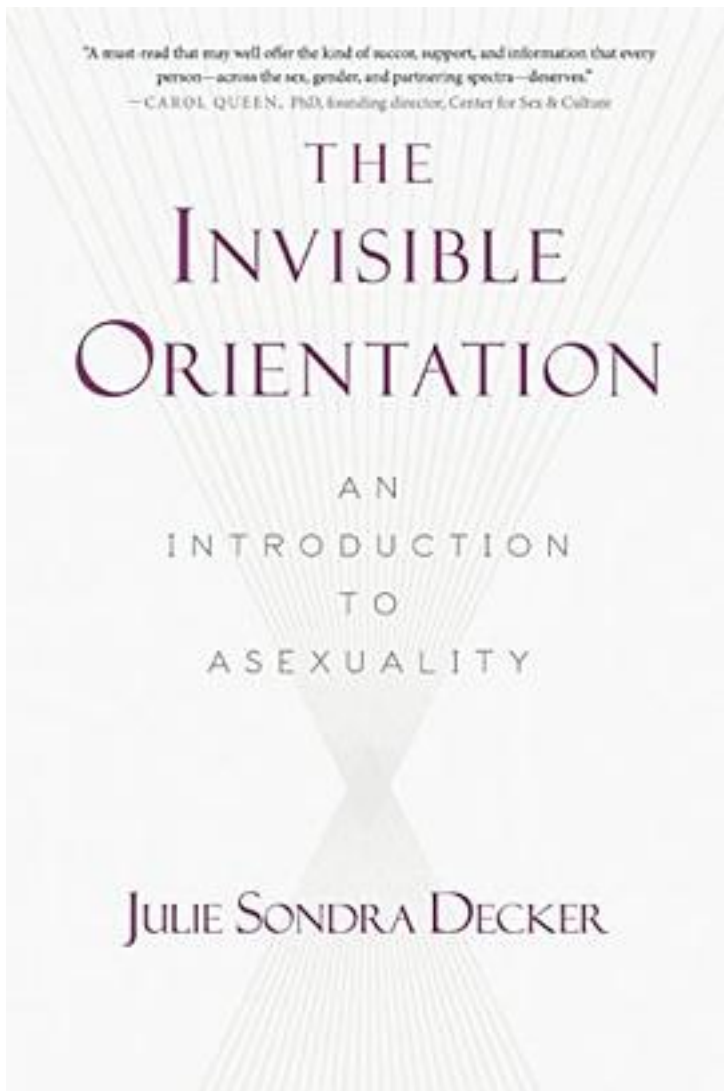


# The Invisible Orientation



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A finalist for the 2015 LAMBDA Literary Award.

What if you weren't sexually attracted to anyone?

A growing number of people are identifying as asexual. They aren't sexually attracted to anyone, and they consider it a sexual orientation—like gay, straight, or bisexual.

Asexuality is the invisible orientation. Most people believe that “everyone” wants sex, that “everyone” understands what it means to be attracted to other people, and that “everyone” wants to date and mate. But that's where asexual people are left out—they don't find other people sexually attractive, and if and when they say so, they are very rarely treated as though that's okay.

When an asexual person comes out, alarming reactions regularly follow; loved ones fear that an asexual person is sick, or psychologically warped, or suffering from abuse. Critics confront asexual people with accusations of following a fad, hiding homosexuality, or making excuses for romantic failures. And all of this contributes to a discouraging master narrative: there is no such thing as “asexual.” Being an asexual person is a lie or an illness, and it needs to be fixed.

In *The Invisible Orientation*, Julie Sondra Decker outlines what asexuality is, counters misconceptions, provides resources, and puts asexual people's experiences in context as they move through a very sexualized world. It includes information for asexual people to help understand their orientation and what it means for their relationships, as well as tips and facts for those who want to understand their asexual friends and loved ones.

作者介绍:

Julie Sondra Decker has been a prominent voice for the asexual community since 1998, spreading asexuality awareness through her popular videos and blog essays. She has been interviewed in many mainstream publications, including *Marie Claire*, *Salon*, and the *Daily Beast*, and she was a prominent interviewee in the documentary *(A)sexual* by Arts Engine. She is a regular contributor to *Good Vibrations*. Julie is also an SF/fantasy novelist, a webcomic artist, a singer, and an avid reader. As an aromantic asexual woman, She is happily single and resides in Tampa, Florida.

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An introduction to a hugely under-explored and under-supported area of human existence, an introduction that will inspire other like-minded individuals to take up the cause.

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无性恋的秘密。

前两章理论知识，general understanding都讲得非常详细且简单易懂。后半部分讲了很多无性恋的现状，经历和自我判断之类的方法建议都有。很棒的一本书

简读

LGBT，科普极好。

原本就可以理解，世界上有那么多比intercourse更有趣的事儿，人与人之间没有性也能有深刻的关系。

释然了

very very basic introduction to asexuality

比起我期待的研究性和分析性，这本书更像是个有点儿絮叨的使用指南。看完觉得我其实一直把自己都琢磨得挺明白的，或者说很庆幸我是在自己有能力把自己琢磨明白之后才把一些也许是一直跟着我的特质放到可以被思考的地方来检视。没有感受过伤害没经历过痛苦的自我怀疑的过程也可能是我对性别/性向/性习惯的看法一向比较后现代的原因吧，认为一切界限都不用画得那么清楚，一切都是流动的。读的时候稍微觉得有点儿小题大做了，但又想到不激进是不会促进改革的，后现代观点是没办法保护少数群体的利益的。不过我在想平权运动像开发niche market一样发展下去的话，会不会钻进牛角尖，从而反倒把人群分隔得更远呢。能不能用个通用的标准对待一切人事物呢？比如以善意和爱为一切的出发点，抛弃绝对正确，认可流动性。

其实有点啰嗦啦，为了澄清误解有点用力过猛。看到变形虫还是笑死我了，为什么你们人类骂人都那么有创造性啊。并不能认同作者在谈及无性恋和非无性恋伴侣混合关系时

（特指无性恋在建立关系后才发觉自己的真实取向）处处流露出的“无性恋已经很不容易啦你们要包容”的态度，虽然对性取向的迟到/重新认知算是常情，但此前对自己取向的疏忽总是导致了伴侣意外的损失，而这本显然站在无性恋立场的书对于非无性恋伴侣的附带伤害只字未提。

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