



The Classification of Sex: Alfred Kinsey and the Organization of Knowledge

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University of Pittsburgh Press. Paperback. Book Condition: new. BRAND NEW, The Classification of Sex: Alfred Kinsey and the Organization of Knowledge, Donna J. Drucker, Alfred C. Kinsey's revolutionary studies of human sexual behaviour are world-renowned. His meticulous methods of data collection, from comprehensive entomological assemblies to personal sex history interviews, raised the bar for empirical evidence to an entirely new level. In The Classification of Sex, Donna J. Drucker presents an original analysis of Kinsey's scientific career in order to uncover the roots of his research methods. She describes how his enduring interest as an entomologist and biologist in the compilation and organisation of mass data sets structured each of his classification projects. As Drucker shows, Kinsey's lifelong mission was to find scientific truth in numbers and through observation - and to record without prejudice in the spirit of a true taxonomist. Kinsey's doctoral work included extensive research of the gall wasp, where he gathered and recorded variations in over six million specimens. His classification and reclassification of Cynips led to the speciation of the genus that remains today. During his graduate training, Kinsey developed a strong interest in evolution and the links between entomological and human behaviour studies. In 1920,...



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