

Female Bodies and Sexuality in Iran and the Search for Defiance 2018-01-22 this book uses storytelling as an analytical tool for following wider social attitude changes towards sex and female sexuality in iran women born in 1950s iran grew up during the peak of secularization and modernization whereas those born in the 1980s were raised under the much stricter rules of the islamic republic using extensive ethnographic research the author juxtaposes narratives of body and sexuality shared by these different generations of women showing the intricate ways in which women construct and convey meanings and communicate their emotions about the unspoken aspects of their lives

Passionate Uprisings 2019-10-08 there is perhaps no place in the world today where the stakes of partying and having sex are higher than in present day iran drinking and dancing can lead to arrest by the morality police and a punishment of up to 70 lashes consequences for sex outside of marriage can be even more severe up to 84 lashes or even public execution but even under the threat of such harsh punishment a sexual revolution is taking place iranian youth continually risk personal safety to meet friends date and ultimately to have sex in the absence of any option for overt political dissent young people have become part of a self proclaimed revolution in which they are using their bodies to make social and political statements sex has become both a source of freedom and an act of political rebellion with unprecedented access inside turn of the century iran pardis mahdavi offers a firsthand look at the daily lives of iranian youth they are given a voice as she tells the stories of their intertwined quests for sexual freedom political reform and a better future but not a future without risk the sexual revolution is also leading to increased levels of abortion hiv aids sexually transmitted diseases and ongoing emotional troubles and mental illnesses with worrying implications for iranian youth and iranian society at large passionate uprisings is a fascinating ground breaking and personal look into a society that is poorly understood if it is understood at all by the majority of westerners today mahdavi s narrative provides not only an invaluable insight into the real lives of much of iran s population but shows how sexual politics and the youth culture could even destabilize the current regime and change the course of iranian politics

Sexual Politics in Modern Iran 2009-04-09 this book charts the history of iran s sexual revolution from the nineteenth century to today the resilience of the iranian people forms the basis of this sexual revolution one that is promoting reforms in marriage and family laws and demanding more egalitarian gender and sexual relations

Gay Life Stories 2019-03-27 drawing on ethnographic encounters with self identified gay men in iran this book explores the construction enactment and veiling and unveiling of gay identity and same sex desire in the capital city of tehran the research draws on diverse interpretive historical online and empirical sources in order to present critical and nuanced insights into the politics of recognition and representation and the constitution of same sex desire under the specific conditions of iranian modernity as it engages with accounts of the persecuted iranian gay male subject as a victim of the barbarism of the islamic republic of iran the book addresses interpretive questions of sexuality governance in transnational contexts and attends to issues of human rights frameworks in weighing social justice and political claims made by and on behalf of sexual and gender minorities the book thus combines empirical data with a critical consideration of the politics of same sex desire for iranian gay men

Iranian Romance in the Digital Age 2021-01-28 following the 1979 islamic revolution there was a dramatic reversal of women s rights and the state revived many premodern social conventions through modern means and institutions customs such as the enforced veiling of women easy divorce for men child marriage and polygamy were robustly reintroduced and those who did not conform to societal strictures were severely punished at the same time new social and economic programs benefited the urban and rural poor especially women which had a direct impact on gender relations and the institution of marriage edited by janet afary and jesilyn faust this interdisciplinary volume responds to the growing interest and need for literature on gender marriage and family relations in the islamic context the book examines how the institution of marriage transformed in iran paying close attention to the country s culture and politics part one examines changes in urban marriages to new forms of cohabitation in part two contributors such as soraya tremayne explore the way technology and social media has impacted and altered the institution of family part three turns its eye to look at marital changes in the rural and tribal sectors of society through the works of anthropologists including erika friedl and mary heglund based on the work of both new and established scholars the book provides an up to date study of an important and intensely politicized subject

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