

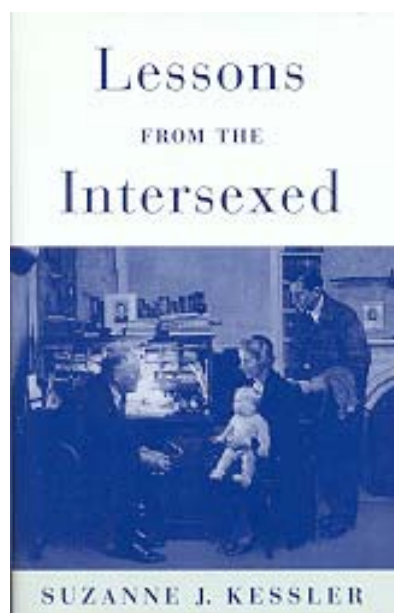
**Books Recommended by the AIS Support Group
(www.aissg.org)**

**Hermaphrodites and the Medical Invention of Sex by Alice Domurat Dreger
(Harvard University Press, 1998, www.hup.harvard.edu)**



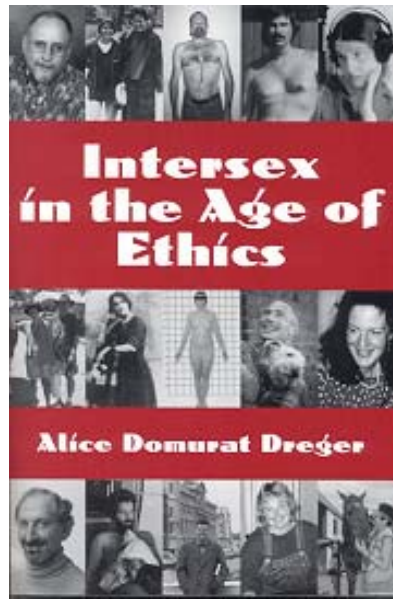
Alice Dreger is a medical historian who, in the latter part of this book, questions the protocols employed in the treatment of intersexuals. She discusses AIS and paternalism (truth withholding) using quotes from AIS Support Group members.

**Lessons From the Intersexed by Suzanne J. Kessler
(Rutgers University Press, 1998)**



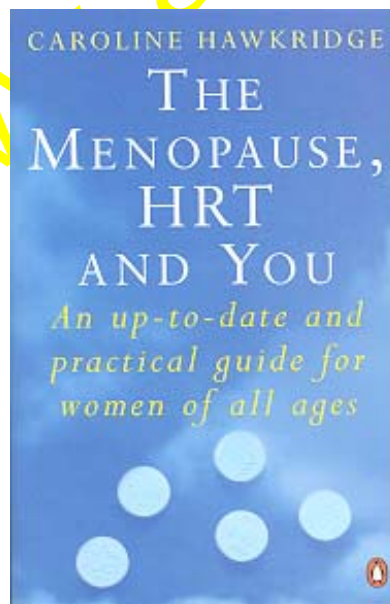
Suzanne Kessler, a professor of psychology at Purchase College, SUNY, has brought together the points of view of children, parents, physicians and psychologists. She mentions the AIS Support Group and uses quotes from its newsletter, ALIAS.

Intersex in the Age of Ethics by Alice Domurat Dreger
(University Press Group, 1999, www.upgbooks.com)



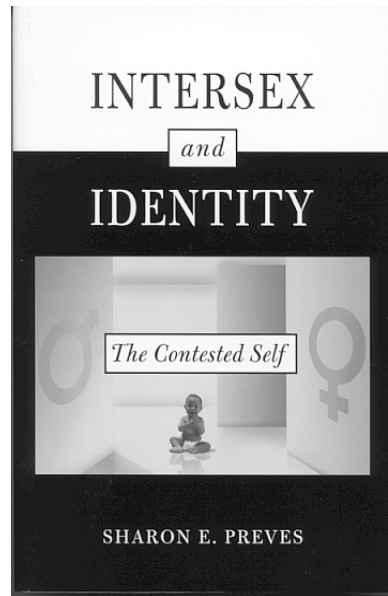
A collection of articles taken from the special intersex issue of the *Journal of Clinical Ethics* (Winter 1998 Issue, Vol. 9 No. 4) plus additional material. Includes a chapter by the founder of the USA chapter of the AIS Support Group.

The Menopause, HRT and You by Caroline Hawkrige
(Penguin, 1999)



Three of the 12 chapters are for younger women. Chapter 6, *Interrupted Sexual Development*, explains how conditions such as AIS occur and why these women take HRT. It contains a chart showing how the various conditions arise and ends with six personal stories. Caroline, a UK-based health education specialist and writer, worked with support groups, including AISSG, to develop this chapter and was determined to give such women a high profile in the book. It is almost as useful in explaining intersex conditions as it is in explaining HRT. The UK AISSG has copies available (see Group Literature page on www.aissg.org).

**Intersex and Identity: The Contested Self by Sharon E. Preves
(Rutgers University Press, 2003)**



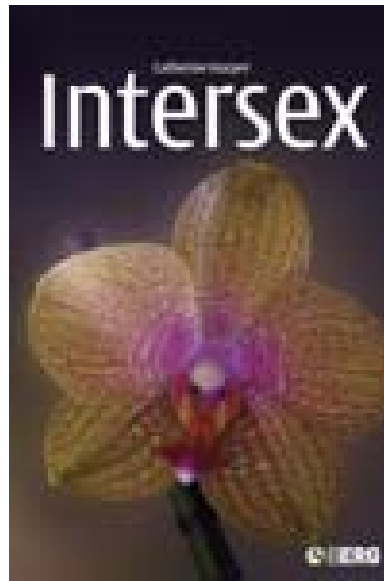
Sharon is an assistant professor of sociology who also wrote a chapter in *Intersex in the Age of Ethics* (previous page). Drawing on life history interviews with adults who were treated for intersexuality as children (including AISSG USA members), she explores how such individuals experience and cope with being labelled sexual deviants in a society that demands sexual conformity. By demonstrating how intersexed people manage and create their own identities, often in conflict with their medical diagnosis, Preves argues that medical intervention in intersexuality often creates, rather than mitigates, the stigma these people suffer.

**Ethics and Intersex by Sharon Sytsma, Ed.
(Springer, 2006, www.springeronline.com)**



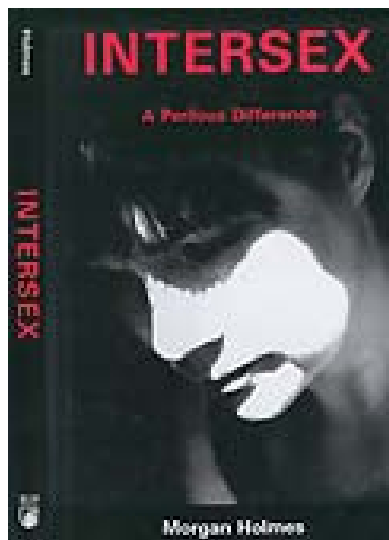
A state-of-the-art reference for intersexuals, their parents, health care professionals, ethics committee members, and anyone interested in intersexuality. An interdisciplinary effort, bringing together urologists, endocrinologists, gynaecologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, lawyers, theologians, gender theorists, medical historians, and philosophers from numerous countries. It refers to a number of personal stories on the AISSG website and to the famous stand-off with Germaine Greer.

Intersex by Catherine Harper
(Berg, 2007)



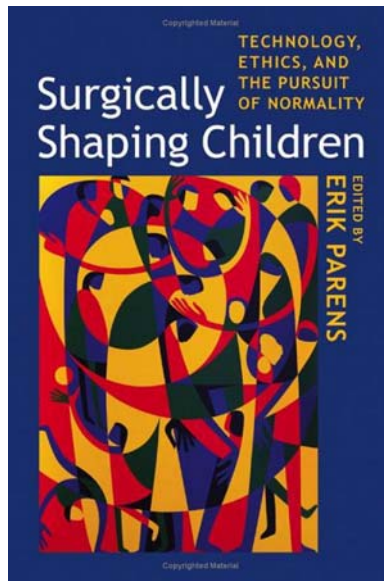
Catherine Harper is a textiles practitioner and writer who has specialised in large-scale public art, speculative exhibition work, performance, and creative-critical text. She writes on craft, textiles, the body, gender and subjective narratives. She completed four years of a second PhD at Goldsmiths College, London, examining sex/gender, desire, and identity performativity, and chose to complete the project in book form. The book draws heavily on the personal testimony of intersexed individuals, their loved ones, and medical carers. A related book, *Sextiles*, is in progress.

Intersex: A Perilous Difference by Morgan Holmes
(Susquehanna University Press, 2008)



The author is an Assistant Professor at Wilfred Laurier University, Ontario, Canada.
For summary see www.susqu.edu/su_press/AboutTheBook/Intersex.html.

Surgically Shaping Children: Technology, Ethics, and the Pursuit of Normality by Erik Parens (Johns Hopkins University Press 2006, paperback Oct 2008)



Explores the ethical and social issues raised by the recent proliferation of surgeries designed to make children born with physical differences look more normal. Using three cases - craniofacial abnormalities such as cleft lip and palate, ambiguous genitalia, and children born with dwarfism - the contributors consider the tensions parents experience when making such life-altering decisions on behalf of or with their children. Contains a chapter by the founder of AISSG USA.

'Intersex' Geschlechtsanpassung zum Wohl des Kindes? Erfahrungen und Analysen. Michael Groneberg / Kathrin Zehnder (Hrsg.). Paulusverlag Freiburg Schweiz, Editions Saint-Paul Fribourg, Academic Press Fribourg, 2008



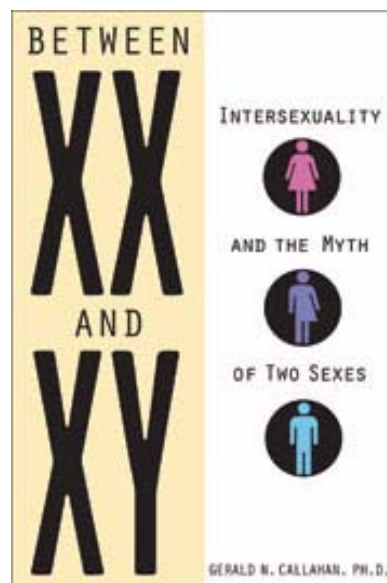
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Fixing Sex: Intersex, Medical Authority, and Lived Experience
by Katrina Karkazis (Duke University Press, 2008)



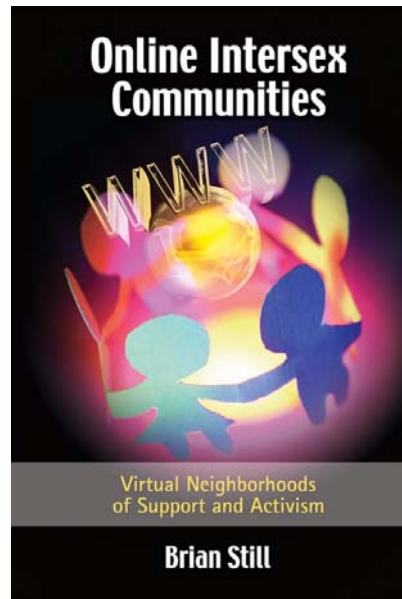
Karkazis conducted interviews with all three groups [patients, doctors, parents], the first time anyone had done so. Previously, researchers focused on the biology of intersex and on how intersex informed theories of gender identity development. "I hoped to move away from the polarizing debates, stir up thinking, and really humanize the perspective of each group," Karkazis said... ..She has emerged with the conviction that more attention needs to be paid to intersex individuals as complete people, rather than as specimens of unusual biology. (adapted from http://med.stanford.edu/news_releases/2008/november/intersex.html)

Between XX and XY: Intersexuality and the Myth of Two Sexes
by Gerald N. Callahan (Chicago Review Press, 2009)



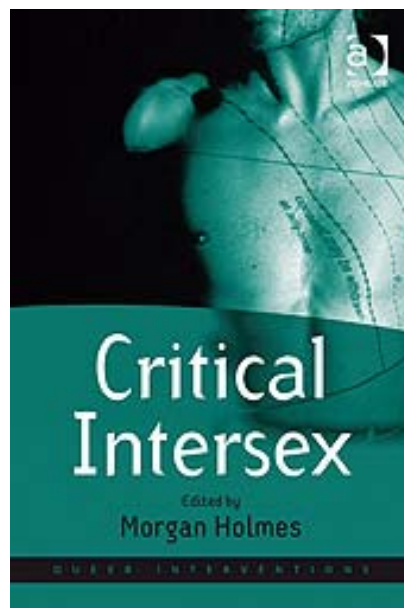
The author is an Associate Professor of Immunology and the Public Understanding of Science at Colorado State University. (For details see www.chicagoreviewpress.com/catalog/showBook.cfm?ISBN=1556527853)

Online Intersex Communities: Virtual Neighbourhoods of Support and Activism by Brian Still (Cambria Press, 2008)



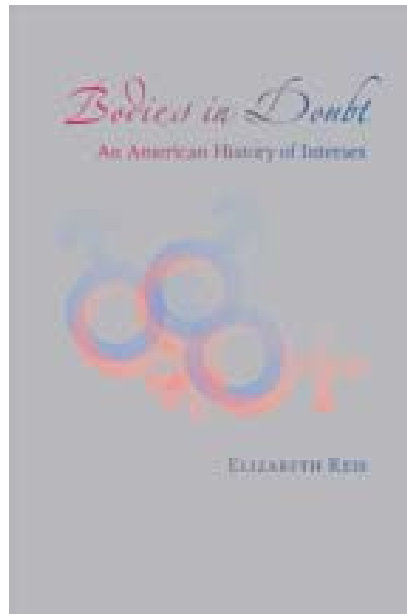
Brian Still's rhetorical analysis of a number of key intersex web sites, supplemented with interviews of leading intersex activists and scholars, allows us to take a previously unexplored critical approach to comprehending the medicalization of intersexuality as well as the online communities that have, in the ongoing production of themselves, shaped productive resistance to it. Drawing on the ideas of Arjun Appadurai, Michel Foucault, Judith Butler, and also Stuart Hall and Paul du Gay, Still points out that because society values (perhaps now more than before) the words of "wounded storytellers," or those who have been treated (and in many cases traumatized), then intersex activists can speak with a measure of newfound authority, taking advantage of a media capable of disseminating the meanings they create so that they are more accessible and, consequently, more influential in re-shaping what it means to be normal. (from www.cambriapress.com/cambriapress.cfm?template=4&bid=287)

Critical Intersex - Morgan Holmes (ed) (Ashgate Press 2009)



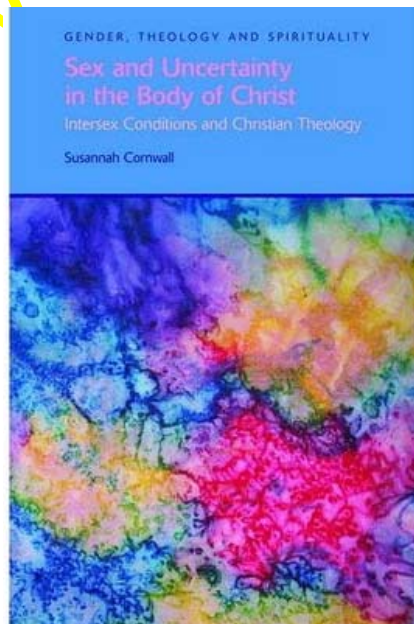
For details see www.ashgate.com/default.aspx?page=637&calcTitle=1&title_id=8941&edition_id=11106

Bodies in Doubt - An American History of Intersex - Elizabeth Reis
(Johns Hopkins University Press 2009)



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Sex and Uncertainty in the Body of Christ:
Intersex Conditions and Christian Theology - Susannah Cornwall
(Equinox Press UK 2010)



The book provides the first full-length examination of the theological implications of physical intersex conditions and their medical treatment.

For details see: <http://www.equinoxpub.com/equinox/books/showbook.asp?bkid=413&keyword=cornwall>