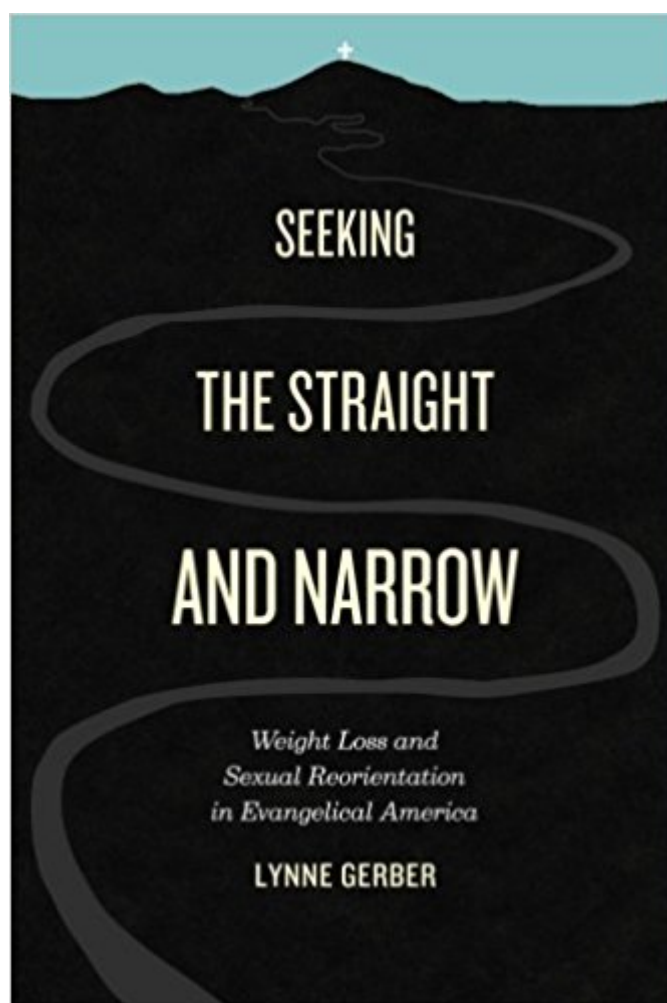


The book was found

Seeking The Straight And Narrow: Weight Loss And Sexual Reorientation In Evangelical America



Synopsis

Losing weight and changing your sexual orientation are both notoriously difficult to do successfully. Yet many faithful evangelical Christians believe that thinness and heterosexuality are godly ideals—and that God will provide reliable paths toward them for those who fall short. *Seeking the Straight and Narrow* is a fascinating account of the world of evangelical efforts to alter our strongest bodily desires. Drawing on fieldwork at First Place, a popular Christian weight-loss program, and Exodus International, a network of ex-gay ministries, Lynne Gerber explores why some Christians feel that being fat or gay offends God, what exactly they do to lose weight or go straight, and how they make sense of the program's results—or, frequently, their lack. Gerber notes the differences and striking parallels between the two programs, and, more broadly, she traces the ways that other social institutions have attempted to contain the excesses associated with fatness and homosexuality. Challenging narratives that place evangelicals in constant opposition to dominant American values, Gerber shows that these programs reflect the often overlooked connection between American cultural obsessions and Christian ones.

Book Information

Paperback: 296 pages

Publisher: University Of Chicago Press (January 9, 2012)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 0226288129

ISBN-13: 978-0226288123

Product Dimensions: 6 x 0.7 x 9 inches

Shipping Weight: 14.4 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #110,432 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #68 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Gender & Sexuality #135 in Books > Gay & Lesbian > Nonfiction > LGBT Studies #159 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Sociology

Customer Reviews

"*Seeking the Straight and Narrow* explores with sensitivity, respect, and nuance the ways participants focus on the problems of the body and its unruly desires. A thoroughly original book, it absolutely enriches our understanding of the significance of the straight body - in both senses of that term - in American Christian culture. (Amy Farrell, Dickinson College)"

Lynne Gerber is a lecturer in the religious studies department and research fellow in the Religion, Politics, and Globalization Program at the University of California, Berkeley.

Lynne Gerber has written a beautiful, respectful book about the effort to manage "unacceptable" desire. There are many things to admire about Gerber's work, but what I find most remarkable is the wealth of insight the reader gains through her comparing/contrasting weight loss program vs. reorientation therapy, evangelical beliefs vs. popular culture ideology, and the background of very little progress in weight bias vs. significant progress in LGBTI rights. Our culture is saturated with distrust of and alienation from our bodies, and people are struggling to manage, using the tools they trust. What I take away from this incredible study is that rather than trying to - unsuccessfully - change our bodies, we need to change the ideas in our culture that make some bodies wrong.

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Seeking the Straight and Narrow: Weight Loss and Sexual Reorientation in Evangelical America
Weight Loss: Lose Weight and Body Fat: 3 Simple and Easy Methods to Improve: Health, Fitness and Nutrition (Weight Loss Strategies, Proven Weight Loss, ... Habits, Belly Fat, Weight Loss Tips)
ATKINS DIET: Weight Loss Secrets and a Quick Start Guide For a New and Permanent You: Rapid Weight Loss Guide For Beginners, Rapid Weight Loss Guide, Atkins Rapid Weight Loss Hair Loss: Hair Loss Solutions for Beginners - Hair Loss Basic Guide - Hair Loss Cure (Hair Loss Protocol - Hair Loss Black Book - Hair Loss for Dummies 1) Walking: Weight Loss Motivation: Lose Weight, Burn Fat & Increase Metabolism (Walking, Walking to Lose Weight, Walking For Weight Loss, Workout Plan, Burn Fat, Lose Weight) Weight Watchers Cookbook: 14 Days Diet for Weight Loss and Healthy Habits: (Weight Watchers Cookbook, 14 Days Diet, Weight Watchers Recipes, Weight Watchers 2015, Weight Watchers Diet) Hair Loss Prevention: #1 Hair Loss Prevention And Reversal Techniques, Methods, Treatments And Remedies (Hair Loss, Hair Loss Cure, Hair Loss In Women, ... Protocol, Hair Loss Black book, Baldness) Intermittent Fasting: 6 Intermittent Fasting Methods For Weight Loss, To Burn Fat, Build Muscle and Loose Weight By Eating Naturally. An Intermittent Fasting ... Loss, Intermittent Fasting For Weight Loss) The Instinctive Weight Loss System - New, Groundbreaking Weight Loss Product- 7 CD's, Over 7 hours of Hypnosis for Weight Loss and Mind Reconditioning Sold in Over 40 Countries Worldwide Train Your Brain for Weight Loss - 2 Self Hypnosis CD's for Weight Loss Empowerment and Exercise Motivation (Train Your Brain for Weight Loss, 1) Ultimate Weight Loss Smart Points Beginner's Guide: Everything You Need to Know for Rapid & Sustainable Weight Loss (Includes 50 Weight Loss Tips, 30 Day

Meal Plan, and Recipes) Slow Carb Recipes: Simple Weight Loss Recipes To Lose 20 Pounds in 30 Days and Increase Energy Without Exercise!: Weight Loss Recipes (Slow Carb Weight Loss Book 1) Weight Loss: Weight Loss Instant Pot eBook, Eat What You Love But Do It Smarter! Simple Recipes To Follow Weight Loss Smarts Points DASH DIET: The Dash Diet Simple Solution To Weight Loss - Includes Over 50 Dash Diet Recipes To Maximize The Weight Loss Process (Dash Diet, Dash Diet ... cookbook, Dash Diet weight loss Book 1) Juicing For Weight Loss: 75+ Juicing Recipes for Weight Loss, Juices Recipes, Juicer Recipes Book, Juicer Books, Juicer Recipes, Juice Recipes, Juice Fasting, ... diet-juicing recipes weight loss Book 103) Weight Loss: The Ultimate Motivation Guide: Weight Loss, Health, Fitness and Nutrition - Lose Weight and Feel Great! (Motivation Guide, Fitness Motivation, ... To Lose Weight, How Motivation Wor) DUKAN DIET: Lose Weight FAST And Lose Weight FOREVER: Four Phase Plan (Fat Burning Diet, Weight Loss Motivation, Burn Fat, Diet Plan, Weight Loss Plan, Dukan, Belly Fat) The Weight Watchers Cookbook: SmartPoints Guide with 50 Delicious Recipes for Rapid Weight Loss! (Weight Watchers Low Fat Low Carb Weight Loss Diet Book) Weight Watchers: Weight Watchers Cookbook-> Watchers Cookbook- Weight Watchers 2016 Weight Watchers Cookbook - Points Plus - Points Plus-Weight ... Points Plus, Weight Watchers 2016) (Volume 1) Heritage of Great Evangelical Teaching: The best of classic theological and devotional writings from some of history's greatest evangelical leaders

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)