

## E. EARLY MODERN EUROPE

This period, broadly from the 15th through the 18th centuries, saw the spread of Renaissance ideals throughout Europe. The revival of Greco-Roman culture, particularly as evident in the philosophical doctrine known as Neoplatonism, fostered a cautious exploration of the theme of pederasty. The Reformation and Counterreformation caused an intensification of religious zealotry, in which charges of sodomy were hurled on both sides. The exploration of the New World produced some findings, interpreted at the outset in a totally hostile manner, on cross-cultural comparisons in regard to homosexual behavior (see Meso-American and South American Indians; IV.F). There is much detailed evidence for legal prosecutions and executions of male homosexuals (see also the following sections on individual countries; and "Law," XX).

622. CROMPTON, LOUIS. "The Myth of Lesbian Impunity," *JH*, 6 (1980-81), 11-26.  
Shows that beginning in the 13th century some theologians assimilated lesbianism to male homosexuality as worthy of death. However, only about ten executions are known, chiefly of women who had made use of a dildo.
623. DEJOB, CHARLES. **Marc-Antoine Muret: un professeur français en Italie dans la seconde moitié du XVI<sup>e</sup> siècle.** Paris: E. Thorin, 1881. 497 pp.  
Reprinted by Slatkine, Geneva in 1970. See Chapter 3, pp. 46-61, on his imprisonment and condemnation for sodomy.
624. FOUCAULT, MICHEL. **Madness and Civilization: History of Insanity in the Age of Reason.** Translated by Richard Howard. New York: Pantheon, 1965. 299 pp.  
An influential study by the late French historian on the link between the definition of madness and authoritarian social control. Note that the English version derives from an abridged French edition. For full references, consult the revised full text: **Histoire de la folie à l'âge classique** (Paris: Gallimard, 1972; 613 pp.)
625. GERARD, KENT, and GERT HEKMA (eds.). **The Pursuit of Sodomy in Early Modern Europe: Male Homosexuality from the Renaissance through the Enlightenment.** Special issue of *JH*, 12:4/13:4 (Winter 1985/Spring 1986).  
Papers covering virtually the whole of western Europe, but with special attention to the Netherlands.
626. GILBERT, ARTHUR N. "Conceptions of Homosexuality and Sodomy in Western History," *JH*, 6 (1980-81), 57-68.

Contrasts the biographical approach with broader inquiries of labeling and intolerance. In the latter, Gilbert argues that irrational fears of anal intercourse may have played a greater role than is usually allowed.

627. HAGSTRUM, JEAN H. **Sex and Sensibility: Ideal and Erotic Love from Milton to Mozart**. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1980. 350 pp.

This sensitive study in cultural history has a general bearing, as well as some specific discussion; see esp. pp. 45-46, 82-83, 86, 102-04, 146, 189, 193, 202-03, 217, 22, 234, 269-70, 295, 305.

628. KARLSTADT, ANDREAS BODENSTEIN VON. **De coelibatu, monachatu et viduitate ...** Wittenberg: Melchior Lotter, 1521. 36 pp.

A characteristic Lutheran attack on monastic vices, esp. sodomy and masturbation.

629. MONTER, E. WILLIAM. "Sodomy and Heresy in Early Modern Switzerland," *JH*, 6 (1980-81), 42-55.  
Compares sodomy trials from Protestant Geneva with those in Catholic Fribourg, showing also an urban vs. rural contrast.

630. MURRAY, STEPHEN, and KENT GERARD. "Renaissance Sodomite Subcultures?" in: **Among Men, Among Women**. Amsterdam: Universiteit, 1983 [Congress preprints], 183-96.

Surveys our present knowledge, chiefly from records of trials and executions, with suggestions for further research.

631. PRESCOTT, ANNE LAKE. "English Writers and Beza's Latin Epigrams," **Studies in the Renaissance**, 21 (1974), 83-117.

Theodore de Beze, a major leader of Calvinism, was subjected to considerable criticism for lechery and homosexuality because of some early Latin poems. See the edition of the poems by Alexandre Machard (Paris: Liseux, 1879).

632. ROUSSEAU, G. S. "The Pursuit of Homosexuality in the Eighteenth Century: 'Utterly Confused Category' and/or Rich Repository?" **Eighteenth-Century Life**, 9 (1985), 132-68.

Analyzes literary materials according to a six-category schema, citing many little known texts.

633. RUIG, ROB DE. **In de schaduw van de grand seigneur**. Utrecht: E.J. van Himbergen, 1984.

Class differences, esp. homosexuality as a feature of the pleasure life of the nobility, in ancien regime Europe.

634. SCHOUTEN, H. J. "Die vermeintliche Päderastie des Reformators Jean Calvin," *JfsZ*, 7 (1905), 289-306.

Although the Reformer John Calvin was probably not homosexual, the efforts of Catholic polemicists to discredit him by such accusations form an interesting chapter in cultural history.

635. TRUMBACH, RANDOLPH. "Sodomite Subcultures, Sodomitical Roles, and the Gender Revolution of the Eighteenth Century: The Recent Historiography," *Eighteenth-Century Life*, 9 (1985), 109-21.  
Analysis of assumptions and findings of a decade of study of homosexual behavior in Western Europe.

#### F. BRITISH ISLES

Students of British history are beset by two opposing temptations: to regard the islands as *sui generis*, at most linking them to the English-speaking world (exceptionalism); or to regard them as offshore dependencies of the European continent (Europeanism). Both trends may be found in actual British attitudes toward homosexual behavior. Exceptionalism is evident in a preference for slow change, rather than abrupt breaks; a desire to preserve propriety and respectability, sometimes at the cost of even forbidding discussion of sexual matters; and a tendency to avoid theoretical approaches among intellectuals. On the other hand, the reception of Christian hostility toward homosexuality, the Reformation inflection of them, and in recent times the emergence of sexual reform attest successive waves of influence from the European continent. Legal aspects are treated under XX.D; the public school tradition under XI.A, and military history under XII.A.

636. ACKERLEY, JOSEPH R. **My Father and Myself**. New York: Coward-McCann, 1968. 219 pp.  
Autobiographical memoir in which the English writer-editor (1896-1967) reconstructs his father's bisexual past, with many revealing historical sidelights. See also: **The Ack-erley Letters**. Edited by Neville Braybrooke (New York: Harcourt Brace, 1975; 354 pp.) and **My Sister and Myself: The Diaries of J. R. Ackerley**. Edited by Francis King (London: Hutchinson, 1982; 217 pp.).
637. ACKLAND, VALENTINE. **For Sylvia: An Honest Account**. New York: W. W. Norton, 1986. 135 pp.  
Ackland (b. 1906) describes her relationship with the writer Sylvia Townsend Warner, offering insights on the situation of British lesbians in the first half of the present century.
638. BARNARD (BERNARD), NICHOLAS. **The Penitent Death of ... John Atherton**. Dublin: Society of Stationers,

1641.

An account of the notable hanging of the Anglican Bishop of Waterford and Lismore for buggery. Further editions appeared in London in 1642 and 1651.

639. BARRETT, CONNIE. "Wearing of the Gay," **Christopher Street**, no. 70 (November 1982), 32-38.  
On gay life in today's Ireland.

640. BINGHAM, CAROLINE. "Seventeenth Century Attitudes toward Deviant Sex," **Journal of Interdisciplinary History**, 1 (1971), 447-68.  
Focuses on the trial and execution of the Earl of Castlehaven (1631) for sodomy.

641. BLOCH, IWAN. **Das Geschlechtsleben in England**. By Eugen Duhren (pseud.). Berlin: Barsdorf, 1901-03. 3 vols.

This massive history is a quarry of information. Regrettably, the English version--**Sexual Life in England Past and Present** (London: Aldor, 1938; also several other printings)--is heavily abridged and should be avoided.

642. BRAY, ALAN. **Homosexuality in Renaissance England**. London: Gay Men's Press, 1982. 149 pp.  
Argues that a major shift developed in the course of the seventeenth century from an older, quasimagical concept of homosexual behavior to a stigmatized, subcultural form, which foreshadows our own.

643. BRISTOW, EDWARD J. **Vice and Vigilance: Purity Movements in Britain since 1700**. Totowa, NJ: Rowman and Littlefield, 1977. 274 pp.  
A useful synthesis of outbreaks of antisexual attitudes and their forms of social organization.

644. BURFORD, E. J. **The Orrible Synne: A Look at London Lechery from Roman to Cromwellian Times**. London: Calder and Boyars, 1973. 256 pp.  
In this popularized panorama, see pp. 19, 23, 47-48, 67, 75, 139, 144, 149, 167, 218, and 233.

645. BURG, R. R. **Sodomy and the Perception of Evil: English Sea Rovers in the Seventeenth-Century Caribbean**. New York: New York University Press, 1983. 215 pp.  
Something of a shaggy dog story, inasmuch as little evidence in this potentially fascinating area is offered. See also his: "Ho Hum: Another Work of the Devil," **JH**, 6 (1981-82), 69-78.

646. CALDER-MARSHALL, ARTHUR. "Havelock Ellis and Company," **Encounter**, 37 (December 1971), 8-23.  
On controversies about sexuality in the 1890s.