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CASCADE BOOKS, United States, 2015. Paperback. Book Condition: New. 229 x 152 mm. Language: English . Brand New Book ***** Print on Demand *****.There is not, and never was, a monolithic masculinity; there are, and always have been, multiple masculinities. Today diversity with regard to gender and sexuality is beginning to be recognized and celebrated even while many religious denominations still resist these cultural changes. This book offers pastoral interpretations of these social shifts in light of psychological principles, applying them to topics such as the moral disapproval of masturbation; the efforts of some churches to convince homosexual men to adopt a heterosexual orientation; the dynamics of male envy of female longevity; the homosexual tendencies of King James of England and Scotland; and biblical portraits of God's body, gender, and sexuality. The authors make a special use of the psychoanalytic concept of sublimation--that is, the redirection of sexual desires that are considered unacceptable or unworthy toward interests and aspirations that are considered acceptable and worthy. While the use of psychoanalytic hermeneutics here is likely to raise various red flags for potential religious readers (especially for those who have been informed that Sigmund Freud was hostile toward religion), this book presents a rather different Freud by focusing on religious sublimation. Wise and interesting pastoral psychologists, Carlin and Capps provide a compelling, must-read study. They demonstrate how psychoanalytic perspectives on sublimation, masculinity, and religion may converge to produce fresh and considered understandings of gender, sexuality, and religious life. Their insights prove playful, liberating, and ultimately hopeful, especially for men and boys, and for those who love them. --Allan Hugh Cole Jr., Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX In this book, Capps and Carlin offer a fresh perspective on masculinities using...



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