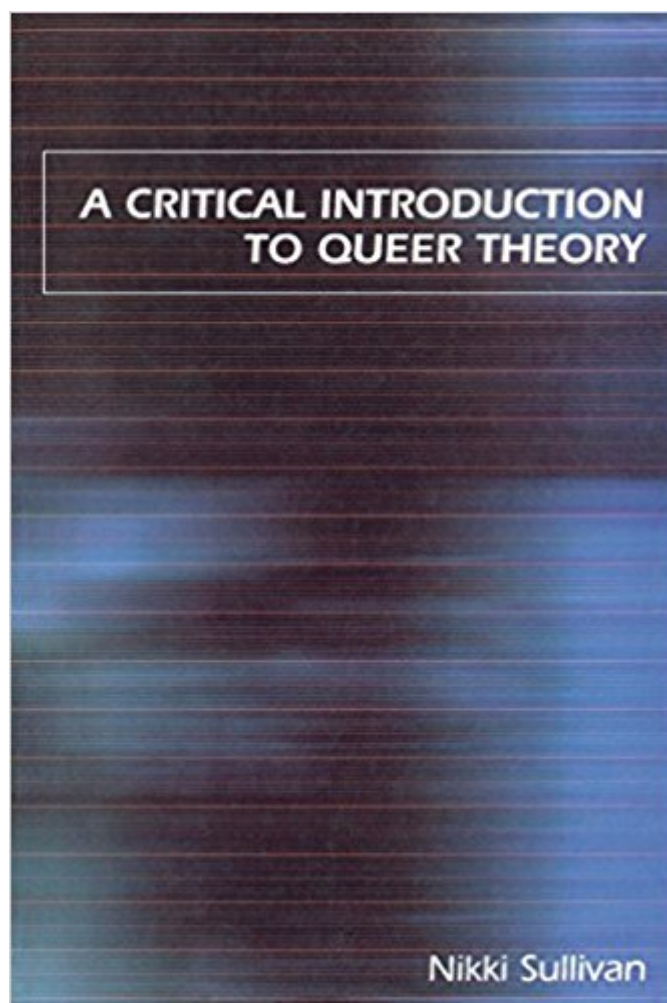


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# A Critical Introduction To Queer Theory



## Synopsis

A Critical Introduction to Queer Theory explores the ways in which sexuality, subjectivity and sociality have been discursively produced in various historical and cultural contexts. The book begins by putting gay and lesbian sexuality and politics in historical context and demonstrates how and why queer theory emerged in the West in the late twentieth century. Sullivan goes on to provide a detailed overview of the complex ways in which queer theory has been employed, covering a diversity of key topics including: race, sadomasochism, straight sex, fetishism, community, popular culture, transgender, and performativity. Each chapter focuses on a distinct issue or topic, provides a critical analysis of the specific ways in which it has been responded to by critics (including Freud, Foucault, Derrida, Judith Butler, Jean-Luc Nancy, Adrienne Rich and Laura Mulvey), introduces key terms, and uses contemporary cinematic texts as examples.

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"This book is a succinct, pedagogically designed introduction. As classroom text, Sullivan's work is heady with vibrant debate and slim heuristics; her intellectual clarity is stunning." -Choice

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University. She is the author of *Tattooed Bodies: Subjectivity, Textuality, Ethics, Pleasure*; and numerous articles on body modification and on sexuality.

Sullivan's book is a very good way of being introduced to Queer Theories.

There needs to be a bit more information about sexuality (rather recent discourse about asexuality, pansexuality, etc is missing), but for class it was enough.

Perfect item in perfect conditions and arrived in time, as ever! A good introduction that guide you in the difficult world of queer theory! Buy it!

If you are trying to understand what the hell Queer Theory is, this is the perfect book to start with. Of course you will find out that there is no possible answer to that question, but after reading this book you will certainly have the necessary tools to begin with the studying of the subject. It doesn't matter if you are not well acquainted with Gay and Lesbian Studies or post-structuralist philosophy, Nikki Sullivan takes you by the hand from the very beginning explaining where does Queer Theory come from, to the wide possibilities that it can acquire in the "future".

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