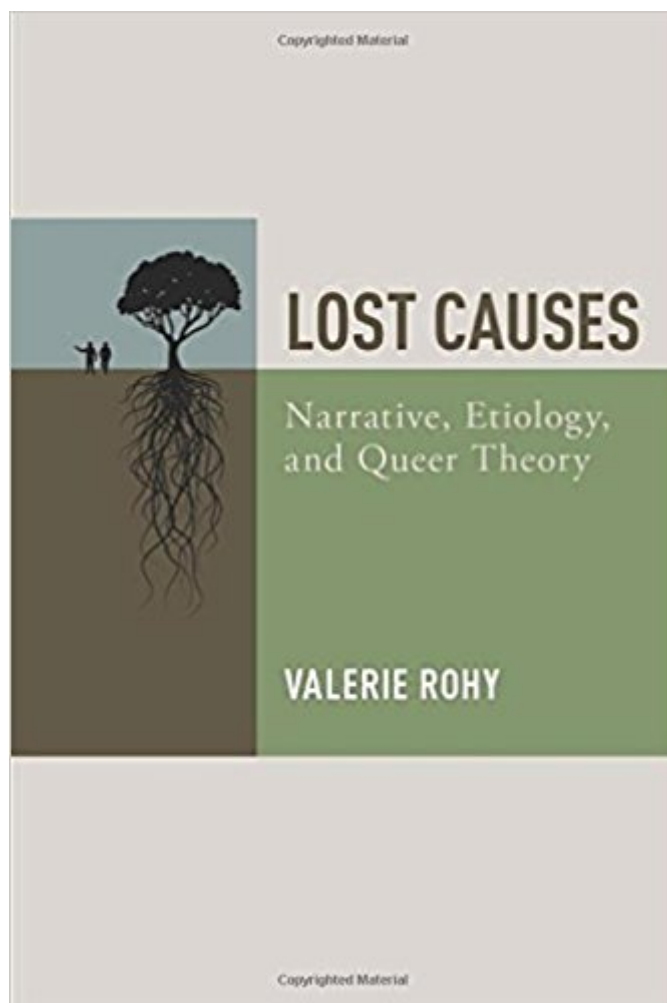


The book was found

# Lost Causes: Narrative, Etiology, And Queer Theory



## Synopsis

Causality dominates today's discussions of LGBT rights: anti-gay voices imagine gay proliferation through seduction, influence, and corruption, while queer communities largely embrace biological determinism, saying they are "born gay." Reading popular rhetoric, psychoanalytic theory, and British and American literature from the late nineteenth century through the present day, *Lost Causes* decenters etiology from queer politics, engages abject tropes of "homosexual reproduction," and considers the effects of retroactive, absent, and contingent causality.

## Book Information

Paperback: 248 pages

Publisher: Oxford University Press; 1 edition (November 5, 2014)

Language: English

ISBN-10: 019934020X

ISBN-13: 978-0199340200

Product Dimensions: 8.4 x 0.7 x 5.5 inches

Shipping Weight: 11.2 ounces (View shipping rates and policies)

Average Customer Review: 5.0 out of 5 stars 1 customer review

Best Sellers Rank: #672,416 in Books (See Top 100 in Books) #91 in [Books > Gay & Lesbian > Literature & Fiction > Literary Criticism](#) #261 in [Books > Textbooks > Social Sciences > Gay & Lesbian Studies](#) #315 in [Books > Gay & Lesbian > Nonfiction > Bisexuality](#)

## Customer Reviews

"Belief in causality's legibility is a cause well lost for Valerie Rohy. Her provocative new book, *Lost Causes*, brings out the queer contingency of things and brilliantly examines the effects-at once social, political, and interpretative-of living with indeterminacy. The result should cause all to take note."-Lee Edelman, author of *No Future: Queer Theory and the Death Drive*"In *Lost Causes*, Valerie Rohy brilliantly deconstructs a long tradition of gay etiology, not to ask the usual illogical questions about the causes of homosexuality, but to ask why we ask and how we ask. She offers us a refreshing new way to read those great novels of gay origins-all those pictures of Dorian Gray and those wells of loneliness, which are more elusive than we often think."-Ellis Hanson, author of *Out Takes: Essays on Queer Theory and Film* "...There is no doubt that *Lost Causes* will find enthusiastic readers among literary scholars and queer theorists." -- Jana Funke, University of Exeter

Valerie Rohy is Professor of English at the University of Vermont. She is the author of *Impossible Women: Lesbian Figures and American Literature* and *Anachronism and Its Others: Sexuality, Race, Temporality*.

Rohy's analysis and creative readings shows the power and potential queer theory can have on producing new insights into modern life and literature.

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

Lost Causes: Narrative, Etiology, and Queer Theory Queer (In)Justice: The Criminalization of LGBT People in the United States (Queer Ideas/Queer Action) Feminism Is Queer: The Intimate Connection between Queer and Feminist Theory - Expanded Edition "You Can Tell Just By Looking": And 20 Other Myths about LGBT Life and People (Queer Ideas/Queer Action) At the Broken Places: A Mother and Trans Son Pick Up the Pieces (Queer Action/Queer Ideas, a Unique Series Addressing Pivotal Issues Within the Lgbtq Movement) Charles Ludlam Lives!: Charles Busch, Bradford Louryk, Taylor Mac, and the Queer Legacy of the Ridiculous Theatrical Company (Triangulations: Lesbian/Gay/Queer Theater/Drama/Performance) The Message in the Bottle: How Queer Man Is, How Queer Language Is, and What One Has to Do with the Other Time Binds: Queer Temporalities, Queer Histories (Perverse Modernities: A Series Edited by Jack Halberstam and Lisa Lowe) Queer Bangkok: 21st Century Markets, Media, and Rights (Queer Asia) Gaga Feminism: Sex, Gender, and the End of Normal (Queer Ideas/Queer Action) Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing All Families under the Law (Queer Ideas/Queer Action) Murder Most Queer: The Homicidal Homosexual in the American Theater (Triangulations: Lesbian/Gay/Queer Theater/Drama/Performance) Out Law: What LGBT Youth Should Know about Their Legal Rights (Queer Ideas/Queer Action) The lost oases: Being a narrative account of the author's explorations into the more remote parts of the Libyan Desert and his rediscovery of two lost oases, Planning and Care for Children and Adolescents with Dental Enamel Defects: Etiology, Research and Contemporary Management Understanding Dental Caries: Etiology and Mechanisms : Basic and Clinical Aspects Etiology, Concept and Prophylaxis of Childbed Fever (Wisconsin Publications in the History of Science and Medicine) Noncarious Cervical Lesions and Cervical Dentin Hypersensitivity: Etiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment The Merck Manual of Patient Symptoms: A Concise, Practical Guide to Etiology, Evaluation, and Treatment Problems in Endodontics: Etiology, Diagnosis, and Treatment

[Contact Us](#)

[DMCA](#)

[Privacy](#)

[FAQ & Help](#)