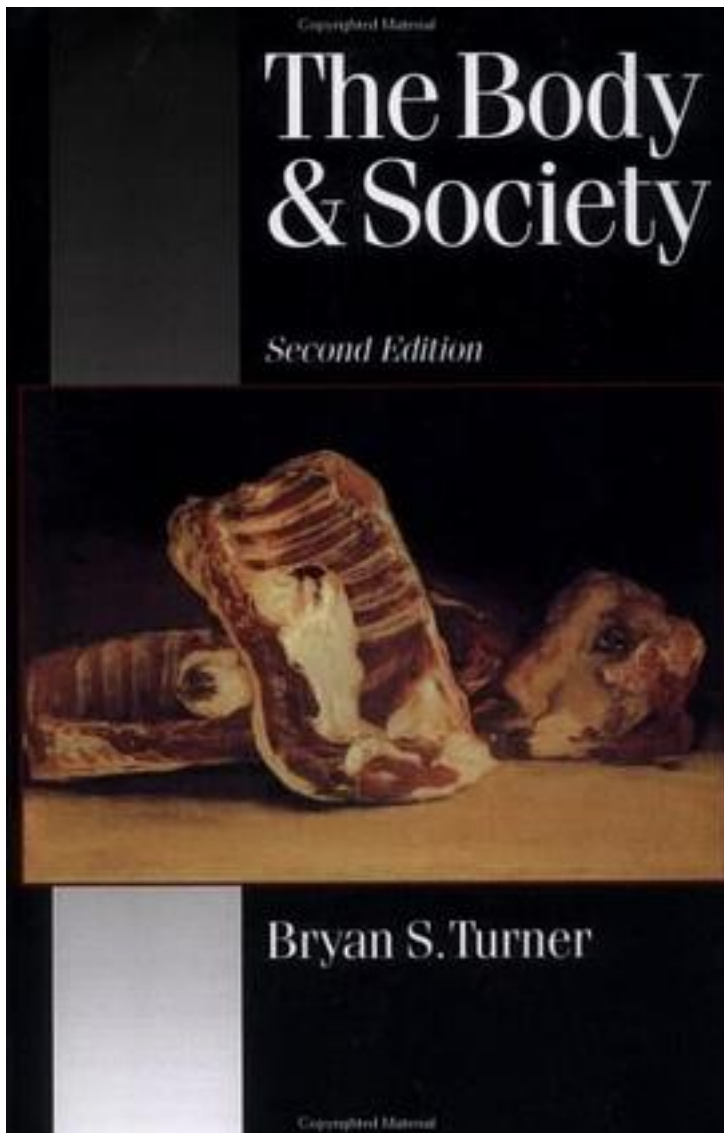


The Body and Society



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First published in 1988, Peter Brown's *The Body and Society* was a groundbreaking study of the marriage and sexual practices of early Christians in the ancient Mediterranean and Near East. Brown focuses on the practice of permanent sexual renunciation-continence, celibacy, and lifelong virginity-in Christian circles from the first to the fifth centuries A.D. and traces early Christians' preoccupations with sexuality and the body in the work of the period's great writers. *The Body and Society* questions how theological views on sexuality and the human body both mirrored and shaped relationships between men and women, Roman aristocracy and slaves, and the married and the celibate. Brown discusses Tertullian, Valentinus, Clement of Alexandria, Origen, Constantine, the Desert Fathers, Jerome, Ambrose, and Augustine, among others, and considers asceticism and society in the Eastern Empire, martyrdom and prophecy, gnostic spiritual guidance, promiscuity among the men and women of the church, monks and marriage in Egypt, the ascetic life of women in fourth-century Jerusalem, and the body and society in the early Middle Ages. In his new introduction, Brown reflects on his work's reception in the scholarly community.

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评论

叙述周致的历史，却没有读材料的那种强烈感觉。

写独身制的时候看的，虽然时代不同，但是处理问题的方法可以很好地借鉴

好喜欢late antiquity
挺喜欢Brown的分析，不过有时候感觉他文脉有些跳跃。比如提到desert fathers时，前脚刚说sexual temptation没有hunger的诱惑来的急迫，然后下一段马上开始列关于sexual temptation的原文。总体来说是挺详尽的探讨+有很多原文，非常有用。

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