

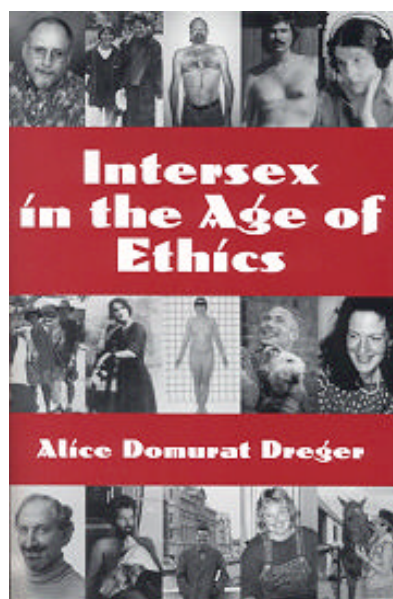
Books Recommended by the AIS Support Group
(www.medhelp.org/www/ais)

Hermaphrodites and the Medical Invention of Sex by Alice Domurat Dreger
(**Harvard University Press, 1998, <http://www.hup.harvard.edu>**)



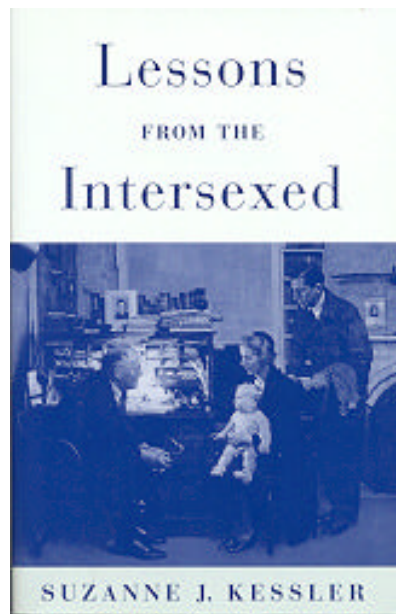
Alice Dreger is a medical historian who, in the latter part of this book, questions the protocols employed in the treatment of intersexuals. She discusses AIS and paternalism (truth withholding) using quotes from AISSG members.

Intersex in the Age of Ethics by Alice Domurat Dreger
(**University Press Group, 1999, <http://www.upgbooks.com>**)



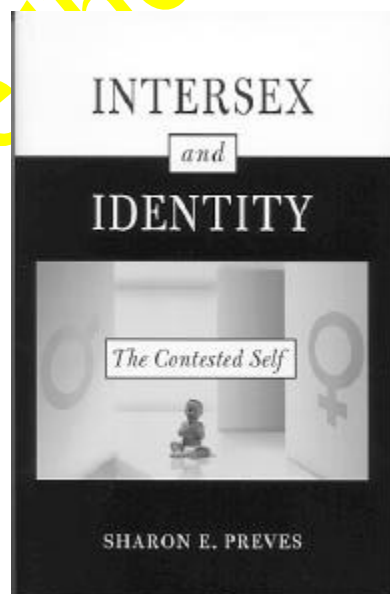
A collection of articles taken from the special intersex issue of the *Journal of Clinical Ethics* (Winter 1998 Issue, Vol. 9 No. 4) plus additional material. Includes a chapter by the founder of the US branch of the AIS Support Group.

Lessons From the Intersexed by Suzanne J. Kessler
(Rutgers University Press, 1998)



Suzanne Kessler, a professor of psychology at Purchase College, SUNY, has brought together the points of view of children, parents, physicians and psychologists. She mentions the AIS Support Group and uses quotes from its newsletter, ALIAS.

Intersex and Identity: The Contested Self by Sharon E. Preves
(Rutgers University Press, 2003)



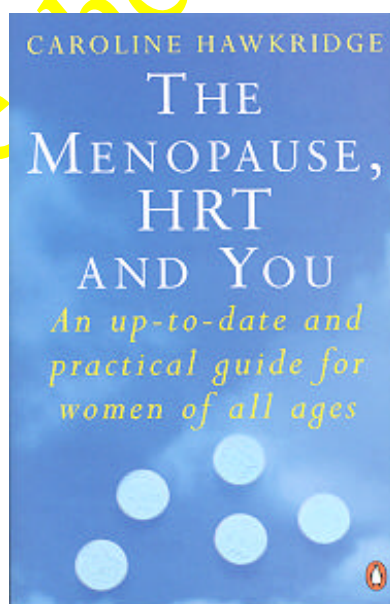
Sharon is an assistant professor of sociology who also wrote a chapter in *Intersex in the Age of Ethics* (see previous page). Drawing upon life history interviews with adults who were treated for intersexuality as children (including members of AISSG US), she explores how such individuals experience and cope with being labelled sexual deviants in a society that demands sexual conformity. By demonstrating how intersexed people manage and create their own identities, often in conflict with their medical diagnosis, Preves argues that medical intervention into intersexuality often creates, rather than mitigates, the stigma these people suffer.

Ethics and Intersex by Sharon Sytsma, Ed. (Springer, 2006, <http://www.springeronline.com>)



A state-of-the-art reference for intersexuals, their parents, health care professionals, ethics committee members, and anyone interested in intersexuality. An interdisciplinary effort, bringing together not just urologists and endocrinologists; but gynaecologists, psychiatrists, psychologists, lawyers, theologians, gender theorists, medical historians, and philosophers. Most contributors are well-known experts on intersexuality in their fields. It is also an international effort, including authors from England, the Netherlands, Germany, Australia, India, Canada and the United States.

The Menopause, HRT and You by Caroline Hawkrigde (Penguin, 1999)



Three of the 12 chapters are for younger women. Chapter 6, *Interrupted Sexual Development*, explains how conditions such as AIS occur and why these women take HRT. It contains a chart showing how the various conditions arise and ends with six personal stories. Caroline, a UK-based health education specialist and writer, worked with support groups, including AISSG, to develop this chapter and was determined to give such women a high profile in the book. It is almost as useful in explaining intersex conditions as it is in explaining HRT. The first run of 6000 copies has almost sold out and Penguin will not reprint it, as their health lines are being discontinued. The UK AISSG still has copies available (see AISSG website).