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convinced that homelessness is a personal choice will find here a strong challenge to their views.

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Corina Schulze, Sarah Koon-Magnin, and Valerie Bryan, *Gender Identity, Sexual Orientation and Sexual Assault: Challenging the Myths*. Lynne Rienner Publishers (2019). 235 pages, \$79.95 (hardcover).

In this book on sexual violence and the myths that surround this prevalent social issue in the United States, Schulze, Koon-Magnin, and Bryan deconstruct the gendered societal biases concerning sexual assault (e.g., rape myths) and portray a comprehensive understanding of how LGBTQA+ community members both experience and describe sexual assault. The book places the experiences of sexual and gender minorities, jointly referred to in the book as the “queer community,” in the forefront and explores how gender identity and sexual orientation affect how these individuals are perceived and treated by the criminal justice system. The authors focus on the victim’s experience, particularly the disclosure process and how gender identity and sexual orientation are critical to understanding their experiences.

This book is distinguished by the interdisciplinary and queer theoretical approach to the qualitative research upon which it draws. The authors’ backgrounds include criminology, political science, mental health counseling, social work, and sociology. They challenge traditional academic inquiry on sexual assault and thus provide readers a new perspective for viewing the queer community’s experiences of sexual assault. Through the use of consensual qualitative research (CQR), researchers capture the complexity of 22 queer identity participants, who were presented with an array of rape myths; interviews with the participants explore their responses and viewpoints of these myths. These accounts are eye-opening, insightful, and compelling.

The book assists in presenting more meaningful discussions around sexual assault, including challenging the myths of sexual violence, the importance of identity, sexual assault and disclosure, rape myths, and rape culture. It is especially useful for highlighting the Identity Inclusive Sexual Assault Myth Scale (IISAMS), as well as unique concerns and resources for this community. To my knowledge, IISAMS is the first research tool that measures rape myths, including queer identities. This book relates well to recent research indicating that non-heterosexual individuals experience higher rates of victimization compared to their heterosexual counterparts. Unfortunately, this book did not discuss how race or ethnicity impacts sexual assault, as most of the participants were White. Nonetheless, as this topic is an emerging field of research, this book fills an important gap in the literature concerning both method and theory.

Overall, this provides the needed portrayal of the unique identities and understandings of LGBTQA+ individuals and how they perceive sexual assault. It is a significant contribution to the literature in a variety of areas, including LGBTQA+, gender, and sexual violence studies. This book is an asset to qualitative researchers interested in extending inferences about sexual assault myths within the queer community and could be included in upper-level college courses to provide an inclusive perspective on sexual assault.

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Sara Sanders, Stacey R. Kolomer, Cheryl Waiters Spellman, and Victoria M. Rizzo, *Gerontological Social Work and the Grand Challenges: Focusing on Policy and Practice*. Springer International Publishing (2019), 186 pages, \$79.99 (hardcover).

This book brings together leading researchers and academics in social work to address some of the most prominent social problems in the U.S. related to gerontological issues. Each chapter discusses a separate social problem or "Grand Challenge" that we must overcome to advance the well-being of our society. The grand challenges discussed are healthy development for all youth,