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Editorial Review

From Library Journal

As an academic discipline, lesbian and gay studies is still in its infancy. A distinct body of scholarly literature on lesbian/gay/ queer-related topics has emerged, however, especially in the last 20 years, and it is surprising that a reference of this comprehensiveness has not appeared sooner. Editor Murphy (medical humanities, Univ. of Illinois, Chicago; *Gay Science: The Ethics of Sexual Orientation Research*) has assembled over 400 entries by 223 contributors. Covering articles and books (mainly in English), they reflect the multidisciplinary nature of the subject, ranging from regional studies to literary criticism to such subcultural phenomena as the bear culture and the Radical Faeries. Each entry includes a list of works, an introduction to the topic, and a brief summary and analysis of the literature. Also included are booklist and general indexes and a thematic list grouping topical entries into broad subject areas. While one might quibble that a single volume can only skim the surface of such a complex, diverse discipline, this is still a remarkable and groundbreaking work. An essential purchase for human sexuality and gay and lesbian study collections, it belongs in most academic and public libraries."Richard J. Violette, *Special Libraries Cataloguing*, Victoria, BC

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The latest CD-ROM version contains the complete text of *World Book Encyclopedia* print edition as well as *World Book Dictionary*. It also has more than 3,000 articles that do not appear in the print set. These include biographies of current world leaders, such as Laurent Kabila and Vladimir Putin, as well as entries on literary works (*Catch 22*, *The Grapes of Wrath*, *Native Son*) and other topics (*Nunavut*, *Mothers Against Drunk Driving*, *Tuskegee Airmen*). There are approximately 588 new articles in this year's encyclopedia. Another 2,000 articles were partially revised, including the biographies of George W. Bush, Hillary Rodham Clinton, and Al Gore, to reflect their status as candidates, and Boris Yeltsin, to note his resignation. Among other current events noted here and not in the print set are Pinochet's return to Chile, Pakistan's explosion of a nuclear device, and renewed Basque violence in Spain. More than 250 book lists were reviewed and revised as necessary in addition to those in new or revised articles. There are nine new maps in *World Book 2001*. Examples are Chechnya, Dagestan, East Timor, Ingushetia, Kosovo, Nunavut, and Yugoslavia. Fifty-nine other maps were extensively revised to reflect political changes or new features, such as Canada's creation of the territory of Nunavut, the return of Macao to China, the revised height for Mount Everest (Nepal and Tibet), new national parks in Venezuela, and new stadiums in Cleveland, Detroit, Houston, Indianapolis, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Seattle. There are also 450 new illustrations, including pictures for each letter of the alphabet; state bird, flower, and tree for all U.S. states; provincial seals and flowers for each Canadian province; and 52 new illustrations in the flag article, many of them historic flags. Only two new sounds have been added: Mozart's *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and *Yankee Doodle*. There are approximately 15,000 Internet links. Editors validate and add links on a continuous basis. There are no major changes in the design and navigation of this year's *World Book* CD-ROM.^B Users may search by topic or keyword using Boolean and proximity operators and truncation if desired. Articles are displayed along with an outline in a box on the left. Users can scroll through the outline to locate a specific section of the article or read it in its entirety. Icons indicate illustrations, sounds, and video clips. Hyperlinks within the text and related-information buttons take the user to other relevant articles on the CD or online. The high-quality multimedia features that distinguish *World Book* CD-ROM--three-dimensional illustrations, bubble views, animations, and simulation--remain in this edition. Users may look at the Brooklyn Bridge or the Western Wall from many angles, build a boat and test its buoyancy, study how birds fly, and track the malaria parasite from mosquito to victim. Sound clips of music, speeches, and animal noises enliven the text. A monthly spotlight feature

lists the holidays, flower, birthstone, and historical events for each month. The Surf the Millennium feature introduced last year remains. The atlas offers maps of countries, states, provinces, and cities. The overlay button allows selection of population density, average January or June temperature, yearly average precipitation, agriculture and fishing, mining and manufacturing, terrain, and economy. A distance calculator enables users to find the distance between two locations. In addition to printing, copying, highlighting, and notepad options, the menu has a Homework Wizards feature. Report Wizard walks students through the process of doing research and writing a report. Chart Wizard makes and prints graphs and charts. Timeline Wizard creates and prints custom time lines, Quiz Wizard designs quizzes and math games, and Web Page Wizard allow the creation of up to three linked Web pages. Time Frame allows users to locate information related to a specific date, searching by year, decade, century, millennium, or era in either B.C.E. or A.D. What's Online contains article updates, special reports, links to Web sites, the month in brief (news summary of current events), special reports on subjects of current interest (fertility drugs, playground bullies, and sports drinks are examples), and Back in Time (articles from *World Book* archives). Users need a compatible Internet connection to access the online features. *World Book 2001* is an excellent multimedia encyclopedia for home, school, and library use. It has current information, outstanding graphics, and useful homework tools. The multimedia features enhance the text and help users understand the content, and the online updates provide the latest information. Adult and children's librarians should give *World Book* serious consideration when choosing a CD-ROM encyclopedia. REVWR

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Review

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- "Choice

"A remarkable and groundbreaking work. An essential purchase for human sexuality and gay and lesbian study collections, it belongs in most academic and public libraries."

- "Library Journal

"Kudos to editor Murphy and the diverse and notable roster of advisers and contributors who worked together to create what may well be the first reference guide and index to existing academic literature on topics important in lesbian and gay studies.. This is an excellent guide for serious researchers at both undergraduate and graduate levels."

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