

Homosexuality is an evolutionary paradox in search of a resolution, not a medical condition in search of a cure. Homosexual behaviour is common among social animals, and is mainly expressed within the context of a bisexual sexual orientation. Exclusive homosexuality is less common, but not unique to humans. The author invites the reader to embark on a journey through the evolutionary, biological, psychological and sociological aspects of homosexuality, seeking an understanding of both the proximate and evolutionary causes of homosexual behaviour and orientation in humans, other mammals and in birds. The book also provides a synthesis of what we know about homosexuality into a biosocial model that links recent advances in reproductive skew theory and various selection mechanisms to produce a comprehensive framework that will be useful for anyone teaching or planning future research in this field.

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