



## Immoral, Indecent, and Scurrilous: The Making of an Unrepentant Sex Radical by Jonathan Manthorpe

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This memoir from one of Canada's most important LGBTQ2S+ activists is an inspiring "queer history page-turner" (Jonathan Ned Katz) that will inspire and inform a new generation fighting for their rights.

"Gerald Hannon's memoir of an 'unrepentant sex radical' provides all the Immoral, Indecent, and Scurrilous tales its tempting title promises. As a gay activist, prize-winning journalist, writing instructor, sex worker, and choral and opera singer, Hannon explores the 'passionate communities' that comprise his remarkable life. This is one of the best-written accounts of being 'queer' that I've read in years, and it's a crucial addition to Canadian LGBTQ2S+ history."

— Stan Persky

"Besides an intimate view of his own life, loves and outrages, Hannon's memoir is a cogent insider account of radical gay activism in Toronto beginning in the mid-1970s: the bath house raids, the launch of Gay Pride and the history of The Body Politic collective, the publication where Hannon was a staff photographer, reporter and chronicler of sexual mores."

-Sandra Martin, *Globe and Mail*

"Gerald Hannon is a gifted writer who tells his story with penetrating insight, gentle humour, and eye-widening honesty. I didn't always agree with his sex-radical stances, but always admired his tireless challenge to conventional norms. His writing career included unflinching profiles of notable Canadian personalities, invariably exploring paths no one else would dare. Now, he has done the same with his own remarkable life, extending from altar boy to gay liberation activist, and then much-honoured journalist. Every part of this memoir carries critically important lessons about the meanings of free speech, journalistic integrity, and sexual desire — lessons as important now as ever."

— David Rayside, Professor Emeritus of Political Science; founding Director of the Bonham Centre for Sexual Diversity Studies, *University of Toronto*

### The Author

Gerald Hannon is a journalist and has been an LGBTQ+ rights activist since the 1960s. Hannon has won thirteen National Magazine Awards and written for the likes of *The Body Politic*, *Xtra!*, and *Toronto Life*. Originally from Marathon, ON, he now lives in Toronto.



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