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**The Sexual Brain**—Simon LeVay. The author, a neurobiologist who maintains that sexuality originates in the brain rather than in the mind, elaborates on recent research and his deductions about our sexuality as a biological rather than a psychological phenomenon. LeVay lays a solid foundation for the biological factors underlying maleness and femaleness, then turns his attention to arguments regarding nature versus nurture. He does allow for a certain amount of environmental influence on gender identity, but he concludes that hormones, genetics, and prenatal influences are clearly what establishes sexual identity. Originally published in hardcover in 1993. MIT Pr, 1994, 172 p., paperback, \$10.95.

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