuality per se as pathological. Instead, he insists--on the basis of his clinical experience--that homosexuality is both constitutional and the natural end point of psychosexual development for some. Isay focuses on the influences of an "early erotic attachment to the father" on the course of adult gay male sexuality. An important work, radically different in its assumptions and conclusions from many others on this topic. Highly recommended.- James Michael MacLeod, Library of Congress Copyright 1989 Reed Business Information, Inc. A bold revision of psychoanalytic thought on male homosexuality. . . . A seminal work. . . . Provocative, fair-minded, and enjoyable to read. American Journal of Psychiatry Worth studying for both its accomplishments and its reminder that understanding gay male behavior requires first an acceptance of that behavior. Gay Community News [A] daring and landmark book. . . . Gives the power of psychoanalysis back to gays and shows through theory and case examples how gays can use

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