

# SSTAR Society for Sex Therapy & Research

## SSTAR HEALTH PROFESSIONAL BOOK AWARD WINNERS

### Winner of the 2022 SSTAR Health Professional Book Award:

*The Leather Couch - Clinical Practice with Kinky Clients*; Routledge, 2020  
Author: Stefani Goerlich, LMSW-Clinical, LISW, CST

*The Leather Couch - Clinical Practice with Kinky Clients* has been selected as the winner of the 2022 SSTAR Health Professional Award. The award will be presented at the annual SSTAR meeting in Chicago in 2023. The committee reviewed ten books submitted for consideration and chose this book because it is their belief that it makes a valuable contribution to the field of sex therapy. Every member of the committee feels that their learning and knowledge has been enhanced by this book and that it will inform their clinical work going forward.

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Author: Lori Brotto, PhD

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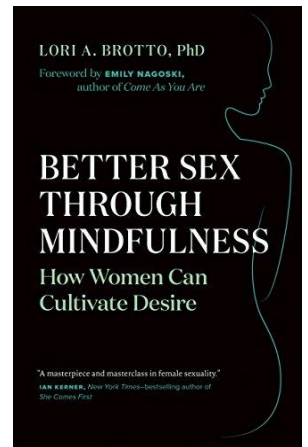
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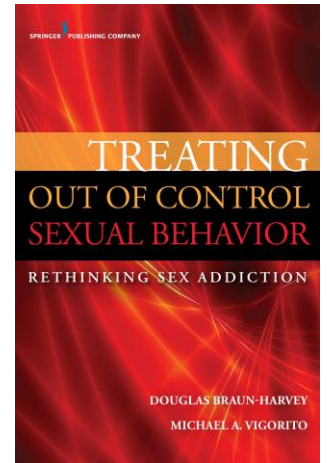
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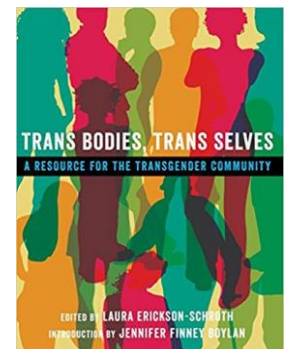
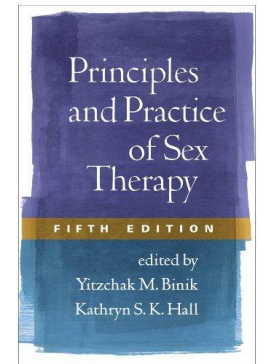
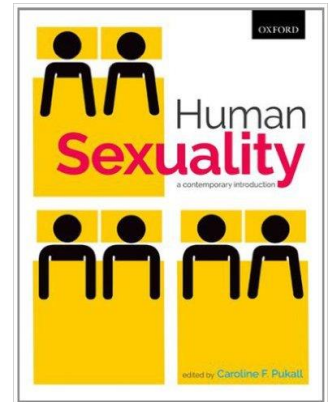
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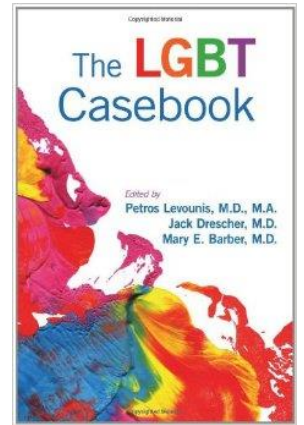
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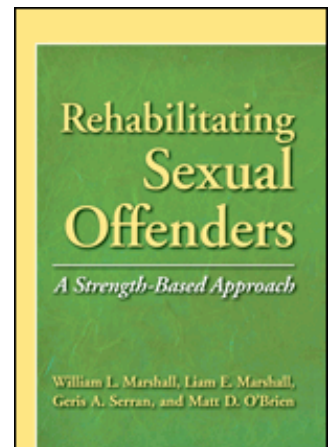
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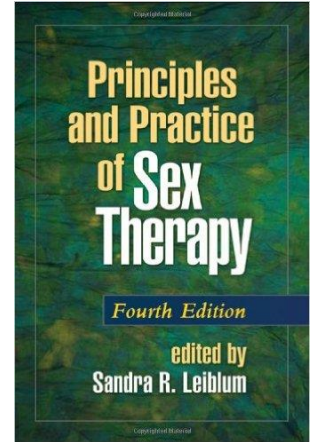
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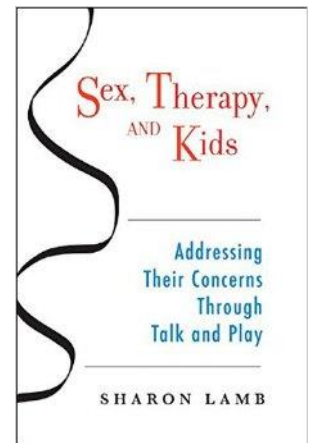


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By William L. Maurice MD, FRCPC

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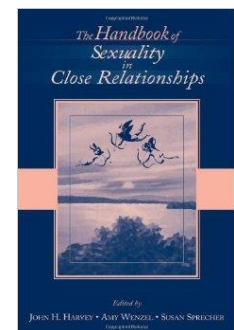
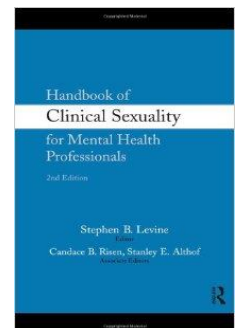
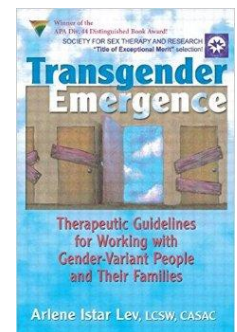
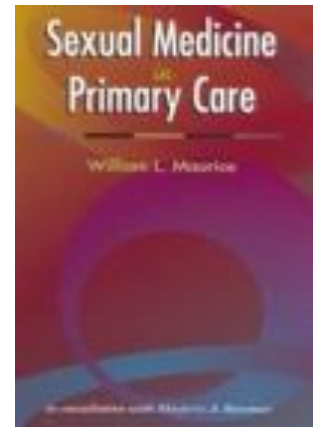
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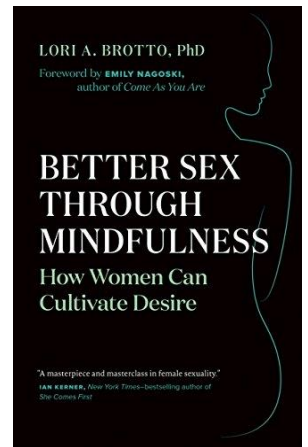
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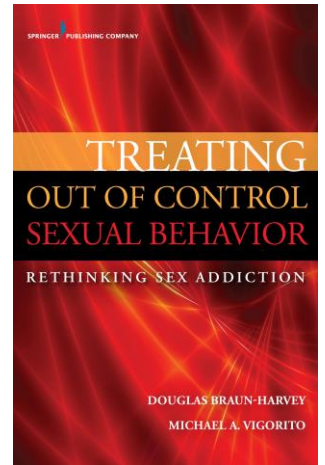
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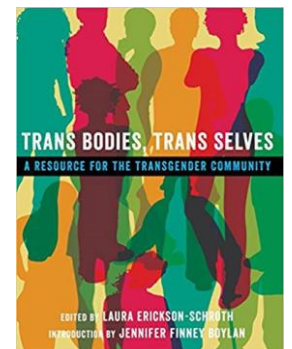
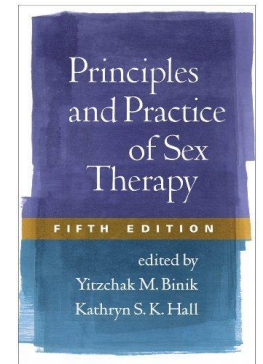
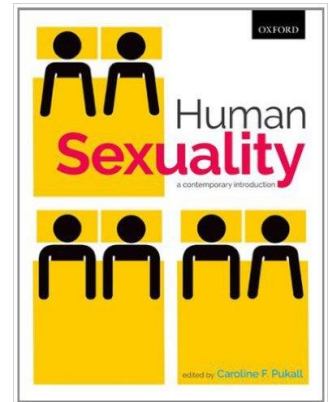
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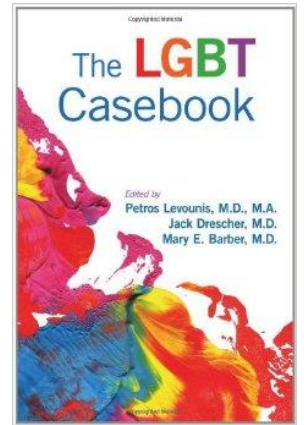
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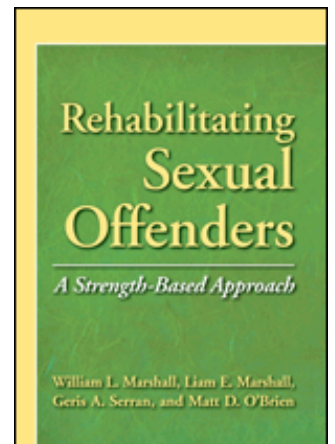
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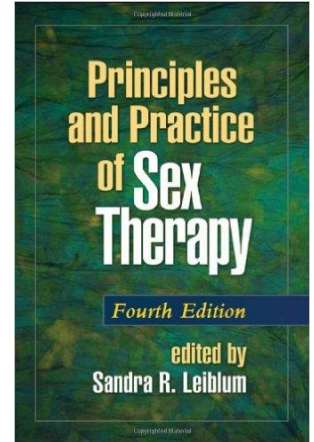
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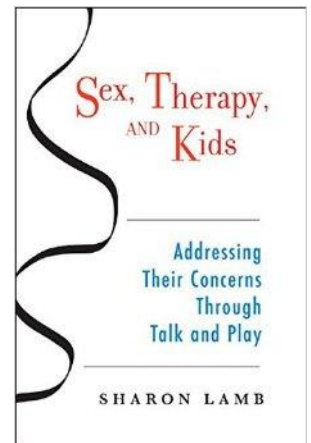


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