



## Biological Exuberance: Animal Homosexuality and Natural Diversity

By Bruce Bagemihl

St. Martins Press-3pl. Paperback. Book Condition: New. Paperback. 768 pages. A Publishers Weekly Best BookOne of the New York Public Libraries 25 Books to Remember for 1999Homosexuality in its myriad forms has been scientifically documented in more than 450 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, insects, and other animals worldwide. Biological Exuberance is the first comprehensive account of the subject, bringing together accurate, accessible, and nonsensationalized information. Drawing upon a rich body of zoological research spanning more than two centuries, Bruce Bagemihl shows that animals engage in all types of nonreproductive sexual behavior. Sexual and gender expression in the animal world displays exuberant variety, including same-sex courtship, pair-bonding, sex, and co-parentingeven instances of lifelong homosexual bonding in species that do not have lifelong heterosexual bonding. Part 1, A Polysexual, Polygendered World, begins with a survey of homosexuality, transgender, and nonreproductive heterosexuality in animals and then delves into the broader implications of these findings, including a valuable perspective on human diversity. Bagemihl also examines the hidden assumptions behind the way biologists look at natural systems and suggests a fresh perspective based on the synthesis of contemporary scientific insights with traditional knowledge from indigenous cultures. Part 2, A Wondrous Bestiary, profiles more than...



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