

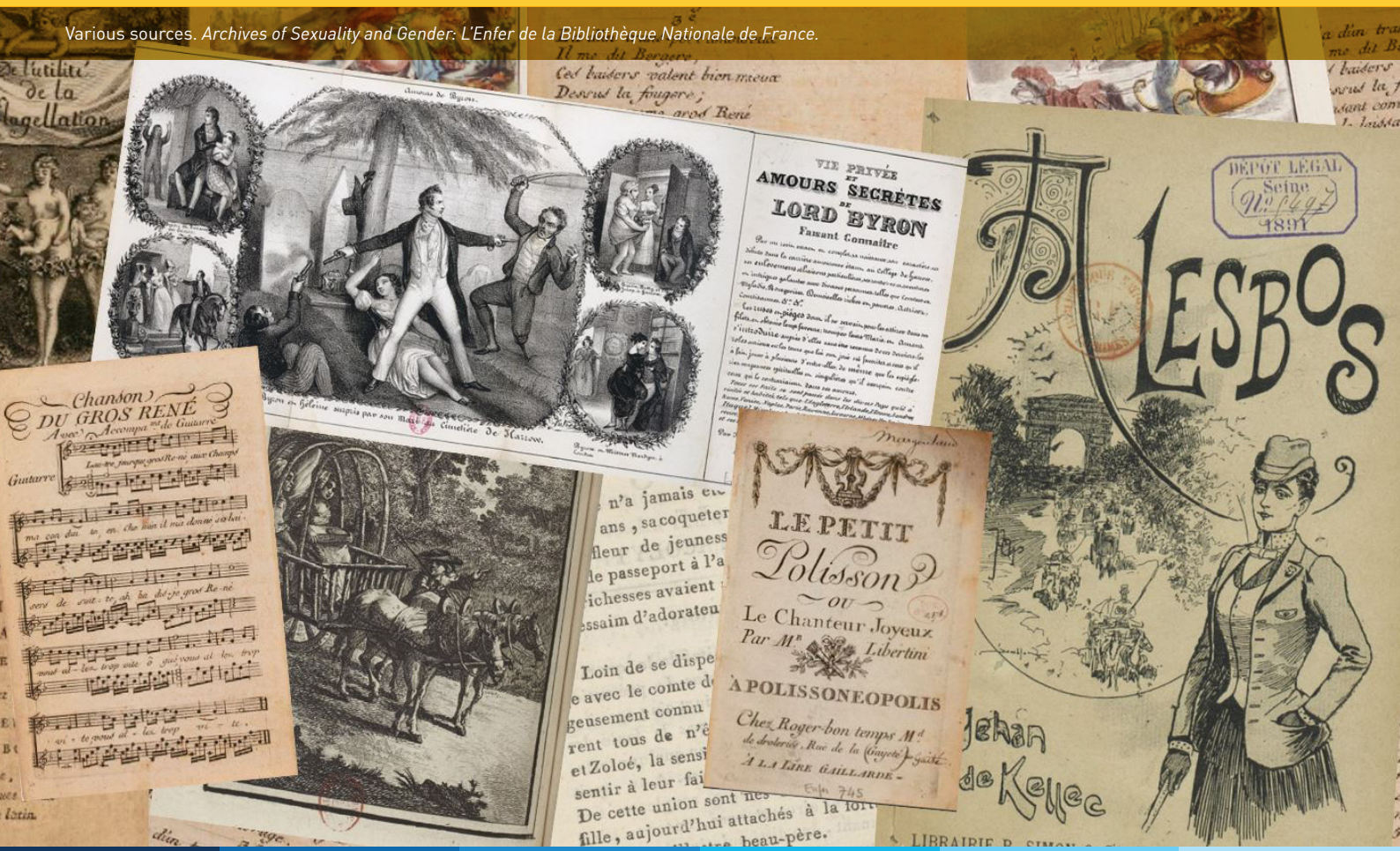
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# Archives of Sexuality and Gender: L'Enfer de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France

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Various sources. Archives of Sexuality and Gender: L'Enfer de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France.



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*Archives of Sexuality and Gender: L'Enfer de la Bibliothèque Nationale de France* is comprised of more than 2,400 printed works. Roughly 950 additional items come from an appendix to the printed books of *L'Enfer*, called *Flagellation*, which is the result of an editorial subgenre that flourished in France between the 1880s and 1930s. Researchers can also digitally cross-search and compare *L'Enfer* with the British Library's *Private Case*, which is available in the third instalment of the *Archives of Sexuality and Gender* series, to expand their understanding of sexual history, developing views on sexuality, the policing of sexuality, and the nature of titillation throughout history.

### Sample Content:

- *Les aventures de Chérubin, l'enfant du bordel*, by Pigault-Lebrun (1753–1835)
- *The life and amours of the beautiful, gay and dashing Kate Percival, the Belle of the Delaware*, by Kate Percival, 1903
- *The pleasures of cruelty, being a sequel to the reading of Justine et Juliette*, by Donatien Alphonse François de Sade (1740–1814), 1898
- *Mémoires d'une femme de chambre écrits par elle-même en 1786*, by J. J. Gay, 1883
- *Histoire d'un homme débauché et entretenu par le concubinage*, by Lebrun, 1859
- *Dictionnaire érotique moderne par un professeur de langue verte*, by Alfred Delvau (1825–1867), 1864
- *Confessions of Miss Coote, a most voluptuous and refined collection of ten letters respecting her experiences as a flagellant*, printed for the Society of Vice, 1892
- *Marriage-love and woman amongst the Arabs, otherwise entitled the Book of Exposition* (Kitab al-Izah Fi'ilim al-Nikah b-it-Tamam w-al-Kamal), 1896
- *The amorous adventures of a Japanese gentleman, related for the entertainment of his honorable friends*, printed for the Daimio of Satsuma, 1897
- *Sue Suckit, maid and wife, to which is added the Philosophical Sister's Tale*, New Orleans, 1913
- *Caresses infernales* [Scènes érotiques vécues], by J. Van Styk, 1935
- *Sadie Blackeyes. Baby, douce fille, roman suivi de lettres concernant la flagellation des femmes et des filles, le tout illustré par un maître du crayon*, by Pierre Mac Orlan (1882–1970)

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