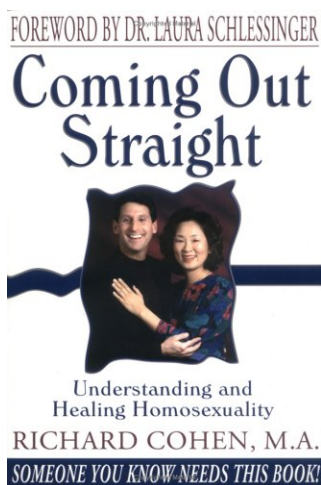


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#### Description:

**From Library Journal** In this self-help book, which contains a foreword by Dr. Laura Schlessinger, ex-gay therapist Cohen (the author of *Alfie's Home*, a children's book about a sexually abused boy) writes for gays and lesbians who want to transition to heterosexuality. His comprehensive, well-written, well-organized, and heavily referenced guide views homosexuality as a symptom of disrupted affiliation with the same-sex parent and incomplete feelings of maleness/femaleness, building on the

psychological theories of Joseph Nicolosi and Elizabeth Moberly. At least 30 ex-gay platform books are in print, most religious but some primarily psychological see the web site of Exodus/Regeneration Books ([www.exodusnorthamerica.org/resources](http://www.exodusnorthamerica.org/resources)) and NARTH, Nicolosi's organization ([www.narth.com](http://www.narth.com)). Cohen's approach is sympathetic and rational and leans mostly on psychosocial factors, but he also assumes nondenominational religious affiliation. The ex-gay movement is highly controversial and its activities considered both damaging and misleading by many medical and psychological professional groups and by most gay/lesbian rights proponents. This book is thus recommended for libraries with large gender collections covering different perspectives, which should also stock *Calculated Compassion: How the Ex-Gay Movement Serves the Right's Attack on Democracy* (a report from Political Research Associates, 1998), *Finally Free: Personal Stories; How Love and Self-Acceptance Saved Us from "Ex-Gay" Ministries* (Human Rights Campaign Foundation, 2000), and Mel White's *Stranger at the Gate: To Be Gay and Christian in America* (S. & S., 1994).

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**From** Gay activists' remonstrations have made therapy intended to make homosexuals heterosexual newsworthy and, they hope, notorious. To read ex-gay counselor Cohen is to wonder why they don't adopt a live-and-let-live stance. Yes, Cohen believes homosexuality is not inborn but the result of emotional traumas and developmental miscues in childhood that can be countered effectively by the therapeutics he lays out in the book's big second part and endorses with patient success stories. But in the third, concluding part, he writes that homophobia must be healed, too, and that homosexuals who don't want to shouldn't be coerced to change; rather, families and friends should continue in loving relationship with them, hoping for change. As an ex-gay, he acknowledges the truth in many homosexual advocates' complaints, and as a Christian, he pleads personal and social compassion for gays. Call this stance mistaken, especially since it is based in part on social science as dubious as the gay-supportive studies Cohen debunks. It isn't malicious. *Ray Olson*  
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The term "homosexuality"™ was coined in the late 19th century by an Austrian-born Hungarian psychologist, Karoly Maria Benkert. Although the term is new, discussions about sexuality in general, and same-sex attraction in particular, have occasioned philosophical discussion ranging from Plato's Symposium to contemporary queer theory. Since the history of cultural understandings of same-sex attraction is relevant to the philosophical issues raised by those understandings, it is necessary to review briefly some of the social history of homosexuality. Arising out of this history, at least in the We Coming out straight : understanding and healing homosexuality. Item Preview. > remove-circle. Share or Embed This Item. Share to Twitter. Share to Facebook. Share to Reddit. Coming out straight : understanding and healing homosexuality. by. Cohen, Richard A., 1952-; Schlessinger, Laura. Publication date. 2000. Topics. Cohen, Richard A., 1952-, Homosexuality, Gays, Psychoanalysis and homosexuality. Is there hope for healing? Homosexuality is clearly a two fold condition. A fallen world imposes wounds, fears, identity confusion, and alienation; people react with sinful choices in an attempt to restore what has been broken and gain consolation in the midst of pain and need. Yet, the goal remains unreached; the promise of real lasting fulfillment proves to be all too elusive. The way out. Jesus Christ is the alternative. He addresses the problem " man limited to self " and provides the way through which we can find fulfillment in God and His people.

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3. John Hedtke. I even came out to my parents few months ago. It turns out that they doubted that long time ago, and they were not as surprised as I expected. They are still my parents, they still miss me when I am far away from home. Coming Out Straight book. Read 138 reviews from the world's largest community for readers. Richard Cohen, a former homosexual, now married with three children. Start by marking "Coming Out Straight: Understanding and Healing Homosexuality" as Want to Read: Want to Read saving list | Want to Read. Currently Reading. Read. Other editions. Enlarge cover. 2.3 out of 5 stars 12 customer reviews. See all 4 formats and editions Hide other formats and editions. Amazon Price. New from. To presume that homosexuality is some sort of choice that can be changed is misguided, but to claim that it is an illness that can be healed is extremely dangerous. This book disgusts me to the core. If you are seriously considering purchasing this book, save yourself the time and heartbreak, accept your sexuality (or the sexuality of a loved one) and learn to be proud of it. "Coming Out Straight" not only details Cohen's personal journey out of homosexuality but also recounts his experiences helping thousands of men, women and adolescents heal their gender identity. Recognizing that the "gay rights movement" has done a great service in bringing the issue of homosexuality of the closet and into the light, Cohen points out that in the name of tolerance, society has now succumbed to acceptance. "If we embrace someone's homosexuality as normal and natural, their potential. Click This Link To Download : <http://firstbestpopular.com/?book=2574850-coming-out-straight>. Do