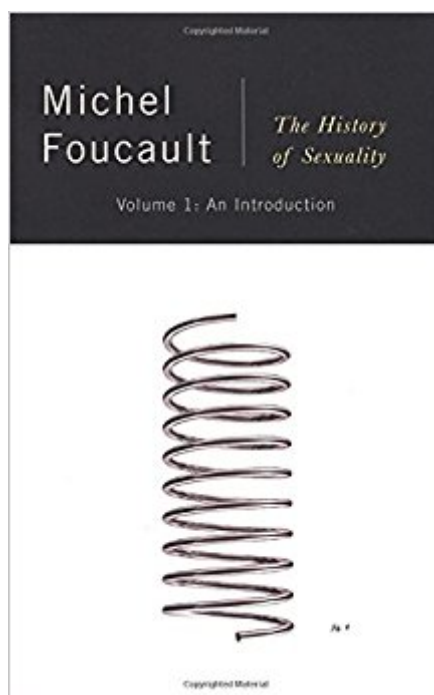


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# The History Of Sexuality, Vol. 1: An Introduction



## Synopsis

Michel Foucault offers an iconoclastic exploration of why we feel compelled to continually analyze and discuss sex, and of the social and mental mechanisms of power that cause us to direct the questions of what we are to what our sexuality is.

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"The Care of the Self shares with the writings on which it draws the characteristic of being carefully constructed, exquisitely reasoned and internally cogent." -- The New York Times Book

Review"Foucault is a thinker from whose writing one can infer lessons for our modern lives and dilemmas."-- Boston Globe

The author turns his attention to sex and the reasons why we are driven constantly to analyze and discuss it. An iconoclastic explanation of modern sexual history.

I am delighted to have stumbled upon this set of works by Foucault, and having just completed the first of 3, I am throwing myself headlong into the next because he is so capable, as a writer, of elucidating that which I have always suspected but have never had told to me so effectively. Of course many will disagree, find fault, even hate his work, but I suspect that is mostly due to how much they despise what he reveals to the thinking mind and perhaps they do not really wish to know this much?

Bought it for a class and was not disappointed. Came in great condition!

Love this philosophical style

It's a great book, and there was great service! I received the book on time and it's in good condition. I love it, and I plan on ordering all the books in the series.

A round of applause for all the students purchasing this book for class, especially you UChicago kids in soc. RIP. Would recommend Sparknotes.

Foucault primarily focuses on the development of the concept of sexuality as it took on new meanings from the 17th century into modern times. He develops the concept of power structures in society that not only control but influence and expand the outworking of sexuality. Foucault represents four distinct areas of concern developing in the 18th century (France?) as mechanisms for advancing power and knowledge of sex. These categories are; the hysterization of women's bodies, pedagogization of children's sex, psychiatrization of perverse pleasure, and socialization of procreative behavior. All these themes are developed and expanded in this work. His view point seems to be rather narrow and myopic from a historical basis. I was hoping for a more rounded approach to the subject.

Understand the origin of the paradigm and one begins to disassemble and reevaluate everything. This is Foucault's gift to the world.

The book was the one I wanted and the quality was acceptable, but I wanted this cyber arty rather than the other one and thought that's what I was getting. Guess not.

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