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# On the Meaning of Friendship Between Gay Men

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*"A RICH VARIETY OF CONTEMPORARY PERSPECTIVES ON THE COMPLEXITY OF FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN GAY MEN. . . Bears witness to the many unconventional and creative ways in which gay men continue to construct their relationships with friends, lovers, mentors, and companions in a world that has grown all too familiar with loneliness and loss."*

—A. A. Markley, Associate Professor of English, Penn State University, Delaware County

## ■ about the book

### *Is friendship more important than sex?*

**On the Meaning of Friendship between Gay Men** takes readers beyond an exploration of gay sexuality into the importance of friendship, providing deep insights into a range of dimensions, including Mentorship, Spirituality, Survival, and Partnership. Leading gay authors offer a wide range of perspectives in this intimate and very accessible book.

Other texts on the subject approach it from a more academic bent. But this one offers readers of all types an easy-to-read, enjoyable way to contemplate what friendship means to them. Seventeen essays grouped into eight chapters discuss diverse perspectives on the crucial and personal issue of friendship, or what Editor Andrew R. Gottlieb calls, "a family of choice."

The contributors include:

- Eric Aoki
- Michael Biello and Dan Martin
- Jeffrey Dudgeon
- E. M. Kahn
- Neil Kaminsky
- Vincent A. Lankewish
- Thomas Lawrence Long
- Ed Madden
- Jeff Mann
- Chris Packard
- Felice Picano
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