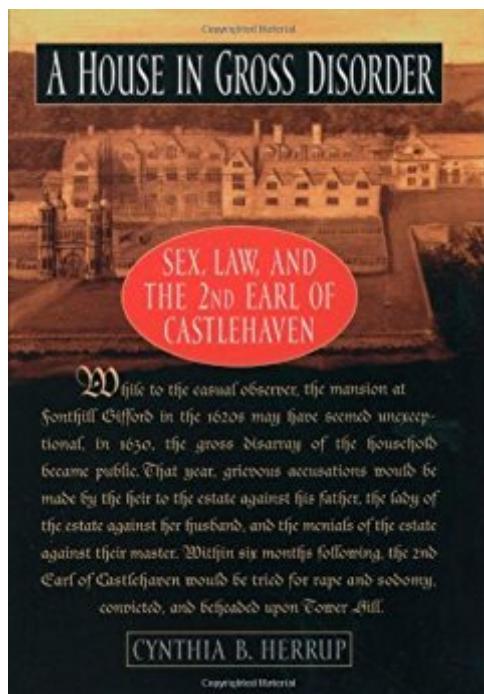


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# A House In Gross Disorder: Sex, Law, And The 2nd Earl Of Castlehaven



## Synopsis

Sex, privilege, corruption, and revenge--these are elements that we expect to find splashed across today's tabloid headlines. But in 17th century England, a sex scandal in which the 2nd Earl of Castlehaven was executed for crimes so horrible that "a Christian man ought scarce to name them" threatened the very foundations of aristocratic hierarchy. In *A House in Gross Disorder*, Cynthia Herrup presents a strikingly new interpretation both of the case itself and of the sexual and social anxieties it cast into such bold relief. Castlehaven was convicted of abetting the rape of his wife and of committing sodomy with his servants. More than that, he stood accused of inverting the natural order of his household by reveling in rather than restraining the intemperate passions of those he was expected to rule and protect. Herrup argues that because an orderly house was considered both an example and endorsement of aristocratic governance, the riotousness presided over by Castlehaven was the most damning evidence against him. Castlehaven himself argued that he was the victim of an impatient son, an unhappy wife, and courtiers greedy for his lands. Eschewing simple conclusions about guilt or innocence, Herrup focuses instead on the fascinating legal, social and political dynamics of the case and its subsequent retellings. In prose as riveting as the moral and legal dramas it depicts, *A House in Gross Disorder* reconsiders a scandal that still speaks to contemporary anxieties about sex, good governance, and the role of law in regulating both.

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Within A House in Gross Disorder: Sex, Law, and the 2nd Earl of Castlehaven, Cynthia Herrupâ™s objective is to âœreshape the accepted narrativeâ | as well as our understanding of whyâ • (145) the 2nd Earl of Castlehaven was, in 1630, tried and convicted in of rape and sodomy. Further, she analyzes the various interpretations of Castlehavenâ™s trial, âœeach framed for particular audiences and purposes,â • (150) with successive retellings of Castlehaven being reflections of contemporaneous societal concerns. Additionally, Herrup argues âœstudies of legal cases often give either too much or too little consideration to the interrelationship of law and society.â • (153) Law is a construct of society and neither are independent of one another. By tracing the earliest accounts of the trial through correspondence between courtiers and gentry, Herrup concludes âœthe trial was about more than the indicted crimes, it was about disrespect between father and son, abuse of power between husband and wife, and dangerous shifts of authority between master and servant.â • (119) Instead, reacting to the subversion of the Earl to his servants, the Crown was forced to reaffirm a properly ordered status quo: a patrician in full control of his house. Indeed, Herrup advocates reestablishment of normative societal roles was the true motive of the trial and conviction. The instability of Castlehavenâ™s house endangered the mastery of the king over the commonwealth. Over the following three centuries, Herrup posits, âœwriters have used the example of Castlehaven in arguments aboutâ | cuckoldry, tyranny, degeneracy, redemption, marital abuse, marital reform, toleration, and homophobia.

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