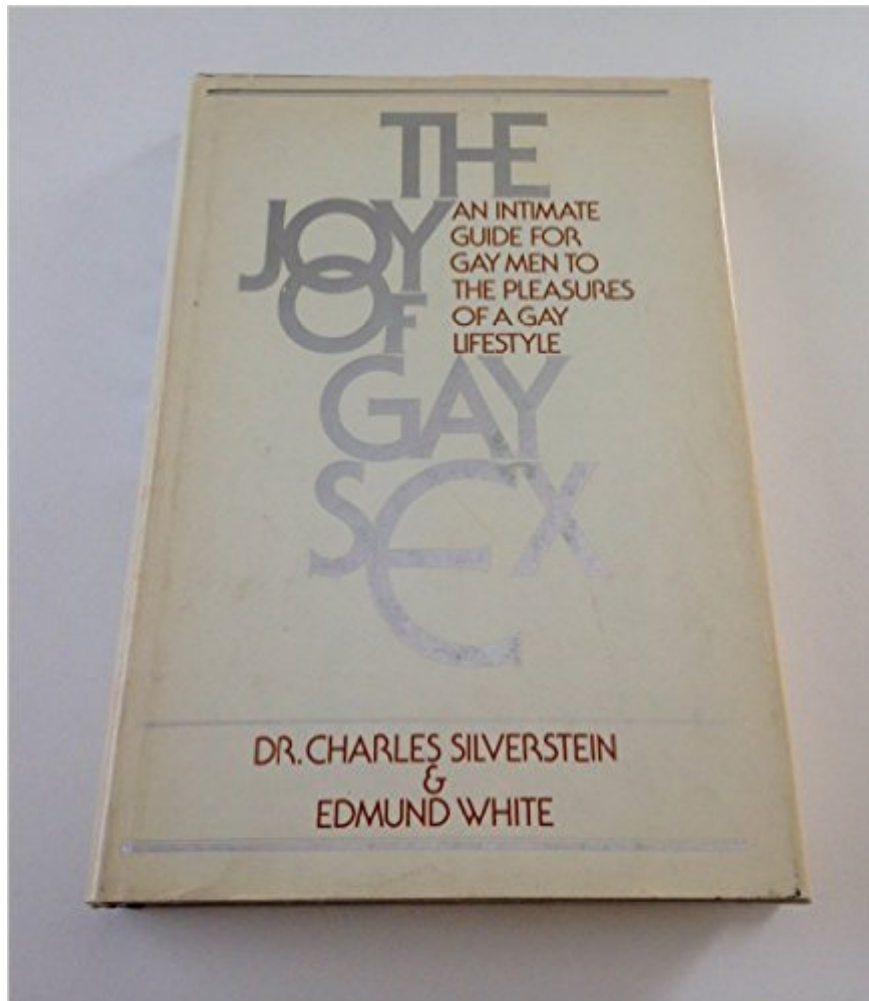


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# The Joy Of Gay Sex: An Intimate Guide For Gay Men To The Pleasures Of A Gay Lifestyle



## Synopsis

A revised edition of the groundbreaking book on male/male relationships--illustrated and updated. A consistent bestseller since it was first published in 1977, *The Joy of Gay Sex* deals with not only the intimate aspects of gay relationships, but also changes in sexual behavior and attitudes, daily life, drugs, parents, AIDS, and other issues. A valuable resource book for thousands of men.

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## Customer Reviews

What does a gay man have to benefit from this book? I have asked myself this many times as I sat and flipped through this book, laughing aloud, feeling silly (having bought it only because I wanted to shock the old woman at my book store who adored me and talked poorly about gay men). Having bought this book years ago, when I was 22 -- I knew what I needed to know then. This seems like a crash course for those outside of the gay community, to those closeted types who need to do research, to know more about who they are, or those bisexual couples merely wishing to explore. At this book's worst, it's there to hold up and shout "freaks". Funny, when I flipped through the *Joy of Sex* for heterosexuals I don't ever recall seeing a chapter on SEX WITH ANIMALS! It seems this book is not so much a book on how to enjoy sex, but a rudimentary book of what gay life is : insurance, wills, choosing a doctor, marriage. If as gay men we were instructed about our lives and the choices we were to make later on, this is the stuff we'd learn starting with our first sex ed book in grade school on up through high school. Nothing more than a bore to shock the libraries.

I have to give this book a ten. It was one of the first things I read on the subject when I was going through the process of coming out as a teenager in 1984, and it made my life much easier. Re-reading it a few years ago, I realized that, while some aspects of it are outdated (HIV and AIDS info, in particular), it still conveys the joys of being gay. Its follow-up, "The New Joy of Gay Sex" does a lot to make up for these lacks. And, of course, if you and your partner get into a rut, you can try some of the interesting positions described (the "crab" comes to mind). Enjoy. Michaelw

This book gives you a whole new perspective on gay life in general. Gay sex, lifestyles, community and identity are just part of the information you will find in this book... You also enjoy the tasteful drawings showing a variety of couples in loving situations... Note that this book was written in the pre-AIDS era and you must take into account this when reading the safe sex recommendations..

THANK YOU SO MUCH I REMEMBER THIS BOOK WHEN IT FIRST CAME OUT AND HAD A COPY MANY YEARS AGO.IT WAS GREAT TO FIND IT ONCE AGAIN!THANK YOU AGAIN! I WILL LOOK FOR YOUR SITE IN THE FUTURE THANKS FOR THE GREAT OUTSTANDING CUSTOMER SERVICE  
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Just the title of this book used to get me off, to say nothing of the subtitle. The first (certainly mainstream) how-to-book for homosexuals made history. I was a little disappointed that oral sex was portrayed as little more than foreplay (a qualm I have about the updated edition), but the book was still excellent all around, with beautiful, breathtaking illustrations. Of course, this edition was written before AIDS reared its head, but if you're gay and can find a copy of this first edition, buy it anyway. Its importance to gay literature cannot be emphasized enough.

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My head is still spinning from how quickly this item arrived. Great job!

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