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174); Teenage marriages: "I'm not [ill] ... I'm married" (Bo Jo Jones, p. 44); Empowered parents: Fantastic fathers and marvellous mothers; Murdering mothers: An alternative to parenthood?; Disease and death: "Sex can kill you" (The Hanged Man, p. 14); Queer carnalities; Adolescent desires = Queer desires?; Coming out, becoming visible; Stereotypes of coming out

Stereotypes of queer aesthetics  
Crossing the great divide: Cross-generational carnal capers; Unseen desires: Ghosted girls in straight plots; Queer readings and reading queerly; The beastly bestiality of adolescent desire; The 'natural' affinity of adolescents and animals; Canine carnalities: Queer boys and their dogs; Horsing around: The queer carnalities of the stable; Metamorphosis: Disguising deviant desires; Shuddering with pleasure: Embracing the power of the stag; Unleashing the power of the tiger; Seasonal desires and the desire of being in season; In the heat of dog days

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Shrinking from the awful form: Sex and the Serpent; The abjection of abused adolescents; Articulate absences and speaking silences: Off-stage depictions of abuse; Forced recoveries: Extending trauma?; The borderlands of abuse: Willing victims?; Unheimlich homes: On-stage rape in the home; Escaping trauma: Refusing recovery?; Narratives of hope and despair; Victims of vice: Prostitution and the loss of innocence; Racially marked bodies: Seeing the invisible; Encountering the abused adolescent body; The end of innocence and the on-set of knowledge?

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### Sommario/riassunto

"Fictions of Adolescent Carnality considers one of the most controversial topics related to adolescents: their experience of desire. In fiction for adolescents, carnal desire is variously presented as a source of angst, an overwhelming experience over which one has no control, bestial, disgusting and, just occasionally, a source of pleasure. The on-set of desire, within the Anglophone tradition, has been closely associated with the loss of innocence and the end of childhood. Drawing on a corpus of 200 narratives of adolescent desire, Kokkola examines the connections between sociological accounts of teenagers' sexual behaviour, adult fears for and about their off-spring and fictional representations of adolescents exploring their sexuality. Taking up topics such as adolescent pregnancy and parenthood, queer sexualities, animal-human connections and sexual abuse, Kokkola provides wide-ranging insights into how Anglophone literature responds to adolescents' carnal desires, and contributes to on-going debates on the construction of adolescence and the ideology of innocence."--Publisher's website.

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