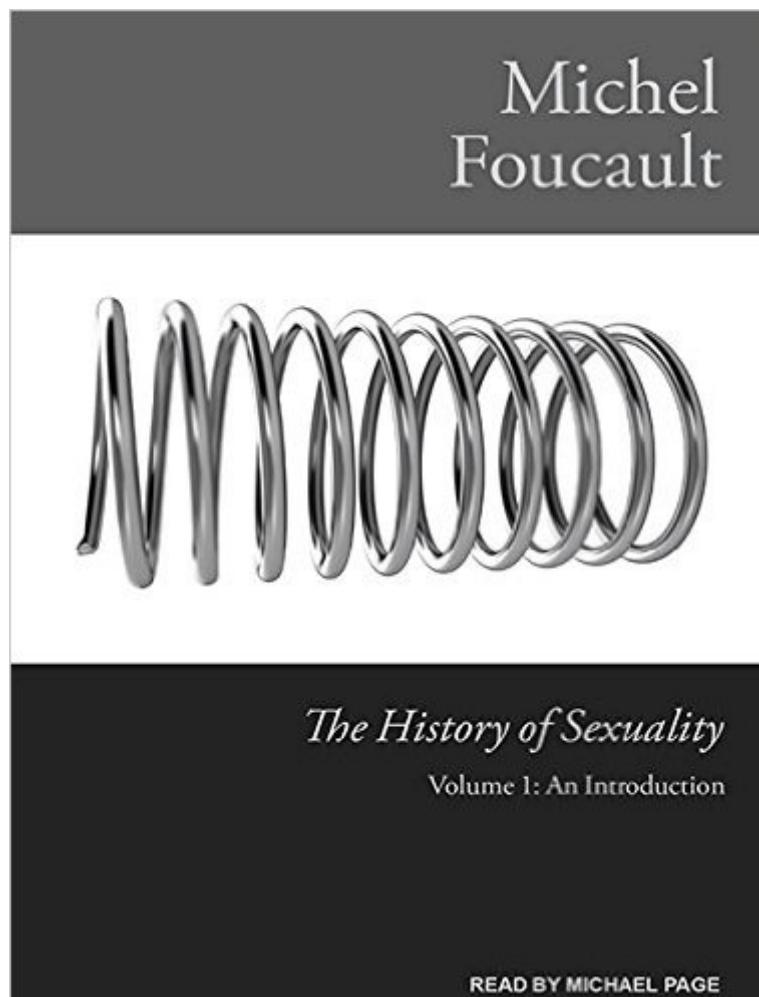


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Michel Foucault (1926-1984) was a French philosopher, historian of ideas, and social theorist and activist; he wrote many books, such as *Madness and Civilization: A History of Insanity in the Age of Reason*, *The Birth of the Clinic*, *Discipline & Punish: The Birth of the Prison*, *The History of Sexuality*, Vol. 2: *The Use of Pleasure*, *The History of Sexuality*, Vol. 3: *The Care of the Self*, etc.

Openly gay [see the James Miller biography, *The Passion of Michel Foucault*], he died of AIDS--the first à œpublic figureâ • in France to die of the virus. He wrote in the first chapter of this 1976 book, à œFor a long timeâ | we supported a Victorian regime, and we continue to be dominated by it even today.

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