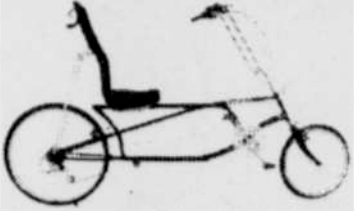


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Brides beware

Same-sex marriage is the hottest topic on the shelves. *Just Out* helps you determine which ones are worthy of wedlock and which ones should be left at the altar.

Gay Marriage: Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights and Good for America

by Jonathan Rauch; *Times Books*, 2004; \$22 hardcover

The dust jacket of *Gay Marriage: Why It Is Good for Gays, Good for Straights and Good for America* contains enthusiastic blurbs from both George F. Will and U.S. Rep. Barney Frank, D-Mass. One could be excused for rubbing one's eyes in disbelief.

But Jonathan Rauch's book does locate itself at that awkward place where neo-conservatism meets queer issues. He optimistically but naively envisions a "traditional" world where the right to marriage means gays (and straights) being expected by society to live their lives in the picket-fence Norman Rockwell mold. The pro-same-sex-marriage points presented by Rauch are based largely on the dubious conservative claim that "traditional" marriage is, along with democracy and capitalism, a bedrock institution of Western civilization and innately superior to any other relationship arrangement (such as polyamory or unmarried cohabitation). Rauch's stance will leave more progressive-minded readers rolling their eyes. On the other hand, his conservative-aimed apologetics offer Log Cabin types some good arguments to brandish at their anti-gay GOP brethren.

But despite any exceptions a reader might take to Rauch's anachronistic, moralistic sensibility and beliefs, *Gay Marriage* contains enough thoughtfulness and conviction to merit attention. His point of view is articulated well enough to at least be worth arguing with.

—Christopher McQuain

Why You Should Give a Damn About Gay Marriage

by Davina Kotulski; *Advocate Books*, 2004; \$12.95 softcover

Do you have radical queer friends who believe that nobody, let alone queers, should participate in any institution so inherently heterosexist and patriarchal as

marriage, using their morally superior stance as an excuse to remain apathetic? Would you welcome a way to quickly and thor-

oughly get yourself caught up on the myriad, nitty-gritty facts and statistics of the unconstitutional discrimination built into the current denial of civil marriage to same-sex couples in the United States?

Davina Kotulski's succinct polemic, *Why You Should Give a Damn About Gay Marriage* simply and handily offers the informational resource you require to stay on top of the issue. She enumerates and gives examples of the more than 1,000 legal rights (and the many responsibilities)

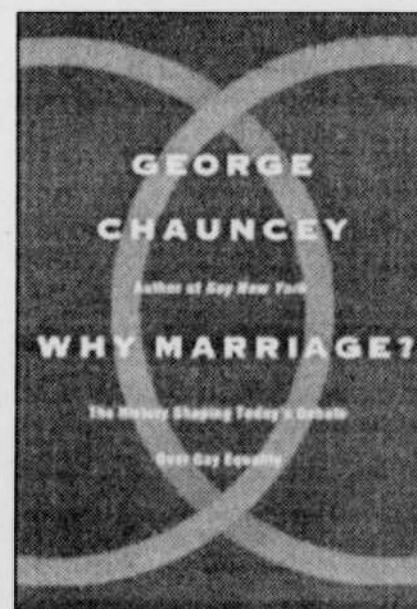
same-sex couples are being cheated of; she also describes frightening legal scenarios and soundly refutes the insular queer argument against marriage. Kotulski's main objective is to outrage and politically galvanize those who already feel positively about granting same-sex unions their deserved legal status, but her book is so concisely written, well-reasoned and relevant that it could even provide food for thought to that apolitical or quasi-homophobic friend/family member/co-worker in your life.

—CM

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*Why It Is Good for Gays,
Good for Straights, and
Good for America*

JONATHAN RAUCH



Why Marriage? The History Shaping Today's Debate Over Gay Equality

by George Chauncey; *Basic Books*, 2004; \$22 hardcover

One slight problem I've had with the entire same-sex marriage debate is that none of the sides are bringing anything original to the table. The pro people are all about love and equality, while the cons

are still crying child molestation and damnation.

This could be why I found George Chauncey's new book about the history of the debate so interesting. He goes back and looks at the actual historical events that have

influenced the debate today.

He also operates from the correct understanding of modern sexuality, meaning that he only goes back to about 1890 for his discussion of queer identity.

The book is considerably shorter than his epic about turn-of-the-century gay male life in New York (the aptly named *Gay New York*, which is another good read). In this case, the length of the book turns out to be one of its assets.

Chauncey spends a limited

