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Abstract:
Among the many myths created about Africa, the myth that homosexuality is absent or incidental is one of the oldest and most enduring. This book documents same sex patterns in some fifty societies, in every region of the continent. Essays by scholars from a variety of disciplines explore institutionalized marriages between women, same sex relations between men and boys in colonial work settings, mixed gender roles in East and West Africa, and recent developments in South Africa, the first nation to institutionally ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. Also included are oral histories, folklore, and translations of early ethnographic reports by German and French observers. The book is organized geographically according to four broad regions in sub-Saharan Africa: the Horn of Africa, Sudan and East Africa; West Africa; central Africa; and southern Africa. Each section begins with a survey by the editors of historical and anthropological reports. The book ends with a review of the literature on woman-woman marriages. Contributors: Stephen O. Murray, M. Haberlandt (translated by Bradley Rose), Deborah P. Amory, Michael Davidson, Rudolf P. Gaudio, Nii Ajen, Günther Tessmann (translated by Bradley Rose), Jean Baptiste Labat (translated by Will Roscoe), Kurt Falk (translated by Bradley Rose and Will Roscoe), Marc Epprecht, Kendall, and Joseph M. Carrier.