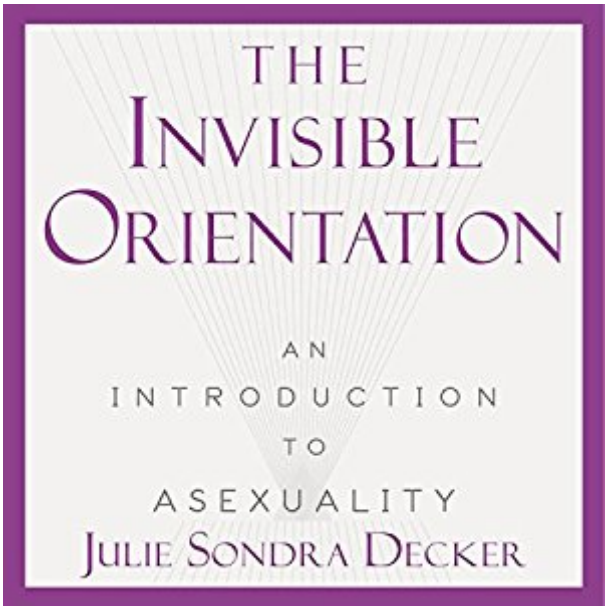
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The Invisible Orientation: An Introduction To Asexuality



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Synopsis

What if you weren’t sexually attracted to anyone? A growing number of people are identifying as asexual. They aren’t sexually attracted to anyone, and they consider it a sexual orientation - like gay, straight, or bisexual. Asexuality is the invisible orientation. Most people believe that "everyone" wants sex, that "everyone" understands what it means to be attracted to other people, and that "everyone" wants to date and mate. But that’s where asexual people are left out - they don’t find other people sexually attractive, and if and when they say so, they are very rarely treated as though that’s okay. When an asexual person comes out, alarming reactions regularly follow; loved ones fear that an asexual person is sick, or psychologically warped, or suffering from abuse. Critics confront asexual people with accusations of following a fad, hiding homosexuality, or making excuses for romantic failures. And all of this contributes to a discouraging master narrative: there is no such thing as "asexual". Being an asexual person is a lie or an illness, and it needs to be fixed. In The Invisible Orientation, Julie Sondra Decker outlines what asexuality is, counters misconceptions, provides resources, and puts asexual people’s experiences in context as they move through a very sexualized world. It includes information for asexual people to help understand their orientation and what it means for their relationships, as well as tips and facts for those who want to understand their asexual friends and loved ones.

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Customer Reviews

Just realized I was an asexual but never knew there was even such a thing. My doctor recommended this book. It has loads of information along with an index of terms, definitions and

websites. You will learn a lot from this book if you are asexual, a parent of friend of an ace or just wondering what it is all about.

This is such a good book, and high time such a book was published.If you identify as asexual or know someone who does, or even if you don’t know of anyone who is, or don’t know what I’m talking about, you should read this book. In fact if you are at all interested in how humans relate to each other, you should read The Invisible Orientation.This is a comprehensive look at a neglected sexual orientation, written in a way that’s sensitive to all the nuances and forms asexuality can take. Asexuality is a natural, in-born orientation in something around 1% of the population. The term "asexual" when applied to sexual orientation means that one isn’t sexually attracted to anyone or experiences no sexual desire. It’s been so unrecognized, until about 10 or 12 years ago, that there wasn’t even a name for it. People who experienced asexuality didn’t know they weren’t alone until the Internet began to make it possible to connect and realize there were others out there who experienced the same thing.Julie Sondra Decker provides lots of information here, and in an organized way that’s accessible and highly readable, with sensitivity to the many issues that arise when one sets out to define or explain asexuality. She includes numerous Internet and reading resources. Highly recommended.

I used to introduce myself, when someone inquired, whichwas not often as "Bisexual by nature, Asexual by choice, becuse, although in my youth I had experimented with the various possibilities, I’m currently in my late 50’s and never had on orgasm. This book is teaching me that it ISN’T something to hide away, it’s just how I am. (I am also convinced that my late father passed this one down to me, along with several other genetic traits.) But that’s okay, it’s all me, and maybe, just maybe, I’ m not needing to fix it. I really like that idea.

I found this book to be very informative and in-depth. As a follower of the authorÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â •Julie Decker-- and the AVEN community, this book covers familiar ground for me. I am glad a book exists to educate the public at large on asexuality. The book is written colloquially, which is inviting to those new on the subject. It covers many aspects of romantic and aesthetic attraction in the asexual community, as well as the history on how the AVEN website was founded. In this respect, I agree on what others have said on the information of queer and gay relationships within the asexual community. There could have been more explanation on how asexuals deal with gay relationships, societal pressures, and etcetera. It did cover quite a bit on the

LGBTÃƒÂ¢Ã â ¬Ã â„¢s treatment of asexual people as a whole. Overall, I definitely recommend this book to anyone studying sexuality free-lance or in a university, and or are asexual, or know someone who might be. It was a delight reading the book, and the wealth of website and book sources cited within the text. I hope more people find out about this book and find out about what they did not teach you in sex-ed!

This book is great for anyone who wants to learn more about asexuality. Or if you are someone who objects to it as a legitimate sexual orientation. If you identify as asexual yourself I think you will find that your experiences will be reflected somewhere in this book.

This was just what I needed! I was looking for something that was clear to explain things to me. This book is amazing, and I wish more people would read it. It really helped clear things up for me, and helped me better understand myself.

This is amazing. It is informative and educational and just plain wonderful. I am honored to explain what the book is about when people inquire as I read. Julie (Ivy) has opened up a whole new world for understanding asexuality.

Good read it really helps when you want to educate someone but don't want to talk and talk, all the questions and answers are in there. I would highly recommend this the author has done a wonderful job on this (book).

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