



Sex and Punishment: Four Thousand Years of Judging Desire (SIGNED FIRST PRINTING)

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Counterpoint, Berkeley, CA, 2012. Hardcover. Condition: New. Dust Jacket Condition: New. 1st Edition. Brand New, Beautiful and Unread First Edition/1st Printing (Numberline to "1"), Signed by author Eric Berkowitz (signature only) directly to the title page. 'Sex and Punishment' (A great title, don't you agree?) tells the story of the struggle throughout the millennia to regulate the most powerful engine of human behavior. However, that's not to say that the Sumerians, Victorians, and every civilization in between and beyond have not tried, wielding their most formidable weapon: the law. And so we find, the harmless fun of one time period becomes the gravest crime in another. The cast of Berkowitz's enthralling historico-legal exposé is as varied as the forms taken by human desire itself: royal mistresses, gay charioteers, medieval transvestites, lonely goat-lovers, prostitutes of all stripes, London rent boys. Each of them had forbidden sex, and each was judged--and justice, as Berkowitz shows, rarely had much to do with it. Not just some dull tome on an extremely interesting topic, Berkowitz's prose sparkles with the light touch of a natural storyteller. This large, heavy book will require additional postage for expedited or international delivery. Ships FAST!! from Southern California. Signed...



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