

sexual and homosexual mothers far outweigh the present subjects differences when determined by self-description and attitudes toward ideal child behavior.

3919. LEWIS, KAREN GAIL. "Children of Lesbians: Their Point of View," **Social Work**, 25 (1980), 198-203. Interviews with 21 children in the Greater Boston area brought out several major problems. Early family discord and the mother's lesbianism generated severe ambivalence, yet the children generally desired to accept the mother's new lifestyle.

3920. MAYADAS, NAZNEEN S., and WAYNE D. DUEHN. "Children in Gay Families: An Investigation of Services," **Homosexual Counseling Journal**, 3 (1976), 70-83. Argues that social service agencies and clinicians should reexamine their value premises.

3921. MILLER, JUDITH ANN, et al. "The Child's Home Environment for Lesbian vs. Heterosexual Mothers: A Neglected Area of Research," **JH**, 7 (1981), 49-56. Children of lesbian mothers tend to live in a less affluent socioeconomic setting. A strong child-development orientation was found among lesbian mothers, undermining the stereotype of lesbians as aloof from children.

3922. NUNGESSER, LONNIE G. "Theoretical Bases for Research on the Acquisition of Social Sex-Roles by Children of Lesbian Mothers," **JH**, 5:3 (1980), 177-87. Theories from developmental, behavioral, and social psychology are applied in order to distinguish between the acquisition of sex-typed behaviors and the actual performance of those behaviors.

#### F. PARENTS OF GAYS AND LESBIANS

The increasing number of gay men and lesbians who have "come out" to their parents, has led to the formation in many cities of North American of support groups for these parents. The literature being produced by these groups enables one to understand the psychic process of resistance and acceptance that these mothers and fathers undergo in confronting the child's orientation.

3923. BACK, GLORIA. **Are You Still My Mother? Are You Still My Family?** New York: Warner Books, 1985. 236 pp. Advice to parents of gay men and lesbians with an account of the sex-session workshops which the author conducted before her death in 1985.

3924. BORHEK, MARY V. **My Son Eric.** New York: Pilgrim, 1979. 160 pp.  
Autobiographical account of a mother, recently divorced from her clergyman husband, who discovers that her son is homosexual. The book records her struggle towards acceptance, which was also a journey in self-discovery.
3925. FAIRCHILD, BETTY, and NANCY HOWARD. **Now That You Know: What Every Parent Should Know about Homosexuality.** New York: Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1979. 227 pp.  
Compassionate and practical advice by two women active in the national organization Parents of Gays.
3926. GRIFFIN, CAROL WELCH, MARIAN J. WIRTH, and ARTHUR G. WIRTH. **Beyond Acceptance: Parents of Lesbians and Gays Talk about Their Experiences.** Englewood Cliffs, NJ: Prentice-Hall, 1986. 193 pp.  
Reports of real-life experience of parents, disclosing a sequence of emotional stages--from the initial shock of the revelation that their offspring is gay, through anger and denial, to acceptance and often beyond. If this process is traversed to its logical completion, family relationships will be transformed and deepened.
3927. GROSSMANN, THOMAS. **Eine Liebe wie jede andere: Mit homosexuellen Jugendlichen leben und umgehen.** Reinbek bei Hamburg, 1984. 141 pp.  
Advice and information to assist parents in becoming comfortable with their child's homosexuality.
3928. SEABROOK, JEREMY. **Mother and Son.** New York: Pantheon, 1980. 189 pp.  
Sensitive autobiographical account of an English gay man's relationship with his working-class mother.
3929. SILVERSTEIN, CHARLES. **A Family Matter: A Parent's Guide to Homosexuality.** New York: McGraw-Hill, 1978. 214 pp.  
A gay New York psychiatrist (not himself a parent) offers explanations and seeks to clear away myths.
3930. SWITZER, DAVID K., and SHIRLEY A. SWITZER. **Parents of the Homosexual.** Philadelphia: Westminster, 1980. 118 pp.  
Although this book is written from a Christian religious point of view, it remains sympathetic.
3931. WYDEN, PETER, and BARBARA WYDEN. **Growing Up Straight: What Every Thoughtful Parent Should Know about Homosexuality.** New York: Stein and Day, 1968. 256 pp.  
A somewhat dated book, offering psychiatrically biased etiological theories and focusing on "the means of prevention." Rearing children in a "sexually sound" home is the most effective prophylaxis.  
Items 3932-3938 are omitted.