



Male Homosexuality in 21st-Century Thailand

A Longitudinal Study of Young, Rural, Same-Sex-Attracted Men Coming of Age

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This book explores the experiences, meanings and identities of young same-sex attracted men in rural Thailand. It is based on a study of 25 young rural Thai men who were each interviewed three times within a two-year period while they were aged 18–20, uncovering significant fluidity, variety and change.

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The book will be of use for an academically trained audience interested in the study of gender and sexuality in modern Thailand. The book is also written for the tens of thousands of foreign gay men who are in a Thai-foreign relationship and who live in Thailand and across the world, and who may face occasional problems in communicating with and understanding each other.

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