



Sex and Punishment: Four Thousand Years of Judging Desire

By Eric Berkowitz

The Westbourne Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, Sex and Punishment: Four Thousand Years of Judging Desire, Eric Berkowitz, Eric Berkowitz evokes the entire sweep of Western sex law, from the savage impalement of an Ancient Mesopotamian adulteress to the imprisonment of Oscar Wilde in 1895 for 'gross indecency'. The cast of Sex and Punishment is as varied as the forms taken by human desire itself: royal mistresses, gay charioteers, medieval transvestites, lonely goat-lovers, prostitutes of all stripes and London rent boys. Each of them had forbidden sex, and each was judged - and justice, as Berkowitz shows - rarely had anything to do with it.

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