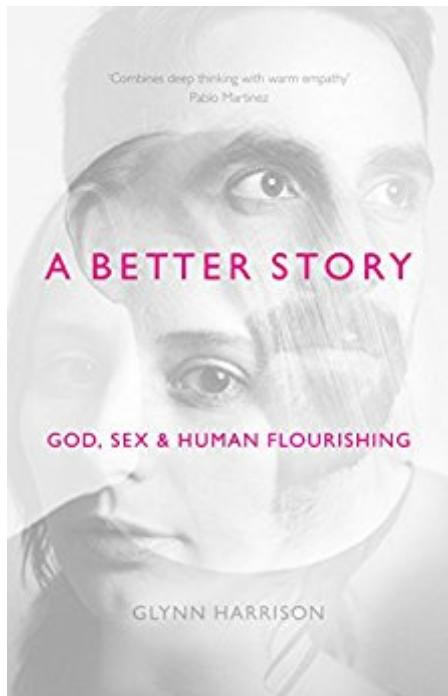


The book was found

A Better Story: God, Sex And Human Flourishing



Synopsis

The architects of the sexual revolution won over the popular imagination because they knew the power of story. They drew together radical new ideologies, often complex and hard to grasp, and melded them into the simpler structure of narrative. Crucially, they cast narratives that appealed to the moral instincts of ordinary, decent people. This moral vision overwhelmed the church and silenced its faltering apologists. The author argues that if Christians still believe they have good news in the sphere of sexual ethics, then two big tasks lie ahead. Our first priority is to work out what has gone so badly wrong, both in our understanding and application of what the Bible teaches and the way we have presented our case to the non-churched. And then we must offer a better story, one that fires the imagination with such force that people will say, 'I want that to be true.' This book offers a confident, biblically rooted moral vision which needs to be shared with prayer and courage.

Book Information

File Size: 855 KB

Print Length: 182 pages

Publisher: IVP UK (January 19, 2017)

Publication Date: January 19, 2017

Sold by: Digital Services LLC

Language: English

ASIN: B01N9HCSK2

Text-to-Speech: Enabled

X-Ray: Not Enabled

Word Wise: Enabled

Lending: Not Enabled

Screen Reader: Supported

Enhanced Typesetting: Enabled

Best Sellers Rank: #340,201 Paid in Kindle Store (See Top 100 Paid in Kindle Store) #99 in Kindle Store > Kindle eBooks > Religion & Spirituality > Other Religions, Practices & Sacred Texts > Gender & Sexuality #115 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > New Age & Spirituality > Sacred Sexuality #368 in Books > Religion & Spirituality > Religious Studies > Gender & Sexuality

Customer Reviews

Why has our culture accepted and embraced gay marriage and homosexuality so enthusiastically over the last decade? It's because they tell a better story. Glynn Harrison argues that if Christians who believe in traditional marriage and a sexual ethic that is consistent with historical Christian teaching want their message to prevail, they must begin telling a better story. In *A Better Story: God, Sex, and Human Flourishing*, he says that because of the sexual revolution which began in the mid-twentieth century, "Christians whose views once occupied the mainstream of public morality suddenly feel weird. It's worse than that: they feel guilty." So true. Just try to defend traditional marriage in any public forum and you'll be instantly skewered. A few short years ago, political candidates vehemently defended traditional marriage; now if they do so, they're called bigots. Harrison identifies the rise of individualism as the key culprit in bringing about this cultural change, a "shift away from 'general principles' to individualistic moral reasoning." Meanwhile, "Evangelicals have been caught napping by the scale and speed of cultural change in this area." Evangelicals' responses have been primarily argumentation and condemnation, while "years of watching TV and movies have captured hearts and emptied minds." Harrison writes, "the introduction of gay marriage in the UK arguably owes more to programmes like *Will and Grace* than careful rational argument." The sexual revolution was not all bad: "It is forcing us to acknowledge the poverty of our body-denying pastoral theology." Christians should recognize that the sexual union is an "anticipation of an even deeper union with the Divine." The passion feelings we experience "show us the passionate nature of God's love." Rather than focusing on the negative consequences of sex outside of God's plan, "if we want to win hearts and minds with a truly biblical vision of sex and relationships, we need to recover the positive biblical promise of flourishing, too." The two basic human communities--the family and the church--should both support and be supported by our healthy sexuality and relationships. Harrison's arguments are well-crafted and heart-felt. He not only stands firmly on the side of a traditional Christian view of sex as reserved for an act of marriage between one man and one woman, but he does so in a positive, life-giving way. However, by the end of the book I still felt like I did not have a great answer for those who want to follow Jesus while in a same-sex relationship. He even seems to leave the door open for acceptance of non-traditional families. He draws a parallel to missionaries who welcomed into fellowship polygamous converts, allowing for the continuation of polygamous relationships. I honestly don't know how to address those in same-sex relationships who become Christians. Is it better to break up their marriage? What if they have children? Like everyone else from every background, the only place to start is to offer grace and love of Jesus. Harrison's book gets us pointed in the direction of a better story, but there is much work to be done. Thanks to NetGalley and the publisher for the complimentary

electronic review copy!

[Download to continue reading...](#)

Sex: Sex Guide: The Perfect Sex Guide For Unbelievable Sex (Sex, Sex Guide, Sex Positions, Sex Addiction, Seduction, Sex Stories, Sex Books, Foreplay, Alpha Male, Relationships, Marriage) A Better Story: God, Sex and Human Flourishing Sex Starved Marriage: Sex in Marriage: 31 Best Demonstrated Sex Positions Every Married Couple Should Try To Spice Up Their Sex Life (Scream, harder and longer, Sex positions, Sex Tips, Sex Guide) 200 Dirty Talk Examples: How to Dirty Talk your way to the Most Graphic, Mind-Blowing Sex of your Life (Sex Advice and Sex Tips to Improve Sex Life and have Better Sex) Sex: Sex Starved Marriage: 33 Demonstrated Sex Positions + 14 Best Tips On How To Last Longer, Make Her Scream And Be The Best Lover In Her Life (+FREE BONUS)(Sex and Marriage, Sex Positions Book) Kama Sutra: Best Sex Positions from Kama Sutra and Tantra to Skyrocket Your Sex Life (Kama Sutra, Sex Positions, How to have Sex, Tantric Sex) (Volume 1) XXX MATURE SEX Pictures 3: sex, porn, milf, mature sex, love girls, sex pictures, anime sex pictures Entrepreneurship for Human Flourishing (Values and Capitalism) The Sermon on the Mount and Human Flourishing: A Theological Commentary Spiritual Audacity: Six Disciplines of Human Flourishing Sex and Marriage: More Sex, Passion and Desire for Married Couples: Discover the 10 Ways to Turn Your Sex Life From Routine to Lustful Desire (Sex Tips, ... Marriage, Marriage Advice, Marriage Help) Tantric Massage: #1 Guide to the Best Tantric Massage and Tantric Sex (Tantric Massage For Beginners, Sex Positions, Sex Guide For Couples, Sex Games) (Volume 1) Tantric Sex: The Truth About Tantric Sex: The Ultimate Beginner's Guide to Sacred Sexuality Through Neotantra (Tantric Sex Books, Tantric Sex For Men And Women) What's the Big Deal?: Why God Cares About Sex (God's Design for Sex) Strong and Weak: Embracing a Life of Love, Risk and True Flourishing Flourishing: Incorporating Modern Flourishes into Your Lettering - Guide and Workbook The Hydroponic Garden: A Start Up Guide To A Flourishing And Abundant Hydroponic Yield (Hydroponics, Hydponics For Beginners, Gardening For Profit, Hydroponic Gardening) Religious Diversityâ "Whatâ ™s the Problem?: Buddhist Advice for Flourishing with Religious Diversity Nursing: Human Science And Human Care (Watson, Nursing: Human Science and Human Care) Sex and Marriage: How to Guide for Sex and Passion and Desire for Married Couples: Discover the 10 Ways to Turn Your Sex Life From Routine to Lustful Desire

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

Privacy

FAQ & Help