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### **Research into positive aspects of adult child sexual relations**

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An anotated biography which may be of interest. I can also refer you to a recent [article in the Psychological Bulletin, 1998](#), Vol. 124, No. 1, Pgs. 22-53.

**Arreola**, Sonya, Torsten Neilands, Lance Pollack, Jay Paul & Joseph Catania, [Childhood sexual experiences and adult health sequelae among gay and bisexual men: defining childhood sexual abuse](#) - Journal of Sex Research, July-Sept, 2008

[...] There was no difference between the consensual sex group and those who had no sex before age 18. The level of well-being was significantly higher for the consensual group compared with the 'no sex before 18' group and the forced sex group. The latter two groups did not differ from each other on well-being.

[...]

[...] the consensual sex group was significantly more likely to have a higher level of well-being than either of the other two groups.

This suggests that consensual sex before 18 years of age may have a positive effect, perhaps as an adaptive milestone of adolescent sexual development.

[...]

The implications of these findings recommend that research move toward a more mature understanding of childhood sexual experiences that includes the subjective experience of childhood sex. [...]

**Baurmann, M.C.** Sexuality, violence, and Psychological After-Effects: A Longitudinal Study of Cases of Sexual Assault Which Were Reported To The Police," Wiesbaden: Bundeskriminalamt, Germany, 1988. [The Summary of this book](#)  
Massive Longitudinal study of all reported victims of sexual offenses against minors in the German State of Lower Saxony from 1969-1972, with six to ten year follow-up, under the direction of the German Ministry of Justice. Total sample is over 8,000, including over 800 boys up to age 14. Violence and/or coercion were present in roughly half of the offenses against girls, and were correlated with negative outcomes. None of the boys experienced force or coercion, and no negative outcomes were observed for any of the boys. This is by far the most in depth study in the field.

**Constantine, Larry L.** "Effects of Early Sexual Experiences: A Review and Synthesis of Research," in Constantine, L. L., Martinson, F.M., (eds.) Children and Sex: New Findings, New Perspectives. Boston: Little, Brown & Co., 1981.

Reviews 30 studies, most of which include child-adult contacts. Breaks down experiences by their consequences for the child: positive, neutral, or negative. Examines relationships between several variables and observed outcomes. Concludes that 13 of these studies found that "for the majority of subjects , there is essentially no harm; and six [other studies] even identified some subjects for whom, by self-evaluation or other criteria, the childhood sexual encounter was a positive or possibly beneficial experience."

**Constantine, Larry L.** "Child Sexuality: Recent Developments and Implications for Treatment, Prevention, and Social Policy," *International Journal of Medicine and Law*, No. 2, pp. 55-67, 1983.

Reviews findings of above article. Discusses implications for treatment, prevention, and social policy. Includes proposals for legal revisions. Among the findings of this major literature review: "The most important determinant in the outcome of adult-child sexual encounters is the child's perception of freedom of choice in participating."

**Baker, A. and Duncan, S.** (1985) Child sexual abuse: A study of prevalence in Great Britain. *Child Abuse & Neglect*, 9:457-467.

In a large-scale (n = 2019) community study in Great Britain, Baker & Duncan that 51% report feeling harmed by the experience. Yet 49% would not say the experience had been harmful, and 4% actually report that the experience had improved the quality of their lives.

**Bender B. & Blau, A.** "The reaction of Children to Sexual Relations With Adults." *American Journal of Orthopsychiatry*, Vol. No.7, pp.500-518, 1937.

Bender and Blau studied a group of 16 children 5 to 12 years of age who were having sexual contacts with adults, and then examined the same group sixteen years later with A.L. Grugett and found "no problems which she felt could reasonably be attributed to the sexual experiences."

**Bernard, F.** Pedophilia: Psychological consequences for the child. In Constantine, L.L. & Martinson, F.M. (eds.) (1981). *Children & Sex: New Findings, New Perspectives*. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. pp. 189-200.

In Bernard's (1981) study, 30 Dutch citizens recalled their childhood sexual experiences with adults. Of those cited in the write-up, most report positive feelings toward the experience, including happy descriptions of youthful initiation into sex.

**Ingram, M.** Participating victims: A study of sexual offenses with boys. In Constantine, L.L. & Martinson, F.M. (eds.) (1981). *Children & Sex: New Findings, New Perspectives*. Boston: Little, Brown & Co. pp. 177-188.

Ingram (1981) examined ninety-two cases of boys brought to his private practice in Great Britain for psychiatric treatment following sexual involvement with adults. Ingram concludes that "I do not think ... that any of the children were worse off for the activity; many, no doubt, may be better off for a relationship with a loving adult" (p. 186).

**Jones, G.P.** "The Study of intergenerational Intimacy in North America: Beyond Politics and Pedophilia," *Journal of Homosexuality*, Vol. 20, pp. 275-295, 1990.

**Kilpatrick, Allie C.**, Long Range Effects of Child and Adolescent Sexual Experiences: Myths, Mores, and Menaces. Hillsdale, New Jersey: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates, 1992. Presents findings and recommendations from a survey of 501 subjects. "Within the definition of victimology currently employed by many researchers is the assumption that children, who have sexual experiences with or propositions from persons who are 5 or more years older than they, are automatically victimized, and harm is done. The findings of this study repudiate such an assumption."

**Kilpatrick, Allie C.** "Childhood sexual experiences: problems and issues in studying long range effects." *The Journal of Sex Research*, Vol. 23, ppg 173-96, May 87.

**Leahy, Terry**, **Negotiating Stigma: Approaches to Intergenerational Sex**, PhD thesis. PhD thesis presented to the University of New South Wales, 1991. First published in January 2002 by Books Reborn.

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**Money, John.** "Juvenile, Pedophile, Heterophile: Hermeneutics of Science, Medicine and Law in Two Outcome Studies," *International Journal of Medicine and Law*, No. 2, pp. 33-54, 1983.

Unusually detailed investigation of two consensual long-term "pedophiliac" relationships. Long-term, prospective case studies find relationships to be non-harmful and possibly beneficial for both partners. Money is among the most widely cited American authors on human sexology, sexuality, and gender development.

**Okami, Paul.** "Self-reports of 'Positive' Childhood and Adolescent Sexual Contacts with Older Persons: An Exploratory Study," *Archives of Sexual Behavior*, Vol. 20, pp. 437-457, 1991.

Examines how contacts are perceived by the younger partner in later life. Investigates relationships between "positive" self-assessment and several variables.

**Okami, Paul.** "Child Perpetrators of Sexual Abuse: The Emergence of a Problematic Deviant Category," *Journal of Sex Research*, Vol. 29, No. 1, pp. 109-130, Feb. 1992.

Discusses the nature and origins of recent attacks against sexual expression by young people. Finds much of the literature on the subject of sexual contacts between minors to be scientifically unsound. Highly recommended reading.

**Okami, Paul and Goldberg, Amy.** "Personality Correlates of Pedophilia: Are They Reliable Indicators?" *Journal of Sex Research*, Vol. 29, No. 3, pp. 297-328, Aug. 1992.

Critical and extensive review of the literature.

**Okami, Paul.** "Sociopolitical Biases in the Contemporary Scientific Literature on Adult Human Sexual Behavior with Children and Adolescents," in Feierman, J. (ed.) *Pedophilia: Biosocial Dimensions*. New York: Springer Verlag, 1990.

**Rind, Bruce, & Bauserman, Robert.** "Biased terminology effects and biased information processing research on adult-nonadult sexual interactions: an empirical investigation." *The Journal of Sex Research*, Vol. 30, pp. 260-9, August 1993.

This journal article shows that much of the scientific research in this area is biased. (It has an excellent bibliography.)

**Rivas, Titus, I have only good feelings about what happened;** Early erotic experiences of Howard Miller.

Because I had such a positive experience as a child I believe that I can say with absolute certainty that sometimes such relationships can be very positive.

**Rivas, T., Positive memories**

Cases of positive memories of erotic relationships and contacts of children with adults, as seen from the perspective of the former minor - a data base - 2009

A collection of 75 positive memories of intergenerational relationships and contacts of children with adults.

**Sandfort, Theo.** "Sex in Pedophilic Relationships: An Empirical Investigation Among a Nonrepresentative Group of Boys," *Journal of Sex Research*, Vol. 20, No. 2, pp. 123-142, May, 1984.

Investigates twenty-five ongoing consensual long-term "pedophilic" relationships. "The sexual contacts were found to have had no negative influence upon the boys' sense of general well-being, nor did the boys perceive in these contacts a misuse of authority by the adult." (Quoted from the Abstract)

**Tindall, R. H.,** "The Male Adolescent Involved With a Pederast Becomes an Adult," *Journal of Homosexuality*, Vol. 3, No. 4, pp. 373-382, 1978.

Longitudinal study of nine cases covering a span of over thirty years. Finds the relationships to be non-harmful, with positive benefits in some cases.

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