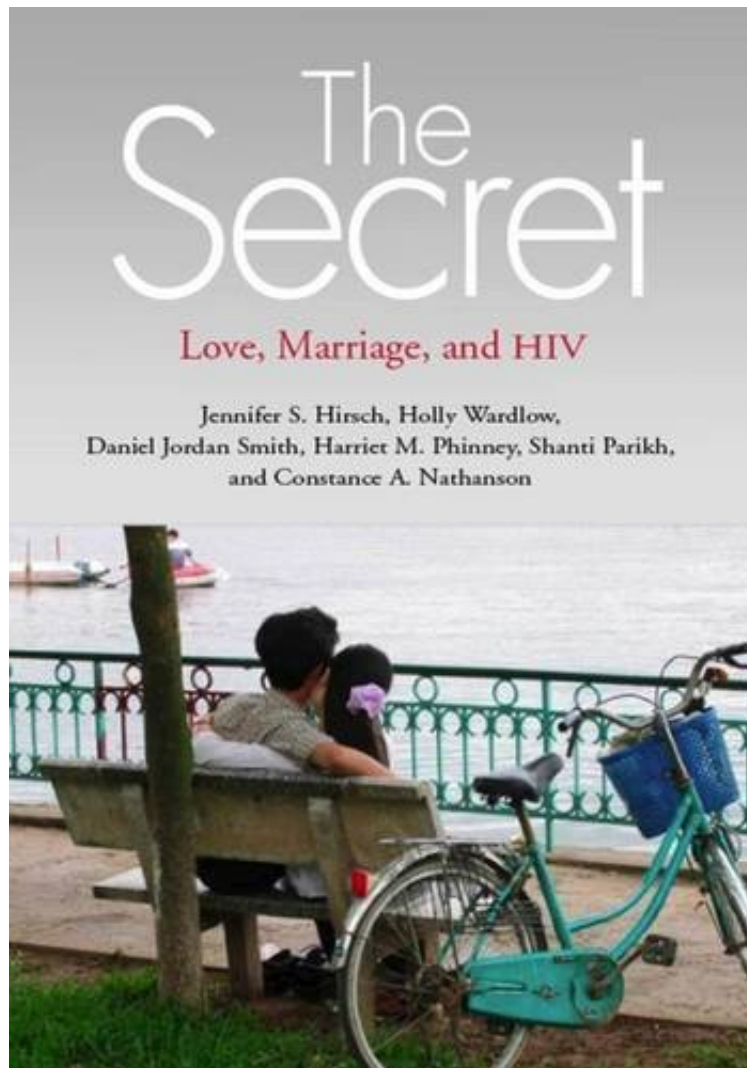


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0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Brilliant and revolutionary By Morgan F. Highly recommend as a text for public health, anthropology, and even outside a classroom for anyone interested in HIV, culture, public health, etc. It is fascinating. It offers an antidote to the blaming of other cultures and the focus on individual behavior by expanding the understanding of economic, social, geographic, demographic, and other factors that contribute to the

circumstances that encourage extramarital sex and contribute to HIV risk. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Great Read! By Customer This book is phenomenal, and really opened my eyes to a new perspective. 0 of 0 people found the following review helpful. Cutting Edge By Sarah Why there isn't more research on secondary and multiple concurrent partners, I don't know, but this book is a can't miss. As the AIDS epidemic is curbed it is being transformed - from concentrated epidemics of key/most at risk groups to the general population through sexual transmission. This is the next frontier and will be much more difficult to curb than concentrated epidemics. A must read if you are interested in HIV and marriage, gender, public health or medical anthropology.

A CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title of 2010 For many women around the world, their greatest risk of HIV infection comes from having sex with the very person with whom they are supposed to have sex: their spouse. The Secret situates marital HIV risk within a broader exploration of marital and extramarital sexuality in five diverse settings: Mexico, Nigeria, Uganda, Vietnam, and Papua New Guinea. In these settings, the authors write, men's extramarital sex is an officially secret but actually widespread (and widely acknowledged) social practice, rather than something men do because their bodies demand it and women can't stop them. Drawing on research conducted as part of an innovative comparative ethnographic study, and modeling a novel approach to collaborative anthropological scholarship, the authors show men's extramarital sex to be a fundamental aspect of gendered social organization. Through theoretically sophisticated yet lucid writing and vivid ethnographic description, drawing on rich data from the marital case studies conducted by research teams in each country, they trace how extramarital opportunity structures, sexual geographies, and concerns about social risk facilitate men's participation in extramarital sex. Also documented throughout is the collision between traditional ways and the new practices of romantic companionate marriage.

"The book is impressive in substance and method." Contemporary Sociology. . . deftly paints a more complex picture of the competing factors that compel women to choose to be complicit in their husbands' secrets." Global Public Health "This book is a treasure trove of good theory and critical case studies of contemporary marriage and extra marital sex globally. It begins where many prior studies have stopped: Investigation of the public secret of sex in extra-marital affairs. From Mexico to Vietnam and Uganda and beyond, marriage involves the dreadful challenge of womens exposure to HIV through their husbands or long time partners. Here is a new approach to the social organization of extra-marital sex that combines love with the sexual geography of desire in unique and disturbing ways that will be of interest to all students of these issues in the social sciences." Gilbert Herdt, San Francisco State University "While this is a book mainly for scholars and students, its conclusions will be enlightening for those who are concerned with HIV prevention in the international arena." A U: America's AIDS Magazine "In prose that is mercifully clear and easy to understand, the five case studies in this fascinating collection focus on the social and economic forces that encourage husbands to have extramarital affairs, exposing their wives to the risk of contracting HIV. These authors, each of whom had experience in the locale discussed, describe the spaces conducive to extramarital sex and the social encouragements to indulge. They explore men's subjectivity rather than depicting them as victims of emotions or sexual drives. 'Modernization,' in the form of people's increasing need for cash, is one of the culprits. It requires husbands to migrate in search of jobs, exposing them to establishments catering to migrating men that offer sexual services, even as peer pressure to appear wealthy encourages even reluctant husbands to indulge. Wives, confined at home with children and needing a husband's cash to care for them, usually keep "the secret," sometimes to the extent of refusing to 'know.' The initial and final chapters describe the authors' theoretical framework and methods, providing useful information for scholars contemplating collaborative, comparative research, or interested in curbing the spread of HIV." Jane F. Collier, Stanford University "This very-well-written book is a great addition to the existing literature on sexuality, marriage, extramarital opportunities, and HIV risk and a pleasure to read. Highly recommended." Choice About the Author Jennifer S. Hirsch, Associate Professor of Sociomedical Sciences in the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, is the author of A Courtship after Marriage: Sexuality and Love in Mexican Transnational Families and co-editor of two recent volumes on the comparative anthropology of love. Holly Wardlow, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Toronto, is the author of Wayward Women: Sexuality and Agency in a New Guinea Society. Daniel Jordan Smith, Associate Professor of Anthropology and Associate Director of the Population Studies and Training Center at Brown University, is the author of A Culture of Corruption: Everyday Deception and Popular Discontent in Nigeria. Harriet Phinney is a lecturer at Seattle University. Shanti Parikh is Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Washington University in St. Louis. Constance A. Nathanson, Professor of Clinical Sociomedical Sciences and Professor of Population and Family Health in the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, is the author of Disease Prevention as Social Change and Dangerous Passage: The Social Control of Sexuality in Womens Adolescence.