

Homoerotic Art Renaissance Italy

Unveiling the Energy of Verbal Artistry: An Psychological Sojourn through **Homoerotic Art Renaissance Italy**

In some sort of inundated with displays and the cacophony of immediate transmission, the profound energy and mental resonance of verbal artistry often disappear into obscurity, eclipsed by the continuous onslaught of sound and distractions. However, set within the lyrical pages of **Homoerotic Art Renaissance Italy**, a captivating work of literary beauty that pulses with natural feelings, lies an unique journey waiting to be embarked upon. Penned with a virtuoso wordsmith, this enchanting opus manuals visitors on a mental odyssey, lightly exposing the latent potential and profound influence embedded within the delicate web of language. Within the heart-wrenching expanse with this evocative examination, we will embark upon an introspective exploration of the book is main subjects, dissect its interesting publishing model, and immerse ourselves in the indelible impact it leaves upon the depths of readers souls.

The Seduction of the Mediterranean Robert Aldrich
2002-09-11 Through an explanation of forty figures in European culture, ^The Seduction of the Mediterranean argues that the Mediterranean, classical and

contemporary, was the central theme in homoerotic writing and art from the 1750s to the 1950s. Episodes of exile, murder, drug-taking, wild homosexual orgies and court cases are woven into an original study of a significant theme in European culture.

The myth of a homoerotic Mediterranean made a major contribution to general attitudes towards Antiquity, the Renaissance and modern Italy and Greece.

The World of Renaissance Italy [2 volumes] Joseph P. Byrne 2017-06-22 Students of the Italian Renaissance who wish to go beyond the standard names and subjects will find in this text abundant information on the lives, customs, beliefs, and practices of those who lived during this exciting time period. The World of Renaissance Italy: A Daily Life Encyclopedia engages all of the Italian peninsula from the Black Death (1347-1352) to 1600. Unlike other encyclopedic works about the Renaissance era, this book deals exclusively with Italy, revealing the ways common Italian people lived and experienced the events and technological developments that marked the Renaissance era. The coverage specifically spotlights marginal or traditionally marginalized groups, including women,

homosexuals, Jews, the elderly, and foreign communities in Italian cities. The entries in this two-volume set are organized into 10 sections of 25 alphabetically listed entries each. Among the broad sections are art, fashion, family and gender, food and drink, housing and community, politics, recreation and social customs, and war. The "See Also" sources for each article are listed by section for easy reference, a feature that students and researchers will greatly appreciate. The extensive collection of contemporary documents include selections from a diary, letters, a travel journal, a merchant's inventory, Inquisition testimony, a metallurgical handbook, and text by an artist that describes what the author feels constitutes great work. Each of the primary source documents accompanies a specific article and provides an added dimension and degree of insight to the material.

Sebastian Michael Hone 2014-07-26 This book will not

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only cover the lives of the artists--painters and sculptors--who brought to sensual life a beautiful boy in the guise of a saint, it will also delve into the political aspects of the Renaissance, the reasons for the fertile grounds that gave birth to a period nearly equal to that of our most glorious ancestors, the Greeks. The Golden Age of homoeroticism came to a screeching halt after the Age of Pericles, with the Roman conquest. Night descended over hallowed Hellas where the Thebans had passed a law proclaiming "that it is illegal for anyone to maintain that sex between men is not beautiful." Romans were no strangers to the unique bond formed between males, but somewhere a wrench was thrown into the works, so that even the greatest of them all, Caesar, had to refute his having been bedded by King Nicomedes. During the Middle Ages the English king Henry II, no tyro when it came to affection for boys, nonetheless just tolerated his son Richard Coeur de Lion's love for the

young French dauphin Philippe II. In modern times prewar Berlin had thousands of rent-boys. Hitler gassed them all, and the fatherless sons of soldiers that grew up at war's end, in the ruins, were the continent's Hershey Bar whores, even more available than before the conflagration. Homophobic harassment followed in even the most civilized countries, in Central Park until Stonewall '69, and here where I live, in France, until just this year, and the legal right for a boy to marry the lad of his choice. But there were outbursts here too, against the law, and even in the wondrous freedom of the States a guy would need undaunted courage to announce, to his locker-room buddies, his preference for them over the chirping maidens in the showers just next door. So when a boy, in our times, looks on a painting of the nearly totally nude Sebastian, his tear-filled eyes turned up to the heavens, the arrows piercing white skin trickling with blood from open

wounds, his natural desire is to stem Sebastian's suffering, suffering familiar to gays since the day they realized their difference. Mocked, gassed, burned at the stake, humiliated in the gym, beaten up in parks, how would it be possible not to identify with the beautiful, youthful, suffering Sebastian? In this book we'll discover the wonders that stirred the peoples of the Renaissance, the famous Cenci murder, as well as the boys who would make themselves kings through impersonation--a story so fantastic that Ferdinand and Isabella had news rushed to them with the arrival of each ship. We will cover, in depth, the sexuality of the times, a sexuality limited in comparison to that enjoyed by the Greeks, but free enough to allow men to fully appreciate the true treasure of Renaissance Italy: it's magnificent lads.

Images of Sex and Desire in Renaissance Art and Modern Historiography Angeliki Pollali 2017-12-06 Studies on gender and sexuality have proliferated in the last decades, covering a

wide spectrum of disciplines. This collection of essays offers a metanarrative of sexuality as it has been recently embedded in the art historical discourse of the European Renaissance. It revisits 'canonical' forms of visual culture, such as painting, sculpture and a number of emblematic manuscripts. The contributors focus on one image—either actual or thematic—and examine it against its historiographic assumptions. Through the use of interdisciplinary approaches, the essays propose to unmask the ideology(ies) of representation of sexuality and suggest a richer image of the ever-shifting identities of gender. The collection focuses on the Italian Renaissance, but also includes case studies from Germany and France.

Art in Renaissance Italy John T. Paoletti 2005 'Art in Renaissance Italy' sets the art of that time in its context, exploring why it was created and in particular looking at who commissioned the palaces and cathedrals, the paintings and the sculptures.

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On the Importance of Being an Individual in Renaissance Italy

Douglas Biow 2015-01-27 In recent decades, scholars have vigorously revised Jacob Burckhardt's notion that the free, untrammled, and essentially modern Western individual emerged in Renaissance Italy. Douglas Biow does not deny the strong cultural and historical constraints that placed limits on identity formation in the early modern period. Still, as he contends in this witty, reflective, and generously illustrated book, the category of the individual was important and highly complex for a variety of men in this particular time and place, for both those who belonged to the elite and those who aspired to be part of it. Biow explores the individual in light of early modern Italy's new patronage systems, educational programs, and work opportunities in the context of an increased investment in professionalization, the changing status of artisans and artists, and shifting attitudes

about the ideology of work, fashion, and etiquette. He turns his attention to figures familiar (Benvenuto Cellini, Baldassare Castiglione, Niccolò Machiavelli, Jacopo Tintoretto, Giorgio Vasari) and somewhat less so (the surgeon-physician Leonardo Fioravanti, the metallurgist Vannoccio Biringuccio). One could excel as an individual, he demonstrates, by possessing an indefinable *nescio quid*, by acquiring, theorizing, and putting into practice a distinct body of professional knowledge, or by displaying the exclusively male adornment of impressively designed facial hair. Focusing on these and other matters, he reveals how we significantly impoverish our understanding of the past if we dismiss the notion of the individual from our narratives of the Italian and the broader European Renaissance.

Homoerotic Art Michael Hone 2014-12-07 This book will not only deal with the most wonderful homoerotic works of art since our hallowed teachers the Greeks, it will fully treat

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the sexuality of the times so that the artists can be placed in the context of the eroticism that reigned during the Renaissance--a sexuality that involved a man's full access to both sexes. The historical context will also be made clear for those who want to know the political setting, as necessary as the gold picture frame to the real treasure: the paintings the frames encompass. Among the myriad artists developed herein, four full-length biographies will stand out, those of Michelangelo and his god-inspired nudes; da Vinci and his John the Baptist, the painting that accompanied him to his deathbed, the incarnation of his beloved Salai; Cellini and his sensual Perseus; and Caravaggio, all of whose works are genius personified. A study of the historical background of the Renaissance will help to situate the painters and sculptors in a historical context. The background will be divided into several parts. Part I will provide the very roots of the Renaissance, anchored in

Florence and de' Medici humanism. Part II will deal with Pope Julius II, known as the Warrior Pope, a name he himself cherished, a name he fully deserved. Part III will deal with other individuals of importance, among them Charles V, Holy Roman Emperor and King of Spain, he who, along with Ferdinand and Isabelle, united the Old World with the New, bringing immeasurable wealth to Europe and equally immeasurable death under Pizarro and Cortés. The beauty of the works to follow has never been equaled. The look on the face of the boy in The Musicians by Caravaggio is the ultimate in homoeroticism, as the lad seems to be in the throes of orgasm. Boys like Juan Borgia are represented, Juan, supreme in his skin-tight trousers, billowing white shirt and black pearl-studded doublet, the garments he was wearing when brought up in a net from the depths of the Tiber, his murder related herein. Langetti's St. Sebastian, his taught arrow-

pierced torso reaching upwards, greeting Death as in life he had welcomed, naked, his lover. Michelangelo's David, a gorgeous lad who might have just come out from swimming in the Arno, slightly grimacing at a friend's remark that the water must be cold, judging from his diminished manhood. The Renaissance and Italy--Italy the Eternal--and its greatest wonders, its artists, sculptors, painters, writers, and their assistants and apprentices and models; Italy's warriors, the likes of Cesare Borgia; Italy's politicians, beginning with Lorenzo Il Magnifico; Italy's humanists, the greatest of whom was Lorenzo's grandfather, Cosimo; and all that is and was glorious to this glorious land: in a word, its boys.

Receptions of Antiquity, Constructions of Gender in European Art, 1300-1600
Marice Rose 2015-06-24
Receptions of Antiquity, Constructions of Gender in European Art, 1300-1600 examines the way in which late medieval and early modern

visual culture engaged with Greek and Roman antiquity to construct and challenge contemporary gender norms.

The Complete Poems of Michelangelo Michelangelo Buonarroti 1970

The Queer Encyclopedia of the Visual Arts Claude Summers 2012-03-23 A distinctly queer presence permeates the history of the visual arts — from Michelangelo's David and homoerotic images on ancient Greek vases to Frida Kahlo's self-portraits and the photography of Claude Cahun and Robert Mapplethorpe. The Queer Encyclopedia of the Visual Arts is a comprehensive work showcasing the enormous contribution of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, and queer artists to painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and architecture. International in scope, the volume includes overviews of the various periods in art history, from Classical Art to Contemporary Art and from African Art to Erotic and Pornographic Art;

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discussions of topics ranging from AIDS Activism in the Arts, Censorship in the Arts, and the Arts and Crafts Movement to Pulp Paperbacks and Their Covers; surveys of the representation of various subjects in the visual arts, from Androgyny to Vampires; and biographical entries on significant figures in the history of art, such as Andy Warhol, Keith Haring, El Greco, Leonardo da Vinci, David Hockney, Ruth Bernhard, Rosa Bonheur, Romaine Brooks, Simeon Solomon, and Nahum Zenil. Includes more than 100 illustrations and photographs.

The Drawings of Bronzino

Carmen Bambach 2010
Drawings by the great Italian Mannerist painter and poet Agnolo Bronzino (1503-1572) are extremely rare. This important and beautiful publication brings together for the first time nearly all of the sixty drawings attributed to this leading draftsman of the 16th century. Each drawing is illustrated in color, discussed in detail, and shown with many

comparative photographs. Bronzino's technical virtuosity as a draftsman and his mastery of anatomy and perspective are vividly apparent in each stroke of the chalk, pen, or brush. The younger generations of Florentine artists particularly admired Bronzino for his technical virtuosity as a painter, and Giorgio Vasari praised him for his powers as a disegnatore (designer and draftsman).

Forbidden Friendships Michael Rocke 1998-03-05 "This is a superb work of scholarship, impossible to overpraise.... It marks a milestone in the 20-year rise of gay and lesbian studies."--Martin Duberman, *The Advocate* The men of Renaissance Florence were so renowned for sodomy that "Florenzer" in German meant "sodomite." In the late fifteenth century, as many as one in two Florentine men had come to the attention of the authorities for sodomy by the time they were thirty. In 1432 The Office of the Night was created specifically to police sodomy in Florence. Indeed, nearly all

Florentine males probably had some kind of same-sex experience as a part of their "normal" sexual life. Seventy years of denunciations, interrogations, and sentencings left an extraordinarily detailed record, which author Michael Rocke has used in his vivid depiction of this vibrant sexual culture in a world where these same-sex acts were not the deviant transgressions of a small minority, but an integral part of a normal masculine identity. Rocke roots this sexual activity in the broader context of Renaissance Florence, with its social networks of families, juvenile gangs, neighbors, patronage, workshops, and confraternities, and its busy political life from the early years of the Republic through the period of Lorenzo de' Medici, Savonarola, and the beginning of Medici princely rule. His richly detailed book paints a fascinating picture of Renaissance Florence and calls into question our modern conceptions of gender and sexual identity.

[A Companion to Renaissance](#)

[and Baroque Art](#) Babette Bohn
2012-01-02 A Companion to Renaissance and Baroque Art provides a diverse, fresh collection of accessible, comprehensive essays addressing key issues for European art produced between 1300 and 1700, a period that might be termed the beginning of modern history. Presents a collection of original, in-depth essays from art experts that address various aspects of European visual arts produced from circa 1300 to 1700. Divided into five broad conceptual headings: Social-Historical Factors in Artistic Production; Creative Process and Social Stature of the Artist; The Object: Art as Material Culture; The Message: Subjects and Meanings; and The Viewer, the Critic, and the Historian: Reception and Interpretation as Cultural Discourse. Covers many topics not typically included in collections of this nature, such as Judaism and the arts, architectural treatises, the global Renaissance in arts, the new

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natural sciences and thearts, art and religion, and gender and sexuality Features essays on the arts of the domestic life, sexuality andgender, and the art and production of tapestries,conservation/technology, and the metaphor of theater Focuses on Western and Central Europe and that territory'sinteractions with neighboring civilizations and distantdiscoveries Includes illustrations as well as links to images not includedin the book **Homoerotic Art** Michael Hone 2021-08-09 This full-color edition will not only display the most wonderful homoerotic works of art since our hallowed forefathers the Greeks, it will fully treat the sexuality of the times so that the artists can be placed in the context of the eroticism that reigned during the Renaissance--a sensuality that involved full access to both sexes. The historical context will also be made clear, as necessary as gold-picture-frames to the real treasure: the paintings the frames encompass. We'll learn why Florence was the epicenter of

the Renaissance, its core the de' Medici who housed Michelangelo and his lover Torrigiano, a boy who broke Michelangelo's nose and fled to England to avoid the consequences, taking the Renaissance there. The Renaissance that took root in France where, under François I, Cellini and his lovers caroused through the streets of Paris, and François held the head of Leonardo da Vinci in his arms as the greatest human being to have ever lived--a man whose inspiration was the boys he loved--rendered his last breath. The historical setting provided the rich nutrient for the creation of the jewels that have enhanced our lives: the Saint Sebastians of Bernini, Ribera and Reni; the Perseus of Cellini, the David of Michelangelo, the John the Baptist of da Vinci; the never-equaled plunge into the dark and desolate hearts of men as portrayed by Caravaggio; and the scores of other painters and sculptors included in these page. A never-surpassed alignment of the planets, the

right time and the right place, Italy the Eternal and its greatest wonder: its artists, sculptors, painters, writers, and the players who motivated their art, like Juan Borgia, supreme in his skin-tight trousers, billowing white shirt and black pearl-studded doublet, the garments he was wearing when brought up in a net from the depths of the Tiber; Italy's warriors, Popes Julius II and Alexander VI, along with Alexander's ruthless son Cesare Borgia; Italy's rulers, beginning with Lorenzo Il Magnifico and his humanist grandfather Cosimo; and the inspiration for all that is glorious to this glorious land: its youths.

The Birth of Venus Sarah Dunant 2004-11-30 Alessandra Cecchi is not quite fifteen when her father, a prosperous cloth merchant, brings a young painter back from northern Europe to decorate the chapel walls in the family's Florentine palazzo. A child of the Renaissance, with a precocious mind and a talent for drawing, Alessandra is intoxicated by

the painter's abilities. But their burgeoning relationship is interrupted when Alessandra's parents arrange her marriage to a wealthy, much older man. Meanwhile, Florence is changing, increasingly subject to the growing suppression imposed by the fundamentalist monk Savonarola, who is seizing religious and political control. Alessandra and her native city are caught between the Medici state, with its love of luxury, learning, and dazzling art, and the hellfire preaching and increasing violence of Savonarola's reactionary followers. Played out against this turbulent backdrop, Alessandra's married life is a misery, except for the surprising freedom it allows her to pursue her powerful attraction to the young painter and his art. The Birth of Venus is a tour de force, the first historical novel from one of Britain's most innovative writers of literary suspense. It brings alive the history of Florence at its most dramatic period, telling a compulsively absorbing story of

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love, art, religion, and power through the passionate voice of Alessandra, a heroine with the same vibrancy of spirit as her beloved city.

"Sexualities, Textualities, Art and Music in Early Modern Italy" Linda L. Carroll

2017-07-05 Taking as axiomatic the concept that artistic output does not simply reflect culture but also shapes it, the essays in this interdisciplinary collection take a holistic approach to the cultural fashioning of sexualities, drawing on visual art, theatre, music, and literature, in sacred and secular contexts. Although there is diversity in disciplinary approach, the interpretations and readings offered in each essay have a historical basis. Approaching the topic from the point of view of both visual and auditory media, this volume paints a comprehensive picture of artists' challenges to erotic boundaries, and contributes to new historicizing thinking on sexualities. Collectively, the essays demonstrate the role played by artistic production-

visual arts, literature, theatre and music-in fashioning, policing, and challenging early modern sexual boundaries, and thus help to identify the ways in which the arts contributed to both the disciplining and the exploration of a range of sexualities.

Gender and Society in

Renaissance Italy Judith C.

Brown 2014-09-25 This major new collection of essays by leading scholars of Renaissance Italy transforms many of our existing notions about Renaissance politics, economy, social life, religion, medicine, and art. All the essays are founded on original archival research and examine questions within a wide chronological and geographical framework - in fact the pan-Italian scope of the volume is one of the volume's many attractions. Gender and Society in Renaissance Italy provides a broad, comprehensive perspective on the central role that gender concepts played in Italian Renaissance society.

A Convert's Tale Tamar

Herzig 2019-12-03 Salomone

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da Sesso was a virtuoso goldsmith in Renaissance Italy. Brought down by a sex scandal, he saved his skin by converting to Catholicism. Tamar Herzig explores Salamone's world—his Jewish upbringing, his craft and patrons, and homosexuality. In his struggle for rehabilitation, we see how precarious and contested was the meaning of conversion.

Killing Hercules Richard Rowland 2016-12-08 This book offers an entirely new reception history of the myth of Hercules and his wife/killer Deianira. The book poses, and attempts to answer, two important and related questions. First, why have artists across two millennia felt compelled to revisit this particular myth to express anxieties about violence at both a global and domestic level? Secondly, from the moment that Sophocles disrupted a myth about the definitive exemplar of masculinity and martial prowess and turned it into a story about domestic abuse, through to a 2014 production of Handel's

Hercules that was set in the context of the 'war on terror', the reception history of this myth has been one of discontinuity and conflict; how and why does each culture reinvent this narrative to address its own concerns and discontents, and how does each generation speak to, qualify or annihilate the certainties of its predecessors in order to understand, contain or exonerate the aggression with which their governors - of state and of the household - so often enforce their authority, and the violence to which their nations, and their homes, are perennially vulnerable?

The Agency of Female Typology in Italian Renaissance Paintings

Edward J. Olszewski 2023-06-30 This study employs cognitive theory as a heuristic framework to interrogate the agency of female types in select Italian Renaissance paintings, with emphasis on Venus, Medusa, the Amazon, Boccaccio's Lady Fiammetta/Cleopatra, Susanna, the Magdalene, and the

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Madonna. The study disrupts assumptions about the identity of sitters and readings of paintings as it challenges paradigms of female representation. It interrogates why certain paintings were crafted, by whom and for whom. Works are placed in the context of meta-painting, with stress on the cognitive decisions negotiated between patron and artist. The ludic aspects of several paintings are examined with a fine grain semiotic approach to expand their iconographies.

Psychoanalytic readings are unpacked, based on the flawed mythological metaphors and incomplete clinical studies of Sigmund Freud's theorizing. The rubric of female agency is deliberately selected to unify popular but enigmatic master paintings of disparate subjects. The Art Collector in Early Modern Italy Monika Schmitter 2021-09-30 Lorenzo Lotto's Portrait of Andrea Odoni is one of the most famous paintings of the Italian Renaissance. Son of an immigrant and a member of the non-noble citizen class,

Odoni understood how the power of art could make a name for himself and his family in his adopted homeland. Far from emulating Venetian patricians, however, he set himself apart through the works he collected and the way he displayed them. In this book, Monika Schmitter imaginatively reconstructs Odoni's house - essentially a 'portrait' of Odoni through his surroundings and possessions. Schmitter's detailed analysis of Odoni's life and portrait reveals how sixteenth-century individuals drew on contemporary ideas about spirituality, history, and science to forge their own theories about the power of things and the agency of object. She shows how Lotto's painting served as a meta-commentary on the practice of collecting and on the ability of material things to transform the self.

Benvenuto Cellini M. Gallucci 2016-09-27 Celebrated goldsmith and sculptor of the Italian Renaissance, Benvenuto Cellini (1500-71) fits the

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conventional image of a Renaissance man: a skillful virtuoso and courtier; an artist who worked in marble, bronze, and gold; and a writer and poet. Using the methodologies of New Historicism, social history, and gender and sexuality studies, this book places Cellini and his cultural production in the context of contemporary discourses about sexuality, law, magic, masculinity, and honor. In his life and literary oeuvre, the notorious artist, rogue, and sodomite aligned himself with the transgressive and oppositional voices of his day.

HOMOSEXUALITY in RENAISSANCE ITALY

Michael Hone 2014-04-26 It's been a great pleasure writing this book on Italian male-to-male relations because the Renaissance is the period I prefer. Florence was the place to be, the most beautiful city in Europe, adorned by the most beautiful people God has had the genius to create. There was always something going on, be it the life and scandals of Michelangelo and da Vinci, the

plots against the life of the great Lorenzo il Magnifico, the hanging of the Pazzi from the tower of the Palazzo della Signoria, the scandals around Lucrezia Borgia and her brother (and some say paramour) Cesare. Modern biographers go out of their way to deny the obvious homoerotic content of a poem or a painting dating from that period. A case in point is Caravaggio's works, one of which, *The Musicians*, shows four young boys, singers and musicians, nearly nude, painted while Caravaggio inhabited the palace of Cardinal Francesco Maria del Monte, a man known for his paternal interest in boys in general and homosexual artists in particular, who introduced homoerotic art into the Vatican, and was known to have been homosexual himself. The palace housed as many as fifty boys, artists like Caravaggio, actors who took part in plays dressed as women when the role demanded it, and castrati, one of whom Caravaggio portrays in his painting *The Lute Player*.

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Another of his paintings, *The Boy with the Basket*, is of a lad known to be his lover, also semi-nude, also as languorous as the boys in *The Musicians*, his lips sensually parted, his basket filled with fruit known for its sexual symbolism at the time-figs, apples and pomegranates-symbolism so sexually charged that during a priest's discourse, when mentioning fruit before his congregation, he brought on guffaws from the men and snickers from the women (a little like today in Turkey where it is impossible for a woman to order a cucumber because of its other meaning in that language, obliging her to say, "Give me one of those salad things"). Da Vinci was arrested for sodomy, along with three friends, at age 24. He was held overnight and had to go through a month of hell between two attempts to prove his guilt. As iron proof was not forthcoming, he got off. The penalty was death, but even the few thousands convicted, out of tens of thousands charged, escaped with a fine-a

large one for the perpetrator, a small one for the boy if he had given himself freely-and a slap on the wrist. As girls were locked away in Brinks-like security, boys naturally gravitated towards each other, especially as there were no clear-cut rules concerning homosexuality and heterosexuality, and, indeed, the words themselves wouldn't be invented for another 400 years! We'll begin this book with the Medici and the Borgia. Cesare Borgia was accused of sodomizing and then killing the boy many considered as the most beautiful during the Renaissance, Astorre Manfredi, 17, and his brother, age 15, before throwing their bodies, tied together and weighted down, into the Tiber. But before we enter the Florence of the inimitable Lorenzo de' Medici, logic obliges me to give the first honor where the greatest honor is due, to dedicate a few short pages to the greatest artist, the most original mind, the most perfect destiny of all, a man moderate in his life, his tastes and his

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loves, a man said to have brought joy to all who knew him, and perhaps even preceded Astorre Manfredi in beauty, Leonardo da Vinci.

Studies in the History of the Renaissance

Walter Pater
2010-02-11 'art comes to you professing frankly to give nothing but the highest quality to your moments as they pass, and simply for those moments' sake' In *Studies in the History of the Renaissance* (1873), a diffident Oxford don produced an audacious and incalculably influential defence of aestheticism. Through his highly idiosyncratic readings of some of the finest paintings, sculptures, and poems of the French and Italian Renaissance, Pater redefined the practice of criticism as an impressionistic, almost erotic exploration of the critic's aesthetic responses. At the same time, reclaiming the Hellenism that he saw as the most characteristic aspect of the Renaissance, he implicitly celebrated homoerotic friendship. Pater's infamous 'Conclusion', which forever

linked him with the decadent movement, scandalized many with its insistence on making pleasure the sole motive of life, even as it charmed fellow aesthetes such as Oscar Wilde. This edition of *Studies* reproduces the text of the first edition, recapturing its initial impact, and the Introduction celebrates its doomed attempt to stand out against the processes of industrialization. ABOUT THE SERIES: For over 100 years Oxford World's Classics has made available the widest range of literature from around the globe. Each affordable volume reflects Oxford's commitment to scholarship, providing the most accurate text plus a wealth of other valuable features, including expert introductions by leading authorities, helpful notes to clarify the text, up-to-date bibliographies for further study, and much more.

Language and Images of Renaissance Italy Alison Brown
1995 The Renaissance has traditionally been regarded as a critical turning point in the history of Europe; the vital

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stepping stone between the Age of Faith and the Age of Reason. This classical view is challenged and reassessed in this intriguing and diverse group of essays. Leading scholars use a variety of approaches - textual and literary criticism, social anthropology and gender studies - to take a fresh look at this most creative and fascinating period of European history.

The Renaissance Nude

Thomas Kren 2018-11-20 A gloriously illustrated examination of the origins and development of the nude as an artistic subject in Renaissance Europe Reflecting an era when Europe looked to both the classical past and a global future, this volume explores the emergence and acceptance of the nude as an artistic subject. It engages with the numerous and complex connotations of the human body in more than 250 artworks by the greatest masters of the Renaissance. Paintings, sculptures, prints, drawings, illuminated

manuscripts, and book illustrations reveal private, sometimes shocking, preoccupations as well as surprising public beliefs—the Age of Humanism from an entirely new perspective. This book presents works by Albrecht Dürer, Lucas Cranach, and Martin Schongauer in the north and Donatello, Raphael, and Giorgione in the south; it also introduces names that deserve to be known better. A publication this rich in scholarship could only be produced by a variety of expert scholars; the sixteen contributors are preeminent in their fields and wide-ranging in their knowledge and curiosity. The structure of the volume—essays alternating with shorter texts on individual artworks—permits studies both broad and granular. From the religious to the magical and the poetic to the erotic, encompassing male and female, infancy, youth, and old age, *The Renaissance Nude* examines in a profound way what it is to be human.

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2002-09-11 Through an explanation of forty figures in European culture, *The Seduction of the Mediterranean* argues that the Mediterranean, classical and contemporary, was the central theme in homoerotic writing and art from the 1750s to the 1950s. Episodes of exile, murder, drug-taking, wild homosexual orgies and court cases are woven into an original study of a significant theme in European culture. The myth of a homoerotic Mediterranean made a major contribution to general attitudes towards Antiquity, the Renaissance and modern Italy and Greece.

Queer Renaissance Historiography Vin Nardizzi
2016-04-15 Dealing with questions of the meaning of eroticism in Renaissance England and its separation from other affective relations, *Queer Renaissance Historiography* examines the distinctive arrangement of sexuality during this period,

and the role that queer theory has played in our understanding of this arrangement. As such this book not only reflects on the practice of writing a queer history of Renaissance England, but also suggests new directions for this practice. *Queer Renaissance Historiography* collects original contributions from leading experts, participating in a range of critical conversations whilst prompting scholars and students alike to reconsider what we think we know about sex and sexuality in Renaissance England. Presenting ethical, political and critical analyses of Early Modern texts, this book sets the tone for future scholarship on Renaissance sexualities, making a timely intervention in theoretical and methodological debates.

Seen from Behind Patricia Lee Rubin 2018 This original book examines the range of meaning that has been attached to the male backside in Renaissance art and culture, the transformation of the base

connotation of the image to high art, and the question of homoerotic impulses or implications of admiring male figures from behind.

Fashioning Identities in

Renaissance Art Mary Rogers

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published in 2000. Fashioning Identities analyses some of the different ways in which identities were fashioned in and with art during the Renaissance, taken as meaning the period c.1300-1600. The notion of such a search for new identities, expressed in a variety of new themes, styles and genres, has been all-pervasive in the historical and critical literature dealing with the period, starting with Burckhardt, and it has been given a new impetus by contemporary scholarship using a variety of methodological approaches. The identities involved are those of patrons, for whom artistic patronage was a means of consolidating power, projecting ideologies, acquiring social prestige or building a suitable public persona; and

artists, who developed a distinctive manner to fashion their artistic identity, or drew attention to aspects of their artistic personality either in self portraiture, or the style and placing of their signature, or by exploiting a variety of literary forms.

Reader's Guide to Lesbian and

Gay Studies Timothy Murphy

2013-10-18 The Reader's Guide

to Lesbian and Gay Studies

surveys the field in some 470

entries on individuals

(Adrienne Rich); arts and

cultural studies (Dance);

ethics, religion, and

philosophical issues (Monastic

Traditions); historical figures,

periods, and ideas (Germany

between the World Wars);

language, literature, and

communication (British

Drama); law and politics (Child

Custody); medicine and

biological sciences (Health and

Illness); and psychology, social

sciences, and education

(Kinsey Report).

Sexual Authenticity Melinda

Selmys 2009-04-06 Real

glimpses into the hearts and

lives of other people are rare...

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Columnist and author Melinda Selmys gives readers an unusual opportunity to explore the topic of homosexuality and the Catholic Faith from a fresh, sincere perspective. Her intensely personal reflections help clarify the misconceptions that have hindered meaningful dialogue between Catholics and homosexuals.

Transcending stereotypes and avoiding pat sentiments, she speaks directly to every Christian who has experienced same-sex attraction or knows someone who has. In addition to her personal story of exchanging secular lesbianism for Catholicism and resolving her own inner conflicts, the author presents an enlightening analysis of history, social theory, and media influence on the subject of homosexuality. She refutes much of the clumsy theorizing and "junk science" common to both sides of the debate, effectively bridging gaps between perception and reality. Selmys addresses the complexities surrounding sexual identity with

pronounced compassion, adding a practical discussion of the Theology of the Body to complete the circle from a Catholic perspective. This groundbreaking book expertly walks the fine line between divisiveness and platitudes -- a must-read for everyone who has ever felt ambiguous about the Church's stance on homosexuality.

The Ugly Renaissance

Alexander Lee 2015-10-27 The Ugly Renaissance is a delightfully debauched tour of the sordid, gritty reality behind some of the most celebrated artworks and cultural innovations of all time. Tourists today flock to Italy by the millions to admire the stunning achievements of the Renaissance—paintings, statues, and buildings that are the legacy of one of the greatest periods of cultural rebirth and artistic beauty the world has ever seen. But beneath the elegant surface lurked a seamy, vicious world of power politics, perversity, and corruption. In this meticulously researched and

lively portrait, Renaissance scholar Alexander Lee illuminates the dark and titillating contradictions that existed alongside the enlightened spirit of the time: the scheming bankers, greedy politicians, bloody rivalries, murderous artists, religious conflicts, rampant disease, and indulgent excess without which many of the most beautiful monuments of the Renaissance would never have come into being.

Homosexuality and Civilization

Louis Crompton 2003 How have major civilizations of the last two millennia treated people who were attracted to their own sex? In a narrative tour de force, Louis Crompton chronicles the lives and achievements of homosexual men and women alongside a darker history of persecution, as he compares the Christian West with the cultures of ancient Greece and Rome, Arab Spain, imperial China, and pre-Meiji Japan. Ancient Greek culture celebrated same-sex love in history, literature, and art, making high claims for its

moral influence. By contrast, Jewish religious leaders in the sixth century B.C.E. branded male homosexuality as a capital offense and, later, blamed it for the destruction of the biblical city of Sodom. When these two traditions collided in Christian Rome during the late empire, the tragic repercussions were felt throughout Europe and the New World. Louis Crompton traces Church-inspired mutilation, torture, and burning of sodomites in sixth-century Byzantium, medieval France, Renaissance Italy, and in Spain under the Inquisition. But Protestant authorities were equally committed to the execution of homosexuals in the Netherlands, Calvin's Geneva, and Georgian England. The root cause was religious superstition, abetted by political ambition and sheer greed. Yet from this cauldron of fears and desires, homoerotic themes surfaced in the art of the Renaissance masters--Donatello, Leonardo, Michelangelo, Sodoma, Cellini, and Caravaggio--often intertwined with Christian

motifs. Homosexuality also flourished in the court intrigues of Henry III of France, Queen Christina of Sweden, James I and William III of England, Queen Anne, and Frederick the Great. Anti-homosexual atrocities committed in the West contrast starkly with the more tolerant traditions of pre-modern China and Japan, as revealed in poetry, fiction, and art and in the lives of emperors, shoguns, Buddhist priests, scholars, and actors. In the samurai tradition of Japan, Crompton makes clear, the celebration of same-sex love rivaled that of ancient Greece. Sweeping in scope, elegantly crafted, and lavishly illustrated, *Homosexuality and Civilization* is a stunning exploration of a rich and terrible past.

The Lost Battles Jonathan Jones 2012-10-23 From one of Britain's most respected and acclaimed art historians, art critic of *The Guardian*—the galvanizing story of a sixteenth-century clash of titans, the two greatest minds of the Renaissance, working

side by side in the same room in a fierce competition: the master Leonardo da Vinci, commissioned by the Florentine Republic to paint a narrative fresco depicting a famous military victory on a wall of the newly built Great Council Hall in the Palazzo Vecchio, and his implacable young rival, the thirty-year-old Michelangelo. We see Leonardo, having just completed *The Last Supper*, and being celebrated by all of Florence for his miraculous portrait of the wife of a textile manufacturer. That painting—the *Mona Lisa*—being called the most lifelike anyone had ever seen yet, more divine than human, was captivating the entire Florentine Republic. And Michelangelo, completing a commissioned statue of *David*, the first colossus of the Renaissance, the archetype hero for the Republic epitomizing the triumph of the weak over the strong, helping to reshape the public identity of the city of Florence and conquer its heart. In *The Lost*

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Battles, published in England to great acclaim (“Superb”—The Observer; “Beguilingly written”—The Guardian), Jonathan Jones brilliantly sets the scene of the time—the politics; the world of art and artisans; and the shifting, agitated cultural landscape. We see Florence, a city freed from the oppressive reach of the Medicis, lurching from one crisis to another, trying to protect its liberty in an Italy descending into chaos, with the new head of the Republic in search of a metaphor that will make clear the glory that is Florence, and seeing in the commissioned paintings the expression of his vision. Jones reconstructs the paintings that Leonardo and Michelangelo undertook—Leonardo’s Battle of Anghiari, a nightmare seen in the eyes of the warrior (it became the first modern depiction of the disenchantment of war) and Michelangelo’s Battle of Cascina, a call to arms and the first great transfiguration of the erotic into art. Jones writes

about the competition; how it unfolded and became the defining moment in the transformation of “craftsman” to “artist”; why the Florentine government began to fall out of love with one artist in favor of the other; and how—and why—in a competition that had no formal prize to clearly resolve the outcome, the battle became one for the hearts and minds of the Florentine Republic, with Michelangelo setting out to prove that his work, not Leonardo’s, embodied the future of art. Finally, we see how the result of the competition went on to shape a generation of narrative paintings, beginning with those of Raphael. A riveting exploration into one of history’s most resonant exchanges of ideas, a rich, fascinating book that gives us a whole new understanding of an age and those at its center.

After the Pre-Raphaelites

Elizabeth Prettejohn 1999

What happened in Victorian painting and sculpture after the pre-Raphaelites?

Aestheticism has been called

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the next avant-garde movement but attention has centred on literary figures such as Algernon Charles Swinburn, Walter Peter and Oscar Wilde. This volume overviews parallel trends in the visual arts, including the work of Dante Gabriel Rossetti, James McNeil Whistler, Edward Burne-Jones, Simeon Solomon and Albert Moore among others.

Encyclopedia of Gay Histories and Cultures George Haggerty 2013-11-05 First Published in 2000. Routledge is an imprint of Taylor & Francis, an informa company.

Homosexuality in Art James Smalls 2015-09-15 This book is not a panegyric of homosexuality. It is a scientific study led by Professor James Smalls who teaches art history in the prestigious University of Maryland, Baltimore. Abandoning all classical clichés and sociological approaches, the author highlights the sensibility particular to homosexuals. This book examines the process of creation and allows one to comprehend the contribution of

homosexuality to the evolution of emotional perception. In a time when all barriers have been overcome, this analysis offers a new understanding of our civilisation's masterpieces.

Art and Homosexuality

Christopher Reed 2011 A comprehensive and lavishly illustrated exploration of the relationship between art and homosexuality. This is the first book of its kind, a provocative, globe-spanning narrative history that considers the fascinating reciprocity between gay sexuality and art from the ancient world to today.

Art and Love in Renaissance

Italy Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York, N.Y.) 2008 "Many famous artworks of the Italian Renaissance were made to celebrate love, marriage, and family. They were the pinnacles of a tradition, dating from early in the era, of commemorating betrothals, marriages, and the birth of children by commissioning extraordinary objects - maiolica, glassware, jewels, textiles, paintings - that were often also exchanged as gifts.

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This volume is the first comprehensive survey of artworks arising from Renaissance rituals of love and marriage and makes a major contribution to our understanding of Renaissance art in its broader cultural context. The impressive range of works gathered in these pages extends from birth trays painted in the early fifteenth century to large canvases on mythological themes that Titian painted in the mid-1500s. Each work of art would have been recognized by contemporary viewers for its prescribed function within the private, domestic domain."--BOOK JACKET.

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