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(Sue Magee *The Bookbag*)

"Luke Gittos has written the clearest, most incisive critique of the rape culture to date. His provocative observation, that rape culture is part and parcel of an official outlook which problematizes and seeks to regulate intimate relationships, challenges the premise for policing young people's sexuality and suggests the need for a robust defense of the integrity of intimacy and personal autonomy."

(Nancy McDermott, of Women for Tolerance and Freedom)

"Gittos has produced a useful and intelligent analysis that clarifies and makes sense of an issue that has become very muddled. Gittos's tightly written polemic argues against the accepted view that we live in a society in which misogyny and everyday sexism have created a so-called rape culture, in which rape is pervasive, underreported and ignored... And that's why Gittos's intervention is so vital. He is intent on protecting the sphere of intimacy from those who see rape everywhere."

(Ann Furedi *Spiked!*)

### **About the Author**

Luke Gittos is a solicitor practising criminal law. He has extensive experience in defending allegations of rape and sexual violence. He is the legal editor for Spiked online, where he writes regularly about legal developments in this field and about defendant's rights generally. He regularly participates in debates on legal issues on television and radio.

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