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Open any "gay lifestyle" magazine (even the serious ones) or go to any gay bar, and you're likely to encounter something related to pornography, be it an image of a porn "superstar" or advertisements for pornographic magazines, DVDs, calendars, etc. Eclectic Views on Gay Male Pornography Pornucopia examines this phenomenon with a series of provocative essays, in which experts in history, law, media studies, and psychology, as well as laypeople and gay porn insiders explore the complex world of male pornography and the various ways in which it has permeated gay culture—from the 1970s until today.

This first-of-its-kind book examines the phenomenon of self-writing and performance for gay men in the last century, specifically looking at the lives of modern-day performance artist Tim Miller, who has received national recognition for his one-man shows portraying his struggles as a gay man; Wakefield Poole (born 1936), the first producer of gay pornography (Bijou, Boys in the Sand) in the era accompanying the emergence of the gay rights movement; gay adult film icon Scott "Spunk" O'Hara (born 1961); and Aaron Lawrence (born 1971), who worked as a gay escort, actor, and producer/director of his own sexually explicit "amateur" videos.

In this groundbreaking analysis of gay men's relationship with pornography, you'll also learn about:

- gay pornography and the messages it carries about intimacy, body image, and hegemonic masculinity
- representations of ethnicity in gay pornography
- gay pornography and safer sex
- gay pornography and censorship
- viewers' perceptions of gay pornography
- gay pornography and internalized homophobia, misogyny, and body fascism
- changes in the way gay pornography is produced and performed—from the 1970s through the 1990s
- the meaning of the recurring settings in American gay pornographic videos: prison, the military, and other all-male environments; and recurring themes: leather, S/M, dissatisfaction with heterosexual life, initiation into gay life, etc.

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