

## More from *Liquid Love*

### About Children

p. 41 There were times (of households/workshops, of family farms) when children were producers

p. 41. With the new frailty of family structures, with many a family's life expectation shorter than the individual life expectation of any of its members, with the membership of a particular family lineage turning fast into one of the "undecidables" of the liquid modern era, and the allegiance to any one of the several kinship networks turning for a rising number of individuals into a matter of choice, and a revocable, until-further choice...

p. 42 Ours are times when the child is, first and foremost, an object of emotional consumption.

p. 42. Children are among the most expensive purchases that average consumers are likely to make in the course of their entire lives.

p. 44. Parenthood...self-sacrifice...fears of unexplored dangers

Companies offering the chance to "choose a child from a catalogue of attractive donors" and bespoke clinics composing the gene spectrum of an unborn child to the client's order need not worry about a lack of interested clients, or a shortage of profitable business.

### About Marriage

p. 50. The usability of the goods as a rule outlives their usefulness to the consumer.

p. 51. The entitlements of sexual partners have become the prime site of anxiety.

p. 52 Wife-swapping

### About sexual identity

p. 56 Homo sexualis is not a state, let alone a permanent, immutable state, abut a process, laden with trials and errors, hazardous voyages of discovery and occasional finds....