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Sexual Deviance and Society

A sociological examination

Meredith G. F. Worthen

Sexual Deviance and Society utilizes an integrative approach and brings together the fields of criminology, deviance and gender as a framework for discussing sex, sexuality and sex crime, covering core theoretical positions on social and sexual deviance and types of sexually deviant acts and sex crimes.

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