mood of carefree enjoyment unsuited to the AIDS era.

Advice, esp. on financial independence, by the late tycoon and Advocate owner, with biographical asides.

Generally sensible advice about becoming more sensuous, as well as dressing, cruising, sexual techniques, and keeping a lover. Although the period flavor is there, this book has held up surprisingly well.

Readable, somewhat lightweight exposition of the middle-of-the-road approach to gay life supported by the Gai pied editorial group.

A basic and usable work for the truly inexperienced: how to get up your courage to enter a gay bar, how to converse, turn someone down tactfully, etc. See also the sequel: Coming Along Fine: Today's Gay Man and His World (Boston: Alyson, 1986; 149 pp.).

Advice by a homosexual therapist on self-acceptance, recommending yoga exercises and encounter groups.

E. SEXUAL TECHNIQUES: MALE

In late Victorian times, as it came to be recognized that the mass of the population was woefully ignorant of sexual techniques—including contraceptive methods—the first cautious manuals began to appear. In the 1920s these works became more explicit and more freely available, but they did not address the needs of homosexuals. To do so would have been regarded as patently pornographic, and in fact the first attempts (not recorded here) were illustrated exploitation brochures sold, as often as not, under the counter. There is now a considerable range of genuine works in this field. Also included here are some studies on the symbolism and physiology of the penis, of particular (though not exclusive) interest to gay men. For medical problems that may be associated with male homosex-
ual behavior, see XXII.A-C.


2593. BERKELEY, BUD, and JOE TIFFENBACH. Foreskin: Its Past, Its Present & ... Its Future? San Francisco: Bud Berkeley, 1983. 208 pp. Illustrated survey, including personal testimonies, intended for those with an erotic or other preference for the uncut. For a strong condemnation of the practice, with many individual testimonies, see Rosemary Romberg, Circumcision: The Painful Dilemma (South Hadley, MA: Bergin and Garvey, 1985; 435 pp.).


2597. LEGMAN, GEESHON. Oragenitalia. New York: Julian Press, 1969. 320 pp. Chapter 2, "Fellatio" (pp. 169-245), purports to incorporate a "practical treatise" translated from a French manuscript, as the author claims that his aversion to the subject prevented direct treatment. As with all of Legman's work, there is some psychoanalytic overinterpretation.

2598. MORIN, JACK. Anal Pleasure and Health: Guide for Men and Women. Burlingame, CA: Down There Press,
A well-balanced manual which stresses both the development of positive feelings (escaping from inherited taboos) and safeguarding health. See also Jeremy Agnew, "Some Anatomical and Physiological Aspects of Anal Sexual Practices," JB, 12 (1986), 75-96.

Self-oriented sensuousness as a mark of healthy self-acceptance.

Summarizes the results of a study of more than 20,000 European males, finding that homosexuals exceed heterosexuals by 10% in penis length and by 8% in breadth.


Based on the model established by the popular Alex Comfort books, this work offers a positive and detailed account, illustrated with line drawings.

Intended to develop positive feelings, this book offers historical and psychological asides, as well as the essential "how to" information. Illustrated with photographs and drawings.

F. SEXUAL TECHNIQUES: FEMALE

Lesbian sexual behavior has been a source of some curiosity on the part of men and nonlesbian women—much more so than gay-male behavior, which can apparently be conceptua-
lized by analogy with heterosexual copulation. With the exception of the first two works (2604-05), the items listed below are entirely written by lesbians and for lesbians. Although perceptions of the use of dildos have been much exaggerated, there does seem to be a certain popularity of vibrators among lesbians and single women.

Guide to selection of vibrators and related appliances, as well as the sexual enhancement they afford.

In this encyclopedic work on women's bodies, health, and social concerns, see esp. pp. 141-61.

Frank and explicit textbook on lesbian sexual behavior, with illustrations by Tee Corinne.

Covers a variety of experience, including S & M.

Perhaps the most far-reaching book in this category. In addition to the basic "how to" information, offers affirmative discussion of such topics as sexual addiction, levels of desire, orgasmic problems, fantasies, aids to improved communication, alcoholism and sobriety, aging, and youth.

A brief, evocative guide.

Ranges beyond sex to such topics as consciousness raising and the upbringing of children. Sometimes speculative.

G. S & M