The association of sex and pain in the form of master-slave domination has been found in many historical cultures (e.g., ancient Rome and imperial China). However, sadomasochism in the sense of consensual play activity between two persons seems to have been known only in Western countries for roughly the last two centuries. The interpretation of the behavior remains controversial: some hold that by dramatizing power relationships it has an emancipatory effect, while others insist that it reinforces existing patterns of domination. The physiological mechanisms that lie behind sadomasochistic experiences are as yet imperfectly understood.


Content analysis of the "dalliance columns" of a genital piercing magazine (6 females and 154 males).


Fantasy affinities of rubber in relation to bondage.


Holds that in a S & M context the uniforms and roles and dialogue become a parody of authority, a challenge to it, and a recognition of its secret sexual nature. See also her: "Feminism and Sadomasochism," Heresies, no. 12 (1981), 30-34.


Perceiving a base in violent courtship among some animals, the noted sex researcher presents cross-cultural data on love bites, flagellation, genital appliances, and strangulation.


A detailed and in some respects standard work, reticent on homosexuality (but see sections on schools and the Navy).


Popular effort at a comparative approach.

Popular account with relatively little direct treatment of homosexuality.


2625. RUBIN, GAYLE. "The Leather Menace," Body Politic, no. 82 (April 1982), 33-35. Cautions against restrictivist "good girl" feminism, asserting that there is much to be learned from sexual outlaws.

community in the San Francisco Bay area, over strong objections from "politically correct" feminists.


2628. SCHRIM, JANICE. "S/M for Feminists," *Gay Community News*, 8:41 (May 9, 1981), 8-9, 13. Holds that the anti-S & M campaign is at least in part an attempt to keep the women's movement "respectable." Anti-S & M feminists endanger the very existence of the women's movement through their lack of regard for the principles of civil liberties: they covertly cherish censorship.


2630. SPENGLER, ANDREAS. "Manifest Sadomasochism of Males: Results of an Empirical Study," *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, 6 (1977), 441-56. Comparative study based on responses from 245 West German men, presenting conclusions with respect to the invisibility of the deviant behavior, seeking of partners, participation in the subculture, realization of desires, self-acceptance, preferences for S & M roles and practices, masturbation, and coming out. See also his book: *Sadomasochisten und ihre Subkulturen.* (Frankfurt am Main: Campus Verlag, 1979).


2632. TOWNSEND, LARRY. *The Leatherman's Handbook II.* New York: Modernismo Publications, 1983. 333 pp. Like the original work (*The Leatherman's Handbook*, New York: The Other Traveler, 1972; 319 pp.)--of which this is both a sequel and a revision--this book offers information and personal comment (generally sound), interspersed with titillating vignettes of the various "scenes."


Some early views (Krafft-Ebing, Havelock Ellis, etc.), followed by recent work in a "social dramaturgy" vein. Includes some heterosexual material, though the bulk of the work is directly relevant.