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


3922. NUNGESSERT, 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.

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.

Compassionate and practical advice by two women active in the national organization Parents of Gays.

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.

Advice and information to assist parents in becoming comfortable with their child's homosexuality.

Sensitive autobiographical account of an English gay man's relationship with his working-class mother.

A gay New York psychiatrist (not himself a parent) offers explanations and seeks to clear away myths.

Although this book is written from a Christian religious point of view, it remains sympathetic.

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.