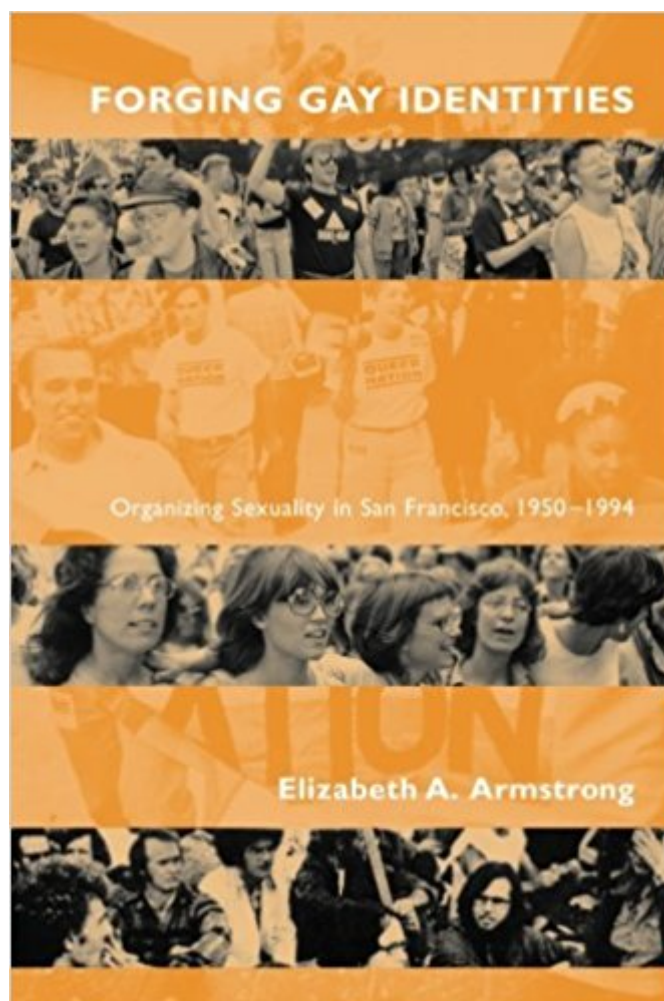


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Although I do like how well written the work is, especially with its easy-to-follow subheadings, I do feel it spends an inordinate amount of time explaining what the "rest of the book" will be about. It consistently summarizes chapters over and over again. It does, however, provide ample support for its statements and I suppose the repetition would be good for students on term papers who need "main points" to talk about.

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