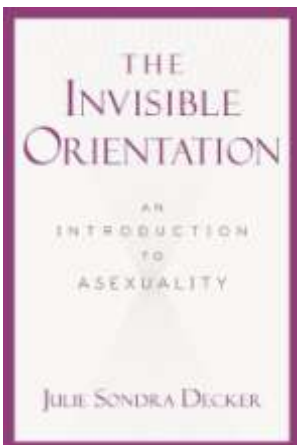


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That's a real shame because you're hot.	You must have been sexually abused as a child.	It's great that you're saving yourself.	You haven't met the right person.	You can't know you're asexual if you're a virgin.
If you tried it and didn't like it, you just did it wrong.	If you're sexually repulsed, you need therapy.	You're secretly gay.	Asexuality is an excuse for ugly people.	You can't be asexual if you masturbate.
You must have just gotten out of a bad relationship.	It's a phase. You'll grow out of it.	Get your hormones checked.	If it's really love, you'll want sex.	But humans are here to procreate!
The word for that is "abstinence."	You'd be into sex if a hot celebrity propositioned you.	You must be a sociopath. Or a giant nerd.	You're just shy or scared. This is an excuse.	I could fix you— give me a chance!
You probably just never had an orgasm.	Everyone needs sex. You're repressing your desires.	You have no idea what you're missing.	So you think you're more "pure" than everyone else?	There's a pill for that.



These misconceptions and more are debunked in **THE INVISIBLE ORIENTATION** by Julie Sondra Decker, available September 2, 2014 from Skyhorse Publishing/Carrel Books.

THE INVISIBLE ORIENTATION outlines what asexuality is, counters misconceptions, provides resources, and puts asexual people's experiences in context as they move through a very sexualized world. It includes information for asexual people to help understand their orientation and what it means for their relationships, as well as tips and facts for those who want to understand their asexual friends and loved ones.