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The Second Coming

In celebration of the more than a decade of success of The Complete leatherboy Handbook, Vince Andrews has focused his experience and insight on a new handbook. Now he takes on the challenge of introducing the reader to the greater world of Leather sexuality: gay and straight, male and female, D/s and S/M and Kink. Andrews explores the differences that make the greater Leather community so diverse and colorful, as well as the commonalities that have brought these groups together. With the same experience-based clarity and objective perspective he has brought to his previous work, Andrews explores the histories of the various groups that form Leather culture, and how those groups have intersected throughout the 20th century - and how they are growing into the 21st century. This book gives the reader historical background and a clear understanding of what makes up modern Leather culture: thought, art, ritual, fashion, public figures, legislation, and literature. The Leather & BDSM Handbook is designed to provide a foundational understanding of the Leather culture to help not only newcomers to the scene, but also experienced Leatherfolk who are adjusting to the Leather community's growth and development in new directions. Andrews's work gives you the depth of understanding of the Leather world and its history to enable you to be comfortable communicating your own thoughts and views to others within the culture. Essentially, it provides the tools, insight, and understanding you will need to succeed in the world of Leather.

Days of Love

Walkable Westchester

Protocol Handbook for the Leather Slave

The field of lesbian S/M erotica has no equal to the bestselling author and cult icon Pat Califia. Now she and author/activist Robin Sweeney have compiled the definitive readers for anyone interested in the cutting edge of radical sexuality, with fiction and nonfiction from the leading writers of erotica.

The Complete Leatherboy Handbook

Examples, ideas and discussion for those who follow - or would like to follow - the calling to live in a modern-day Master/Slave relationship. More than a general book about rules, rituals, personal behaviour and etiquette, Rubel offers a glimpse into the complex world of protocols set in the context of a Leather Master/ Slave relationship.

SM/SD

Here a wide range of topics are addressed, including SM, Bondage, relationships, safety spirituality, and history. The answers in this book are responses to actual letters sent to the author over several years of his career as a lecturer, columnist, and editor of a gay men's leather magazine. Although originating from a gay male forum, the answers are generally of use to any man or woman who wishes to venture into the world of leathersex.

Ties that Bind

What are the archives of gay and lesbian leather histories, and how have contemporary artists mined these archives to create a queer politics of the present? This book sheds light on an area long ignored by traditional art history and LGBTQ studies, examining the legacies of the visual and material cultures of US leather communities. It discusses the work of contemporary artists such as Patrick Staff, Dean Sameshima, Monica Majoli, AK Burns and AL Steiner, and the artist collective Die Kränken, showing how archival histories and contemporary artistic projects might be applied in a broader analysis of LGBTQ culture and norms. Hanky codes, blurry photographs of Tom of Finland drawings, a pin sash weighted down with divergent histories - these become touchstones for writing leather histories.

Leathersex

John Warren, known as "Mentor" to the many who have read his books or hearkened to his sage advice at his workshops and gatherings, brought his decades of BDSM experience to his classic manual "The Loving Dominant". Out of print for several years, this classic is now available once again, now in a revised and updated second edition in a quality trade binding. From its advice on "Stalking the Wild Submissive" to its extensive Resource Guide, "The Loving Dominant" offers perhaps the greatest breadth of subject of any basic BDSM guide available today -- including some basic toymaking patterns and an entire chapter on BDSM

photography!

Macho Sluts

Expanding upon his original now out-of-print work, "The leatherboy Handbook," and including even more of his own experiences in the leather community as well as some of the best source material available, Vincent Andrews has created a wonderful resource for anyone interested in the "leatherboy subculture" that many believe will become the "companion" volume to Larry Townsend's seminal work, The Leatherman's Handbook.

Man Sword

"A wealthy Beverly Hills couple is found dead, strangled with garrotes in their mansion. Who did it? A gang, as the police first suspect? Their son, with secrets he wanted to protect at any cost? A young runaway with a zest for S/M sex? Therapist Bruce MacLeod assumes the mystery is none of his business - until events beyond his control pull him into it. "--P.[4] of cover.

The Leatherman's Protocol Handbook

The Leatherboy Handbook

A subculture of gay men participate in a radical form of sexuality and community known as leather. Through intimate forms of encounter, using such tools as pain-pleasure, bondage, and role-play, leather can bring a shift of consciousness and a new vision of the self. This innovative book pioneered in sensitively exploring and celebrating leathersexuality. As relevant today as when it was written 20 years ago, Urban Aboriginals is an intimate view of the gay male leather community. Within its pages, author Geoff Mains explores the spritual, sexual, emotional, cultural and physiological aspects that make this "scene" one of the most prominent yet misunderstood subcultures in our society. Geoff Mains was a sweet, intelligent, articulate, and wonderful man who cared passionately about the leather community. He wanted to make sure that its accomplishments would be remembered and its wild beauty understood. Urban Aboriginals resulted from his love and is an enduring part of his legacy. It is a unique cultural study, and a priceless document of a now vanished time.

Learning the Ropes

Rather than just a regular book of protocols, The Leatherman's Protocol Handbook documents the history of John D. Weal's experiences with the so-called 'old guard'. It contains details of all of the protocols, positions and hand signals and defines the difference between rituals, etiquette and protocols. It also contains details of past ceremonies, discusses the hierarchy that once existed between various leather organisations and more.

Urban Aboriginals

Since its publication a decade ago, this Lambda Literary Award-nominated book has become a classic, must-read book on human sexuality and identity. Widely cited as being among the most useful books of its kind, this co-gender anthology is both historical witness to and provocative treatise on this unique and often misunderstood subculture. The diverse contributors look at the history of the gay and lesbian underground, how radical sex practice relates to their spirituality, and what S&M means to them personally.

Leatherman's Handbook

Mr. Benson is the compelling story of a young man's quest for the perfect master. In a West Village leather bar, he finds wealthy, sophisticated, exacting Aristotle Benson, who leads him down the path of erotic enlightenment, teaching him to accept cruelty as love, anguish as affection, and ultimately, Mr. Benson as his master. If John Preston, the masterly, handsome author of more than 30 books, was himself a gay icon, his character Mr. Benson defined the culture of gay sex for an entire generation. When Mr. Benson appeared in the pre-AIDS early 1980s, its unabashed celebration of male sexuality made it a cult favorite among gay men, many of whom wore T-shirts declaring that they were "looking for Mr. Benson." The novel's fresh voice and insights into identity, desire, power, and love influenced a generation of writers and editors, including Anne Rice, Samuel Delany, Michael Lowenthal, Laura Antoniou, Joan Nestle, Michael Rowe, and Cecilia Tan. Mr. Benson was Preston's first novel and was followed by many more books from the proud, self-styled "pornographer."

The Burning Pen

In the past when a potential leatherboy has asked me, where do I start I had to guide them to a dozen publications and even then the information was incomplete. Now the answer is simple, The leatherboy Handbook! This book is a wonderful resource for anyone interested in the "boy subculture". Vincent Andrews draws on his own experiences in the leather community as well as some of the best source material available to create what will surely become the companion volume to Larry Townsend's Leatherman's Handbook. In a clear and concise voice with numerous references, "boy vince" has created a goldmine for the budding leatherboy, no matter what his gender. Most importantly, this book explains much of the "why" behind the boy experience, and that is the key to its value. I heartily recommend this book for both boys and Daddys, subs and Doms. It is a good read and a requisite for any leather/kink library. Hardy Haberman

Stalked

During the riots that followed the unpopular verdicts in the Rodney King trial, a group of skinhead punks preys on the Gay Community of West Hollywood. In the course of this they unwittingly set in motion a series of events that places them in the role of the hunted. They rape and nearly kill a young man who is more than capable of seeking a just revenge. They incur the wrath of some leathermen. And they cause a gruesome murder that results in the severed head being found in a dumpster behind a fast food hang-out. Through all of this, a homophobic detective

struggles to find the answer to one crime, before the next occurs to overwhelm him.

Ask the Man Who Owns Him

A Guide for the Curious Outsider and the Serious Player A How-To book with expert advice on S/M, bondage, dominance, submission, fantasy, role-playing, sensual physical stimulation, and fetish.

Jay Wiseman's Erotic Bondage Handbook

Municipal Finances

The SM/Leather/Fetish Erotic Style - Issues Commentary and Advice, A well known psychotherapist and SM expert offers, advice regarding relationships, the community, the, SM experience, and personal transformation.

Zeus

"Selections from fifteen years of Leather Life columns and other writings originally published in Lavender magazine and elsewhere, newly revised and annotated"--Cover.

Leatherman's Handbook II

ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS HIM is the first book to present, in their own words, the real lives of long-term gay Master/slave couples and families. Sixteen slaveowners and their properties around the U.S. and in Canada welcomed the authors into their homes and spoke candidly about how each relationship started, how it evolved to meet the challenges of living in conventional society, and how it works today. All of these bonds have lasted for at least three years - some for well over a dozen years. These relationships are different from the Master/slave stereotypes of erotic fiction. They're also different from what you may find in how-to books and Internet postings on the subject. Instead of reading what a single writer says this lifestyle "should" be, discover what a generous sampling of gay Masters and slaves are actually doing. Most striking is how different their relationships are from each other. Tradeoffs are made, deals struck, and power exchanged in ways that work for these unique individuals pursuing their respective dreams. Who should read this book? Anyone who's wondered if being a Master or slave is right for him, or who wishes to understand this lifestyle better. If you've read the fantasies and felt something was missing, or tried the experts' prescriptions and found them wanting, this book is for you. ASK THE MAN WHO OWNS HIM describes real-life strategies and tactics for success. Joseph W. Bean, the famed BDSM author, teacher, and leather community organizer, says in his foreword: "No other book has accomplished what this one does. In these pages, you will discover that living as Master or slave means defining that life for yourself. Here, the man who is considering an M/s life, or living one and wondering if he is doing it 'right,' finds that 'right' and 'wrong' are not the operative terms. Good Mastery, good slavery,

and good M/s relationships are the ones in which the men are true to themselves, living lives that are rewarding to both Masters and slaves."

The Leatherman's Handbook

Larry Townsend's first handbook was an immediate cult classic upon its release in 1972. Its publication was the first step to bringing gay `leathersex' out into the open. Presented here in a completely revised and updated edition, this is still the most authoritative work in the field and is sought after by beginner and advanced practitioners alike.

Cub

A special twenty-fifth anniversary edition of this ground-breaking guide to the gay leather underground.

The Case of the Severed Head

A Little Sister's Classic: the groundbreaking collection of S/M leatherdyke fantasy.

Bound together

This book tells a fascinating story on municipal finances for local government practitioners with rich examples, global practices, and good and bad experiences the authors gained in decades of field work.

Leathersex Q & A

In this groundbreaking work, contemporary writers of erotica reflect on how their work originates, how their sexuality shapes their words and, more importantly, how their words have affected their sexuality. More than a dozen authors - including Laura Antoniou, Patrick Califia-Rice (Pat Califia), Felice Picano, Leslea Newman, Jack Fritscher and Shar Rednour - deliver an eye-opening, thought-provoking examination of the craft of writing about sex. And, what's more, each writer includes his or her favourite erotic story.

Men in Transition

The best guide to the Westchester outdoors just got even better. Walkable Westchester, an indispensable handbook to hiking, walking and exploring in Westchester County, has been issued in a second edition. It includes more than 600 miles of trails in over 200 parks, preserves and sanctuaries. Discover Westchester as you walk, hike, run, ride a horse, walk your dog, bike, cross country ski, or snowshoe. This edition, at 448 pages, is bulging with new and updated information, including details on 26 new parks, 42 more miles of trails, and intriguing sidebars on history, lore and nature. There are plenty of new photographs, detailed maps as well as county locator maps and driving directions with GPS coordinates. Every park description has been updated and enhanced, all making for informative, yet delightful reading. The book covers a wide variety of

walking, from level, paved pathways to narrow woodland trails. The environments range from salt-water wetlands to rock outcroppings. So for any kind of walking this book is the perfect companion, whether a suburban mom looking for a paved path or a veteran hiker out for a day-long trek. It's even fun reading on a treadmill. One doesn't have to walk them all, because the authors already have, several times; just let them be your guide so you can pick the best ones for yourself. The book features: Information on 200 parks, preserves, sanctuaries, and protected open space including 26 additional parks not in the previous edition. Descriptions of over 600 miles of trails including 42 miles of new trails. County-wide locator maps and detailed maps of all but the smallest parks. History, science and local lore. Great photographs to encourage you to visit. Icons of activities permitted in each park. Driving directions, GPS coordinates, and availability of public transportation. Links to websites for additional information about the parks. Park contact information.

Bootblacking 101

Not every gay teen yearns for fashion and popular culture. Some boys are pure country folk and like the feel of flannel and the smell of the farm. And they're neither lithe nor muscle-bound but stocky boys, the ones who develop hairy chests, arms, and faces years earlier than their peers. One such seventeen-year-old is Travis Ferrell, shy among most of the other kids at school, but proud of his West Virginia roots. He has not yet admitted his passion for handsome guys--and his idea of what handsome is and what handsome does is not much different from him. Soon he'll learn that he's not unique; gay culture has a name for young men like him. Cubs. Lambda Literary Award-winning author Jeff Mann has written a touching romance for the outsider in us all.

The Loving Dominant

A complete handbook to erotic bootblacking. Some illustration.

Mr. Benson

Thank you for taking the time to choose this book. I hope you enjoy reading it as much as I enjoyed the experience of putting it together. The book was a labor of love and even though it started off very fast, it took much longer than expected to finish. But I believe all good things come in their own time, so even with all of life's adventures seeming to get in the way, I knew it would all come together at the right place and time. Now for the big question, what drew you to this book? Are you looking for something? If you chose it in the hope of finding some answers then you're in the right place. For every book or place that you look always has a golden nugget of wisdom hidden somewhere inside. The trick is to have an open mind so you can find them when they present themselves. With that in mind, I'm going to tell you what you won't find in this book. If you're looking for some kind of how-to book about how to set up your own dungeon or how to use some easy come-on lines to score a date then you may want to keep looking. This book explains the deep core issues of male bonding in the BD/SM fetish setting. So why did I write this book? I wrote it for a number of reasons, some were personal and

others spiritual but mostly I wrote it for you. To offer you a new view on where our culture is heading and to offer a map to help navigate through treacherous waters as safely as possible. In these pages you'll find truths that will free you in ways you won't expect. I presented the information in a simple format and added some stories to make the reading more interesting. My goal is for you to be better able to fully enjoy your sexuality and understand how close the bonds run between two people when respect, trust and understanding are present. As for me I'm always looking for answers. I'm always changing and always growing. I believe that you never stop evolving. There's always something new to learn or experience. Life just works that way. You can fight it or be an element of change. The choice is yours.

My Mentor, My Guide

Stewart has written a wonderful memoir revealing how South of Market became hip SoMa in San Francisco. Leading a lusty life surfing the first wave of gay liberation up to HIV, he is an uninhibited writer spilling personal tales of sex, art, and friendship during that first decade of Gay Liberation after Stonewall.

The Leather and BDSM Handbook

A Basic Guide to Safe and Fun SM Lovemaking S/M expert Race Bannon guides the reader gently through the basics of sage and fun S/M. A classic.

A Slave's Gambit

From the author of the underground classic, SM 101, comes essential information on how to use ropes, and restraints to achieve comfortable, erotic, attractive bondage - for decoration, for sensation, or for immobility. No complex knots or, hard-to-follow diagrams just common sense, easy, to use, flexible techniques, with a special, emphasis on safety and responsibility. Illustrated, throughout.

One for the Master, Two for the Fool

Stalked tells the highly erotic story of two men, one a handsome young actor on his way to stardom; the other a loser whose obsessive attraction turns him into a vicious, merciless killer, a stalker whose megalomania eventually overcomes every other facet of his being. In the end, his victim is forced to make a truly dreadful decision. Along the way, we see the author's skill, and his knowledge of human behavior permitting him to give us a twisted, convoluted plot that keeps the reader turning the pages, unable to break the spell that forces him to identify first with the bright optimistic prospects of victim, then with the dark and menacing dissolution of the killer's psyche. His obsessive drive threatens to leap free of the printed word and to work its will upon the unsuspecting observer.

The Silver Jubilee Edition Commemorating the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of The Leatherman's Handbook

When I throw the lightning and summon the thunder, it isn't always out of anger, but often from a love so all-consuming it could only be the effect of Eros himself.

Yes, he is beautiful. Of course he is. How could he be otherwise, with hair the color of sunlight and white-feathered wings that drape to the floor? And he is as ancient as the myth of time itself, an immortal with powers and glamour beyond my ability to imagine. He struggles to teach me wisdom, control, strategy, yet I sit here babbling like a child, for all I can think of is how I might try - at least let me try! - to prove myself to him in some way that will cause him to crave my company and my touch, just as I crave his. I do not yet know how to be a god, for I am only 18 and still just a silly boy who has fallen in love with Love himself, while my father Cronus plots and schemes to lock me in his dungeon and make me his slave forever. A male/male romance. While Zeus: Conquering His Heart is the second book in "The Fantastic Immortals" series, each novel in the series can be read as a standalone.

Folsom Street Blues

Following the phenomenal success of the original Leatherman's Handbook, this sequel was written from a new perspective a decade later. The Leather/SM Community has matured over the intervening years, as has the author. Some attitudes have changed and some of the more popular pleasures have evolved into different forms. This new book addresses these changes, explains them and provides the first ever statistical survey of the scene.

Leatherfolk

Every year the few hundred members of the Committees, Task Forces, and Councils of the American Psychiatric Association meet in Washington, D.C. to conduct their business. They deliberate on a wide variety of issues encompassed in the activities of each group. The psychiatrists constituting this mixed and somewhat elite group include some of the better-known and promising people in the profession, which makes the plenary session and cocktail party good occasions to meet old friends and to make new ones. Several years ago one of us (N.B.L.) attended this gathering as a member of a soon-to-be defunct group, the Committee Liaison with the American College of Physicians, and met Ann Chappell, a member of the Task Force on Women. We were soon joined by Richard Grant. Ann impressed us with the work her group was doing on issues surrounding the Women's Movement as it relates to patients and the changing roles of the early 1970s. She was struck by the fact that although some women had been very active in this endeavor, nobody in American psychiatry was addressing issues which are arising in men as a result of the changing roles of women in society. Dick and Norm were moved by what she said and decided that they would make an effort to gather together people interested in the issue of the changing roles of males in society at the oncoming meeting of the American Psychiatric Association.

The Sexual Adventures of Sherlock Holmes

A new book chronicling 2,000 years of same-sex love stories, from Alexander the Great to the latest Literary Award winner, makes the perfect Valentine's Day gift. Days of Love, created and Edited by Elisa Rolle, makes inspiring reading and lays to rest the myth that LGBT couples are not capable of sustaining life-long relationships. Packed full of beautiful photos and illustrations it lovingly features

the personal stories of 700 LGBT couples from the dawn of history to the present day. Many of the contemporary couples share their stories on how they met and fell in love, as well as photos from when they married or of the families they have started together. Days of Love is also a great source of LGBT trivia and stories that have all-too-often been written out of history. For example, did you know that Sir Isaac Newton, who laid the foundation for modern physics, may have had a relationship with a Swiss mathematician, Nicolas Fatio de Duillier? That the British author of 2001: A Space Odyssey Arthur C. Clarke had a 13-year partnership with a male Sri Lankan teenager, and they are buried together? This is only a fraction of the fascinating facts that you can discover. What comes across is an alternative cultural history of LGBT people. As we celebrate growing social acceptability and the increasing introduction same-sex marriage, we are reminded that many people past and present paved the way for our civil rights, not the least of which is the right to love whoever we want. Elisa Rolle explains in the introduction to Days of Love why she decided to compile this book: "I have always liked love stories, and to me, even if you only spent one day in blissful happiness, then it was a love story. I see the following pages like a family photo album, the enlarged LGBT family sharing their memories: you will read about couples who managed to stay together for more than 70 years, but also those who were able to have only some days of happiness."

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