BOOK REVIEW

Robert McRuer and Anna Mollow (Eds.): Sex and Disability

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Limited texts are available on the topic of sex and disability. This vast collection of essays adds to the literature by providing theoretical constructs for conceptualizing sex and disability. The editors and contributing authors of *Sex and Disability* posit that people who have disabilities have limited access to sex when compared to their able-bodied peers. They address this by challenging normative notions about sexuality and disability where individuals with disabilities are commonly viewed as non-sexual beings. In contrast, this text reveals intimate narratives of people, often of multiple minority status, and their expression and exploration of their sexuality.

This diverse collection of essays is an amalgamation of history, anthropology, sociology, gender, GLTBQ, and cultural studies. Although not a clinical text, *Sex and Disability* provides a compressive perspective that may be useful in academic settings for teaching, research, and mental health professionals seeking to broaden their knowledge of sex and disability. You will find this book particularly well suited for a sociology or contemporary liberal arts class. This text promotes critical thinking about social issues and will likely affect the reader's perspective on how normative culture may limit social accessibility in individuals with disabilities.

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