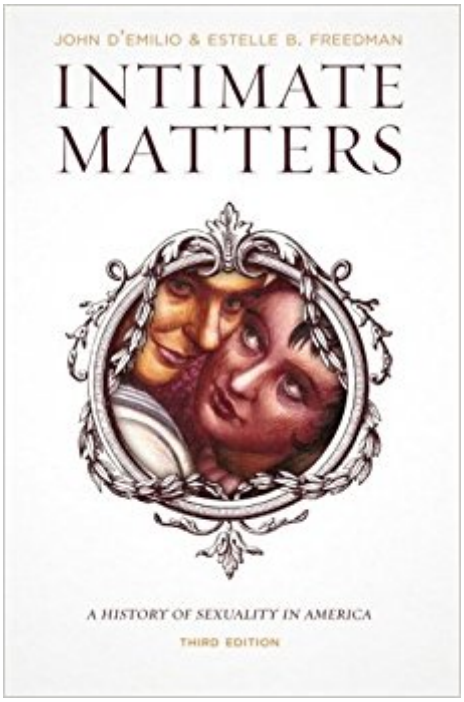
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this is a text book so people’s whiny reviews that "it reads like a text book" are ridiculous, it is a text book, you’re either able to handle intellectual reading or you’re not. it’s not a "sex" book. It’s a history of sexuality within north american history.. from colonial on through the 1970’s 80’s.The book discusses the shifting values and mores and how sexuality was considered a societal issue .. for Puritans sexuality was about procreation and all within the realms of marriage .. neighbors and people spied on one another, tattled on each other and then saw punishment done for breaking laws. This was a way to keep the community tightly knit and on track.. sexuality changed as prostitution and our country changed due to wars or events.. this book talks about the history of sex it’s not about positions or titillating stories..

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