



# ADULTERY

By Louise DeSalvo

Download now

Read Online ➔

## ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo

Louise DeSalvo risks all, in the company of Edith Wharton, Virginia Woolf, Henry Miller, and Madam Recamier. By filtering the story of her own husband's affair through other's stories, she revels in the always exciting fantasy and tells from the usually painful reality of adultery. The conclusions she draws, and the balance she finds in her marriage and in others, make ADULTERY a fun, poignant, and compassionate book.

 [Download ADULTERY ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online ADULTERY ...pdf](#)

# ADULTERY

*By Louise DeSalvo*

## ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo

Louise DeSalvo risks all, in the company of Edith Wharton, Virginia Woolf, Henry Miller, and Madam Recamier. By filtering the story of her own husband's affair through other's stories, she revels in the always exciting fantasy and tells from the usually painful reality of adultery. The conclusions she draws, and the balance she finds in her marriage and in others, make ADULTERY a fun, poignant, and compassionate book.

## ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo Bibliography

- Rank: #2925008 in Books
- Published on: 1999-10-15
- Original language: English
- Number of items: 1
- Dimensions: .0" h x .0" w x .0" l,
- Binding: Hardcover
- 176 pages

 [Download ADULTERY ...pdf](#)

 [Read Online ADULTERY ...pdf](#)

## Editorial Review

### Amazon.com Review

Is talking about sex a kind of foreplay? Is reading *Madame Bovary* the first step on the road to ruin? In this playful analysis of the writerly life, Louise DeSalvo explores the relationship between reading about adultery, committing adultery--and writing about adultery. Sound simplistic? The formula worked for authors as diverse as Edith Wharton, Sylvia Plath, and even Robert James Waller, whose mega-bestselling *Bridges of Madison County* is, after all, about an extramarital affair.

And it also worked for DeSalvo herself--although she is not an adulterer, but an "adultery survivor" who must come to terms with her fantasies about adultery in order to heal her marriage. Her husband was a young medical resident when he had the affair that changed her life; DeSalvo was surprised to find that he did not want to leave her and their infant son but hoped instead to keep the family together. Before DeSalvo could let herself be fully present again in the marriage, however, she had to put the ghosts to rest. It's hardly surprising that, as a creative-writing professor (and the author of *Writing as a Way of Healing*), she does so by taking pen in hand to reconstruct the affair in her imagination, using writers like Colette, D.H. Lawrence, Virginia Woolf, and Alfred Kinsey as her guides and revealing something frequently overlooked in our contemporary model of infidelity: adultery is often a *folie à trois*, not merely *deux*. --Patrizia DiLucchio

### From Publishers Weekly

In a tart and entertaining treatise on adultery, Hunter College professor DeSalvo (*Writing as a Way of Healing*) offers sometimes dueling perspectives based on personal experience and objective curiosity. Fueled by the memory of her husband's infidelity during the early years of their marriage and by her own indiscretions with respect to former boyfriends, the author seeks to examine why people cheat and why they then love to talk and write about their perfidy. Written in a breezy, stream-of-consciousness style, the book is more than a social critique. It also serves as a portrait of a marriage that has survived adultery, as a memoir of growing up under the threat of a father's violent outbursts and as an exploration of adultery's prominence in literature, from Dante's *Divine Comedy* to the Kinsey report. DeSalvo leaps from her husband to Colette, from minor anecdotes to major hypotheses, without sacrificing clarity or sincerity. The work is tied together by literature just as, DeSalvo speculates, adultery binds its participants through the process of storytelling. She stirs the still-smoldering embers of the Clinton-Lewinsky affair as proof that Americans love a good story and all the more if it involves sexual indiscretion. In attempting to map the "uncharted and often unpredictable emotional terrain" of adultery, she provides an intelligent and thought-provoking inquiry into why sexual infidelity will always fascinate us. Agent, Geri Thoma, Elaine Markson Literary Agency. (Aug.) Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

### From Library Journal

The myths and details of infidelity: the stolen kiss, the home shattered by a younger woman, the afternoon tryst that repeats over the course of years, and the passionate awakening brought on by a forbidden love are the stuff of great literature and changed lives. In this swift, engaging literary memoir, DeSalvo (*Breathless*) retells her own adultery story (her husband's affair almost destroyed their then young marriage) as she examines adultery in literature and public life, from Dante to Wharton and Woolf and from Waller to Lewinsky. These stories, and the lives behind them, full of "yearning, loss, desire, sorrow, autonomy are...the fundamental bedrock of the chastened human soul." And they fascinate and compel us even as they disgust or frighten us. DeSalvo's moving literary exploration is great preparation for her real work: resolving the betrayal in her own marriage. She confronts the complex issues of longing, loyalty, and fragile but persistent autonomy with vigor, ultimately reinterpreting the nature and purpose of this lifelong

union. Recommended for public libraries. A Rebecca Miller, "Library Journal"  
Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Lisa Martin:**

Why don't make it to become your habit? Right now, try to ready your time to do the important action, like looking for your favorite book and reading a book. Beside you can solve your long lasting problem; you can add your knowledge by the guide entitled ADULTERY. Try to make book ADULTERY as your close friend. It means that it can for being your friend when you experience alone and beside that of course make you smarter than in the past. Yeah, it is very fortunated for you personally. The book makes you more confidence because you can know almost everything by the book. So , let's make new experience as well as knowledge with this book.

#### **Carrie Hunter:**

Have you spare time to get a day? What do you do when you have much more or little spare time? That's why, you can choose the suitable activity with regard to spend your time. Any person spent their particular spare time to take a wander, shopping, or went to typically the Mall. How about open or maybe read a book called ADULTERY? Maybe it is to become best activity for you. You understand beside you can spend your time with the favorite's book, you can better than before. Do you agree with it has the opinion or you have different opinion?

#### **John Valdez:**

What do you regarding book? It is not important together with you? Or just adding material if you want something to explain what yours problem? How about your extra time? Or are you busy man? If you don't have spare time to perform others business, it is gives you the sense of being bored faster. And you have extra time? What did you do? Every person has many questions above. They should answer that question since just their can do that will. It said that about publication. Book is familiar in each person. Yes, it is suitable. Because start from on pre-school until university need this kind of ADULTERY to read.

#### **Kimberly Silvestre:**

Reading a reserve make you to get more knowledge from that. You can take knowledge and information coming from a book. Book is created or printed or descriptive from each source in which filled update of news. Within this modern era like today, many ways to get information are available for an individual. From media social similar to newspaper, magazines, science e-book, encyclopedia, reference book, novel and comic. You can add your knowledge by that book. Isn't it time to spend your spare time to open your book? Or just searching for the ADULTERY when you required it?

**Download and Read Online ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo  
#BFUDJ0ZCYO5**

## **Read ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo for online ebook**

ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo Free PDF d0wnl0ad, audio books, books to read, good books to read, cheap books, good books, online books, books online, book reviews epub, read books online, books to read online, online library, greatbooks to read, PDF best books to read, top books to read ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo books to read online.

### **Online ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo ebook PDF download**

**ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo Doc**

**ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo Mobipocket**

**ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo EPub**

**BFUDJ0ZCYO5: ADULTERY By Louise DeSalvo**