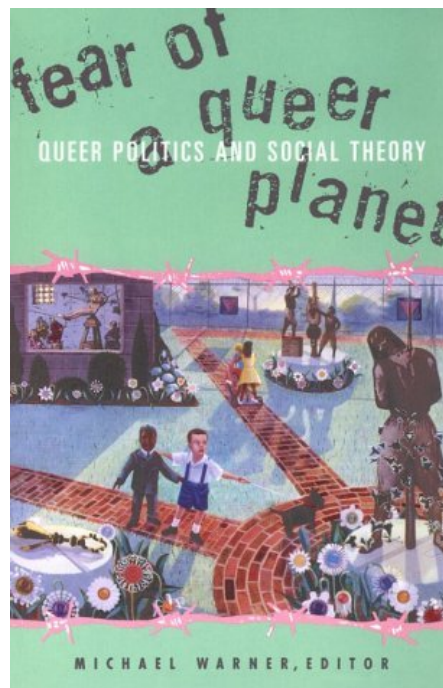




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David says

groundbreaking at the time of it's initial publication, I still have to say that essays such as Eve Sedgwick Kosofsky's "How to bring your kids up gay" systematically turning on it's head the argument that homosexuality is caused by patterns in parenting not only is thought provoking(particular at the time this book was published) but is hilarious as well lampooning and simultaneously deconstructing(perhaps exploding is a more accurate description) much theory on the etiology of homosexuality of the time.

Mason says

A shockingly relevant (albeit uneven) collection of essays summarizing the state of queer theory in the early 1990s. Standouts include Steven Seidman's "Identity and Politics in a 'Postmodern' Gay Culture" and Lauren Berlant & Elizabeth Freeman's "Queer Nationality."

M- S__ says

i'm not really sure i got a whole lot from this collection of essays in that it didn't broaden my horizons or challenge the way i think about things. i imagine it was pretty groundbreaking in 1993, but read today, a lot of the evisceration of popular theory (particularly in the fuss and sedgwick essays) is just tremendously satisfying and laugh out loud funny. the extent to which professionals tried to explain away any not straight/cis sexuality/gender expression is so bizarre and overwrought, relies on so much circular logic, and is just so blatantly biased that to a modern reader it reads like some sick elaborate joke. some of the essays were a real slug to get through, some of the work is dated. it's hard to rate. 3 stars is "liked it" and i guess that kind of covers the general feeling i had when i put the book down.

Mahdi Zaidan says

I quite enjoyed the cultural theory in this book, yet I found it to be entertaining at most. The grotesque rejection of any marxist or class analysis of gender / sexuality left a bad impression on me. I feel like Queer theory cannot loom into itself and become its own school of thought, it must ground itself further into feminist and marxist thought rather than try to escape it.

Jonathan says

Ever wondered about homophobia. Wonder no more. Read this to get to the bottom of that homosexual anxiety.

Anna says

very dense.
