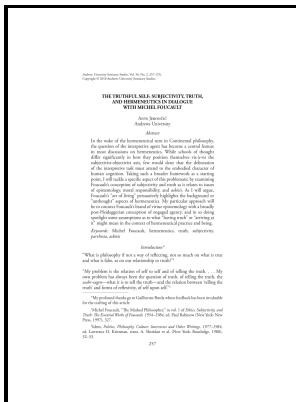


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### Biography

French prison revolts in 1971, and an April 1972 visit to Attica, the New York prison that had undergone a bloody revolt in September 1971, led him to become a spokesman for the Prison Information Group in 1971, and he was arrested multiple times for his activism. Foucault asks how it is that we have come to see sex as the key to explaining us, as holding the truth about us. His chair in the History of Systems of Thought was newly created, replacing the chair in the History of Philosophical Thought held by Jean Hyppolite.

### Foucault Reader

What is the end purpose of technology? The war awakened Foucault to the problem of politics. Nonetheless, he is known primarily for the books he published in the 1960s and 1970s.

### The History of Sexuality: An introduction

It is a history of the way in which talking about sex was structured over the last three hundred years, his primary thesis being that contrary to popular belief, the Victorian era, roughly between 1835 and 1903, was NOT a period where talk about sex was repressed. Keep your Wikipedia open to look this stuff up as you read.

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Other cultures have treated sex as an object of knowledge, as an ars erotica: an art of sensual pleasure. Method seems to be adopted from Rousseau Essay on Inequality and Freud Totem and Taboo of coming up with ideas, then claiming historical support for them, even if it doesn't exist. One can almost hear Nietzsche talking over Foucault's shoulder.

### The History of Sexuality: An Introduction, Volume 1 Part One Summary & Analysis

Granted, this is common in philosophy, but usually when it's done, the special use is openly defined. He did not sentimentalise the past but committed himself to a rigorous analysis of modern rationality, organisation and subjectivity.

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Foucault explicitly rejected political labels and was unpopular with both left and right.

### **Foucault Reader**

Organised into easy-to-follow thematic sections, it allows the student to explore Foucault's work with no previous knowledge of contemporary theory. The key text, *Surveiller et punir, naissance de la prison*, was published in 1975 English translation, 1977. I would recommend this book as a beginners introduction to Foucault before tackling his main texts such as *Madness and Civilisation*, *The Order of Things*, or *Discipline and Punish*.

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Quite the contrary: since the 17th century, there has been a fixation with sexuality creating a discourse around sexuality.

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