

SEX IN CRISIS

“*Sex in Crisis* is a brilliant analysis of the ways in which our bedrooms have been invaded by the anxiety-mongers of Big Pharma and the moralists of the Christian Right. Dagmar Herzog's account of America's New Sexual Revolution is crisply written, often disturbing, and utterly persuasive.” - **Tom Perrotta, bestselling author of *Election, Little Children, and The Abstinence Teacher***

“To appreciate the heady brew of contradictions bubbling in the evangelical right's secular campaign about sex – including its successful use of therapeutic language, double messages on chastity and salvation, and pro-sex view of marriage – Herzog's sharp-eyed critical study, packed with jaw-dropping evidence, is a must read.” - **Nancy F. Cott, Jonathan Trumbull Professor of American History and Pforzheimer Foundation Director of the Schlesinger Library on the History of Women in America at Harvard University**

“The religious right is celebrating sex to stroke its conservative message.... Herzog's intriguing and deeply researched thesis is that evangelicals, over the last couple of decades, have beaten liberals at their own game by adapting liberal rhetoric for conservative ends.” - **Louis Bayard, Salon**

“It's wishful thinking to imagine that the Religious Right is in retreat on all fronts in America and Dagmar Herzog fearlessly reveals how at the nexus of sex and politics, evangelical conservatives still control the agenda. How did this happen and why are progressive leaders silent on sex in America? With eye-popping research and reporting, Dagmar Herzog offers answers and, more important, issues a transformative challenge to all Americans. *Sex in Crisis* is a remarkable, necessary book.” - **David Brock, New York Times bestselling author of *Blinded by the Right: The Conscience of an Ex-Conservative***

“This is a book by an anguished Christian looking at what some aspects of her faith have wrought.... Herzog does a brilliant job in putting together an ugly and complex picture of ‘the new sexual revolution’ of the Christian Right and especially of its impact in the public sphere.... At the core of *Sex in Crisis* is a debate about what kind of a world Americans want to live in.” - **Thomas Laqueur, Times Literary Supplement**

“While eXtreme evangelicals have been poring over Christian porn for married straights, they've waged one hell of a war on sex for the rest of us.... Herzog, who grew up with strict parents in the pre-lib South, lays out an interesting case, tracking the Right's targets from inter-racial dating to abortion to LGBTQ life. At every stage, they plugged into pre-existing angst about gender and desire and being good – not to mention good enough – and with the latter, they hit the jackpot.... The toll is very real – consider the homicidal impact of the Bush regime's anti-condom campaign. And the hypocrisy is rank: while they damn sex for the rest of us, Christian sex manuals – and “Christian” vibrators and ticklers – proliferate. This stuff will raise eyebrows – at least.” – **Laura Flanders, GritTV**

“The religious right has repackaged its anti-sex messages in a secular wrapping to suit the changing cultural and social world over the last decades, but inside the box is the same old message, sexual abstinence and sexual ignorance for all, except in marriage. What is new is that if the sex you are having is not heterosexual, marital and serving God's purposes it is the source of mental and physical illness in addition to being sinful. Dagmar Herzog has carefully documented the ways in which the religious right has through distortion and falsehood taken over the language of sexual health and played upon the sexual fears of the American public and its politicians to invalidate all other forms of sexuality. This is an important book about the way in which the sexual conversation in the United States has been shanghaied to advance the religious and secular agendas of the far right.” - **John Gagnon, Distinguished Professor of Sociology, Emeritus, The State University at Stony Brook, coauthor of *Sexual Conduct and The Social Organization of Sexuality***

“If you care to protect your sexual freedom, read this brilliant, bold, breathtaking, and blood-boiling book.” - ***Penthouse***

“Historian Dagmar Herzog exposes precisely how the religious right has co-opted popular discourse on Viagra, Internet porn, female orgasm, adultery, HIV and STDs to revise its abstinence-only, anti-abortion, homophobic, sexist and racist proclamations on sex and sexuality into a sizzling and seductive self-help package worthy of *Sex and the City*.... *Sex in Crisis* is a must-read.” - **Jennifer Cognard-Black, *Ms. Magazine***

“This book is a disturbing, important and eloquent examination of one faith-cum-political movement's powerful – and pernicious – influence over human rights at home and abroad.” - ***Publishers Weekly***