Record Nr. UNINA9910457434203321 Sex for life [[electronic resource]]: from virginity to Viagra, how **Titolo** sexuality changes throughout our lives / / edited by Laura M. Carpenter and John DeLamater New York,: New York University Press, c2012 Pubbl/distr/stampa **ISBN** 1-78402-482-1 0-8147-2381-0 Descrizione fisica 1 online resource (374 p.) Collana Intersections Altri autori (Persone) CarpenterLaura M DeLamaterJohn D Disciplina 306.7 Soggetti Sex Sex customs Sexual health Sex (Psychology) Electronic books. Lingua di pubblicazione Inglese **Formato** Materiale a stampa Livello bibliografico Monografia Description based upon print version of record. Note generali Includes bibliographical references and index. Nota di bibliografia pt. 1. Studying sexualities over the life course -- pt. 2. Sexualities in Nota di contenuto childhood and adolescence -- pt. 3. Sexualities from young adulthood through midlife -- pt. 4. Turning points throughout the life course -pt. 5. Sexualities from midlife to later life -- pt. 6. Conclusion. Sexual beliefs, behaviors and identities are interwoven throughout our Sommario/riassunto lives, from childhood to old age. An edited collection of original empirical contributions united through its use of a distinctive, cuttingedge theoretical framework, Sex for Life critically examines sexuality across the entire lifespan. Rooted in diverse disciplines and employing a wide range of research methods, the chapters explore the sexual and social transitions that typically map to broad life stages, as well as key age-graded physiological transitions, such as puberty and menopause, while drawing on the latest developments in gender, sexuality, and life course studies. Sex for Life explores a wide variety of topics, including puberty, sexual initiation, coming out, sexual assault, marriage/life partnering, disability onset, immigration, divorce, menopause, and

widowhood, always attending to the social locations – including gender, race, ethnicity, and social class – that shape, and are shaped by, sexuality. The empirical work collected in Sex for Life ultimately speaks to important public policy issues, such as sex education, aging societies, and the increasing politicization of scientific research. Accessibly written, the contributions capture the interplay between individual lives and the ever-changing social-historical context, facilitating new insight not only into people's sexual lives, but also into ways of studying them, ultimately providing a fresh, new perspective on sexuality.