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Editorial Review

From Publishers Weekly

Queer theology is more than LGBT people talking about God, according to Cheng, professor at Episcopal Divinity School and ordained minister in the Metropolitan Community Church. The real enterprise for queer theology is challenging binary distinctions and erasing boundaries. This erasure is made possible (indeed demanded) by the radical love espoused by Christianity. Through this love, all boundaries (gay/straight, male/female, life/death, divine/human) are dissolved. The first third of the book gallops through the history and method of queer theology. The barrage of snippets from theologians feels somewhat disjointed and overwhelming, but does provide a taste of the breadth of queer theology. Cheng then uses the framework of the Nicene and Apostles' Creeds to show how radical love can dissolve distinctions. Even liberal Christians might be alarmed at some of the explicit images Cheng connects with God and spiritual matters. Such shocks, however, play into the argument that queer theology should trouble assumptions. Cheng's work provides an accessible if somewhat rushed glimpse into how queer theology works; its main benefit is the extensive bibliography for those wanting more. (Mar.)

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From the Back Cover

Contextual theologies have developed from a number of perspectives - including feminist theology, black theology, womanist theology, Latin American liberation theology, and Asian American theology - and a wide variety of academic and general introductions exist to examine each one. However, *Radical Love* is the first introductory textbook on the subject of queer theology.

In this lucid and compelling introduction, Cheng provides a historical survey of how queer theology has developed from the 1950s to today and then explicates the themes of queer theology using the ecumenical creeds as a general framework. Topics include revelation, God, Trinity, creation, Jesus Christ, atonement, sin, grace, Holy Spirit, church, sacraments, and last things, as seen through the lenses of LGBT theologians.

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Patrick S. Cheng is the Assistant Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at the Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. He is a contributor to the second edition of *Sexuality and the Sacred* (WJK), as well as to *The Queer Bible Commentary* (SCM). Cheng holds a Ph.D., M.Phil., and M.A. in systematic theology from Union Theological Seminary in New York, a J.D. from Harvard Law School, and a B.A. from Yale College. He is a contributor to the *Huffington Post* and an ordained minister in the Metropolitan Community Churches.

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