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Lesbian Ex-Lovers: The Really Long-Term Relationships examines the need for the development of better understanding and more critical analysis of lesbian ex-lover relationships. This eye-opening look into the minds and hearts of women offers personal insight into the possibilities for and potential pitfalls of lesbian ex-lover relations. This book contains personal stories, fictional accounts, poetry, and theoretical analyses of the frequency and significance of ex-lovers at different stages in a relationship.

Topics of interest in Lesbian Ex-Lovers include:

- the roles ex-lovers play in our lives
- ex-lovers as contexts for change and development
- how we continue to be influenced by ex-lovers
- letting go and moving on
- ex-lovers as current friends and family
- themes of betrayal and loss of faith
- reconstructing friendships and community
- the mystique of the ex-lover
- friend/family connections among lesbian ex-lovers

"Rather than totally scrap a relationship, we recycle it—from lover to ex-lover to friend in a relatively short half-life."

Lesbian Ex-Lovers is the only book in print that explores how a lesbian's ex-lovers impact her subsequent romances and lifestyle. This special collection adds a new dynamic to the current literature for and about the lesbian community.

Lesbian Ex-Lovers offers advice, anecdotes, and interpretations from such authors, poetesses, and artists as:

- Michelle Gibson, PhD—educator and editor of *Femme/Butch: New Considerations of the Way We Want to Go* who says goodbye to her lover in a sad, passionate elegy
- Marny Hall—Psychotherapist, editor of the anthology *Sexualities*, and author of several books, including *The Lavender Couch: A Consumer's Guide to Psychotherapy for Lesbians and Gay Men*—who muses on the unique bonding between lesbians and their ex-lovers, lending a mystique that surrounds the lesbian lifestyle
- Alison Bechdel—creator of the comic strip Dykes to Watch Out For—who presents a humorous comic strip thanking her former lovers for teaching her about herself
- Jane Futcher—newspaper reporter and author of three novels—who uses a chapter in her novel to illustrate the tensions that can occur when ex-lovers choose to remain friends, especially when those bonds provoke jealousy in both current and ex-lovers
- Renny Christopher—educator and award-winning poetess—who expresses her love, loss, and regret in three poems about her ex-lover
- and much more!

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