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**Queer: A Graphic History** 

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You are hereby advised not to imagine or assume anything about this book based on its title, such is its unexpected, extraordinary wit and erudition. \*Queer'\*s overarching goal is to dispassionately explore how contemporary views of sex, sexuality, and gender in Western culture developed over the years, and what influence was played by the queer movement in reaching this status quo. Leading writers and scholars of queer theory earn profiles herein, and their ideas are explained without wince-causing academic speak. The graphic-novel format proves exceptional at exploring identity politics, gender, biology, privilege, exclusion, and sexology through a queer lens. Aha moments come one right after another. One small step for queer theory, this project will leap the layman far down the path of tolerance and understanding.

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