



Hoover s War on Gays: Exposing the FBI s Sex Deviates Program (Hardback)

By Douglas M. Charles

University Press of Kansas, United States, 2015. Hardback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book. At the FBI, the Sex Deviates program covered a lot of ground, literally; at its peak, J. Edgar Hoover s notorious Sex Deviates file encompassed nearly 99 cubic feet or more than 330,000 pages of information. In 1977-1978 these files were destroyed-and it would seem that four decades of the FBI s dirty secrets went up in smoke. But in a remarkable feat of investigative research, synthesis, and scholarly detective work, Douglas M. Charles manages to fill in the yawning blanks in the bureau s history of systematic (some would say obsessive) interest in the lives of gay and lesbian Americans in the twentieth century. His book, Hoover s War on Gays, is the first to fully expose the extraordinary invasion of US citizens privacy perpetrated on a historic scale by an institution tasked with protecting American life. For much of the twentieth century, when exposure might mean nothing short of ruin, gay American men and women had much to fear from law enforcement of every kind-but none so much as the FBI, with its inexhaustible federal resources, connections, and its carefully crafted reputation...

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