Gay & Lesbian Pride Month Bibliography
June 2009

"Your Rights, Our Rights, Human Rights"

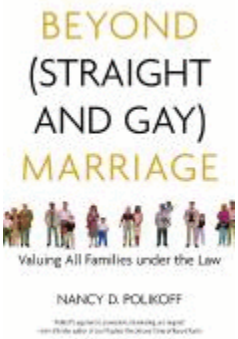
Harvey Milk

Gay and Lesbian Pride Month is celebrated each June to commemorate the contributions of gays, lesbians, bisexual, and transgender people in the United States and around the world. This month was chosen because the Stonewall Rebellion began in New York City the night of June 27, 1969.

The following is a selected list of books, films and websites that will inform you about gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people. All books and film are available at the Norfolk Public Library, and the websites may be viewed online at any of the public computer stations located in the library. Databases will require your library card number if at home.

Nonfiction

Relationships, Marriage and Families



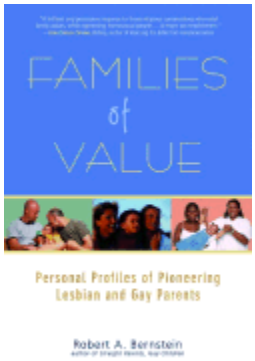
Beyond (Straight and Gay) Marriage: Valuing all Families Under the Law by Nancy D. Polikoff.

The root problem, asserts law professor and LBGT rights activist Nancy Polikoff, is that marriage is a bright dividing line between those relationships that legally matter, and those that don't.

The Complete Guide to Gay & Lesbian Weddings: Civil Partnerships and All You Need to Know by Jo Webber and Matt Miles.

Gay and lesbian couples have seen that making a formal commitment to a loving long-term relationship has become an accepted way for them to co-exist openly and happily within their communities. This unique book brings them the expertise of the wedding-information-book market leader plus the endorsements of two of the United Kingdom's most prestigious alternative-culture magazines. This book provides everything that will produce a very special day

Families of Value: Personal Profiles of Pioneering Lesbian and Gay Parents by Robert A. Bernstein.



Families of Value offers a poignant defense of families with same-sex parents. Former attorney and award-winning author Robert Bernstein tells powerful stories of families with gay and lesbian parents who are at the forefront of social change in America.

Gay Marriage, Real Life: Ten Stories of Love and Family by Michelle Bates Deakin.

Ten stories of legally married and unrecognized unions and partnerships describing long term relationships, acceptance and being shunned by family.

Solomon's Choice: A Guide to Custody for Ex-husbands, Spurned Partners, and Forgotten Grandparents by Richard Kent.

Preparing for legal proceedings, wheat to expect, and post-judgment remedies for legal custody cases.

<u>Social Issues</u>

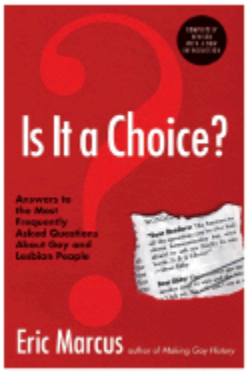
Ask & Tell: Gay and Lesbian Veterans Speak Out by Steve Estes.

"Don't ask, don't tell" was the directive of President Clinton's 1993 military policy regarding gay and lesbian soldiers. This official silence continued a collective amnesia about the patriotic service and courageous sacrifices of homosexual troops. *Ask and Tell* recovers these lost voices, offering a rich chronicle of the history of gay and lesbian service in the U.S. military from World War II to the Iraq War. Drawing on more than 50 interviews with gay and lesbian veterans, Steve Estes charts the evolution of policy toward homosexuals in the military over the past 65 years, uncovering the ways that silence about sexuality and military service has affected the identities of gay veterans.

Bulletproof Faith: A Spiritual Survival Guide for Gay and Lesbian Christians by Candace Chellew-Hodge.

This thoughtful, practical guide shows readers a way through the minefield of condemnation and persecution faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender Christians and helps foster a faith that is bulletproof-impervious to attacks, yet loving and savvy in its approach. *Bulletproof Faith* is filled with useful insights and proven spiritual practices that deflect attacks and enhance and strengthen faith by turning attacks into opportunities for spiritual growth.

Is it a Choice? Answers to the Most Frequently Asked Questions About Gay and Lesbian People by Eric Marcus.



This revised edition addresses numerous questions commonly asked about homosexuality: from understanding the dynamics of same-gender relationships and the ramifications of today's politics on the gay community, to the role of family in a gay person's life and the Bible's stance on homosexuality.

A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples by Hayden Curry.

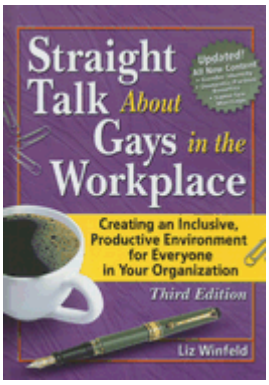
This plain-English guide shows lesbian and gay couples how to obtain domestic partner benefits, how to secure the right to make medical and financial decisions for each other in an emergency, and how to leave property to each other in wills. It also explains the practical and legal aspects of having and raising children through adoption, donor insemination, surrogacy, or foster parenting. This 12th edition covers the latest legislation on domestic partnership and same sex marriage.

Same-Sex Marriage: Moral Wrong or Civil Right? by Tricia Andryszewski.

Explores the legal and religious issues surrounding marriage between two people of the same sex in the United States, discussing such topics as legal benefits, adoption, discrimination, and the civil rights of homosexuals.

Spirited: Affirming the Soul and Black Gay/Lesbian Identity edited by G. Winston James.

More than 40 writers address the question of how we, as same-gender-loving black people, affirm ourselves as sexual and spiritual people.



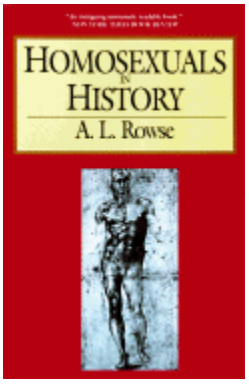
Straight Talk About Gays in the Workplace: Creating an Inclusive, Productive Environment for Everyone in Your Organization by Liz Winfeld.

Winfeld, president of an education and consulting firm specializing in workplace diversity, writes frankly about aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace, and shows how to incorporate this type of diversity into an organization. For this third edition there is expanded information on transgender employees, and on the financial rewards of marketing an organization as being open to the gay community.

The Whole World was Watching: Living in the Light of Matthew Shepard by Romaine Patterson.

Chronicles the life of Romaine Patterson, focusing on her work to fight discrimination against homosexuals, her friendship with Matthew Shepard, and her work combating the antigay demonstrators in Wyoming after Shepard's murder.

<u>History</u>



Homosexuals in History: A Study of Ambivalence in Society, Literature, and the Arts by A.L. Rowse.

Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Tchaikovsky, Oscar Wilde, Ernst Rohm, Noël Coward--these men shared a sexual orientation that defied their eras' ideas of biology, and often ran counter to mainstream society. In this book, A.L. Rowse, an eminent historian, examines the lives of these homosexual men of genius and their times.

How the Homosexuals Saved Civilization: The True and Heroic Story of How Gay Men Shaped the Modern World by Cathy Crimmins.

Describes the vast contributions gay men have made to American culture and its effect on the way straight people talk, think, dress, and eat.

Improper Bostonians: Lesbian and Gay History from the Puritans to Playland compiled by the History Project.

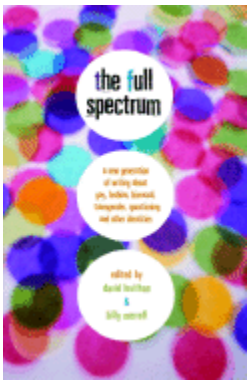
Surprising, fun, and magnificently illustrated with two hundred images, *Improper Bostonians* is the first book to depict Boston's three centuries of gay and lesbian life and may be the most comprehensive and meticulously researched gay city history ever written.

Wide-Open Town: A History of Queer San Francisco to 1965 by Nan Alamilla Boyd.

Wide-Open Town traces the history of gay men and lesbians in San Francisco from the turn of the century, when gay bars emerged in San Francisco's tourist districts, to 1965, when a police raid on a drag ball changed the course of gay history.

Humor, Literature & Arts

The Full Spectrum: A New Generation of Writing about Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and Other Identities edited by David Levithan.

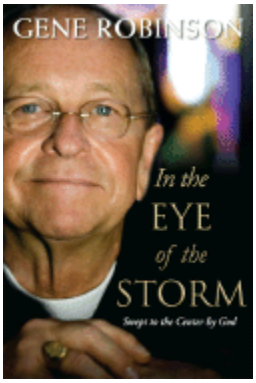


Teens are more aware of sexuality and identity than ever, and they're looking for answers and insights, as well as a community of others. In order to help create that community, YA authors David Levithan and Billy Merrell have collected original poems, essays, and stories by young adults in their teens and early 20s. The Full Spectrum includes a variety of writers-gay, lesbian, bisexual, straight, transitioning, and questioning-on a variety of subjects: coming out, family, friendship, religion/faith, first kisses, break-ups, and many others.

Such is My Love: A Study of Shakespeare's Sonnets by Joseph Pequigney.

A homoerotic study of Shakespeare's sonnets.

Biography



Family Outing: What Happened When I Found Out My Mother Was Gay: A Memoir by Troy Johnson.

In the Eye of the Storm: Swept to the Center by God by Gene Robinson.

The first openly gay bishop in the Protestant Episcopal Church offers a look at the passions that have shaped his life and ministry, which includes service to the poor and marginalized, and explores controversial issues, including homosexuality and the church.

Lost Prophet: The Life and Times of Bayard Rustin by John D'Emilio.

Bayard Rustin is among the most important figures in the history of the American civil rights movement. Before Martin Luther King, before Malcolm X, Bayard Rustin was working to bring the cause to the forefront of America's consciousness. A teacher to King, an international apostle of peace, and the organizer of the famous 1963 March on Washington, he brought Gandhi's philosophy of nonviolence to America and helped launch the civil rights movement. Nonetheless, Rustin has been largely ignored by history, in part because he was an African American homosexual.

Mama's Boy, Preacher's Son: A Memoir by Kevin Jennings.

The author recalls growing up poor in the South, the son of a fundamentalist preacher and a self-taught mother, describing his discovery of a world beyond poverty where he could live openly as a gay man, and the need to hide his identity in his career as a teacher.

Man in the Middle by John Amaechi.

Chronicles the author's journey from awkward, overweight English lad to NBA star while overcoming endless obstacles, including his father's abandonment, a life-threatening injury, and the protection of a secret that could end his career: his homosexuality.

A Pilgrim in a Pilgrim Church: Memoirs of a Catholic Archbishop by Robert G. Weak land.

The former Catholic archbishop of Milwaukee who resigned in 2002 after a relationship with a man whom the church paid restitution writes about his childhood in rural Pennsylvania, studying music at Julliard and Columbia University, psychological, spiritual, and sexual growth, and how his famously liberal beliefs affected his ministry. To be published June, 2009.

Reference

The Gay & Lesbian Atlas by Gary J. Gates.

Based upon information collected in the 2000 US Census, this reference presents a detailed geographic account of America's gay and lesbian households. Each of the 50 states is covered in a two-page spread featuring colorful maps and charts showing the distribution of same-sex couples and highlighting their demographic characteristics, including age, race, and the proportion raising children. Twenty-five cities are also profiled in a similar fashion.

YA

Falling Hard: 100 Love Poems by Teenagers edited by Betsy Franco.

Presents a diverse collection of poems on love from straight, gay, lesbian, transgender, and bisexual teens, ranging in age from thirteen to eighteen.

Hear Me Out: True Stories of Teens Educating and Confronting Homophobia edited by Frances Rooney.

A group of young gay, lesbian, transsexual, bisexual, and transgender youths describe their experiences and the challenges they face.

Out Law: What LGBT Youth Should Know About Their Legal Rights by Lisa Keen.

Provides advice on the laws that affect and may protect lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender young people in the United States, including those covering sexual activity, free speech and association, protection from abuse, and privacy.

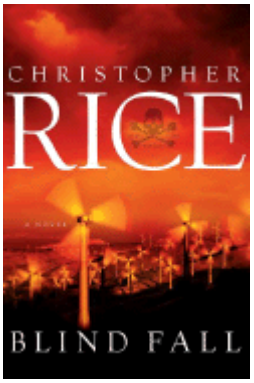
What if Someone I know is Gay? Answers to Questions About What it Means to be Gay and Lesbian by Eric Marcus.

Offers answers to questions young readers might ask about gay people, whether those questions concern a friend, a family member, or themselves.

Fiction

Basketball Jones by E. Lynn Harris.

Aldridge James "AJ" Richardson's comfortable life with his longtime lover, famed NBA star Dray Jones, is threatened by the need to hide their relationship to maintain Dray's public image and by Dray's marriage to Judy, a beautiful and ambitious woman.



Blind Fall: A Novel by Christopher Rice.

Written by the son of prolific author Anne Rice, Christopher Rice writes a thrilling novel about a soldier who is disgraced after a split-second decision nearly kills his marine captain. Iraq war veteran John Houck struggles to redeem himself in his captain's eyes and stumbles on a horrifying murder scene that wrongfully implicates the captain's partner.

The Family Man by Elinor Lipman.

A lonely gay man reconnects with his grown step-daughter by serving as her lawyer and reforming a close relationship.

Nothing Pink by Mark Hardy.

Vincent Harris, the teenaged son of a Baptist minister, has always known he is gay and uses his faith to avoid any sinful thoughts or acts, but when his family moves to a new church in the late 1970s, he meets Robert Ingle, falls in love, and begins to wonder if God is really asking him to repent and change.

<u>YA</u>

The God Box by Alex Sanchez.

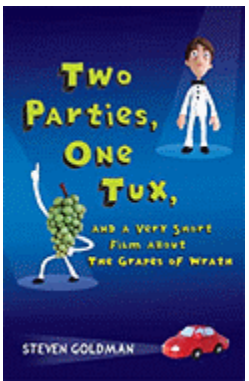
In an unforgettable novel, a Lambda Award-winning author tells the story of Paul, a religious high-school senior whose life is turned upside-down when he meets Manuel, who says he’s both Christian and gay -- two things Paul didn’t think could coexist.

Luna: A Novel by Julie Anne Peters.

With the help of his sister, Liam secretly transforms himself into a girl when evening falls, but although he wants to present his female persona to the world, he fears the reaction of the rest of his family.

Not the Only One: Lesbian and Gay Fiction for Teens edited by Jane Summer.

This revised edition of Alyson's groundbreaking anthology for gay and lesbian teens features new original fiction which reflects both the tension and relief of being true to oneself.



Two Parties, One Tux, and a Very Short Film about the Grapes of Wrath by Steven Goldman.

Mitch, a shy and awkward high school junior, negotiates the difficult social situations he encounters, both with girls and with his best friend David, after David reveals to him that he is gay.

What they Always Tell Us by Martin Wilson.

Sixteen-year-old Alex feels so disconnected from his friends that he starts his junior year at a Tuscaloosa, Alabama high school by attempting suicide, but soon, a friend of his older brother draws him into cross-country running and a new understanding of himself.

Juvenile

All Families are Special by Norma Simon.

Students in Mrs. Mack's class describe their families -- big or small, living together or apart, with two moms or none -- and learn why every family is special and important.

And Tango Makes Three by Justin Richardson.

At New York City's Central Park Zoo, two male penguins fall in love and start a family by taking turns sitting on an abandoned egg until it hatches.

Antonio's Card by Rigoberto González.

With Mother's Day coming, Antonio finds he has to decide about what is important to him when his classmates make fun of the unusual appearance of his mother's partner, Leslie.

King & King & Family by Linda de Haan.

At the surprise ending of de Haan and Nijland's *King & King*, lonely Prince Bertie rejects five fairy-tale princesses and marries the handsome prince. In this issue the kings exclaims "I wish we had a little one of our own," Bertie sighs. When they return to their kingdom and to Bertie's mother (who looks much less sour than in the original) they discover a tan-skinned, brown-haired stowaway in their suitcase. " 'You're the child we always wanted,' said King and King," who file the necessary adoption papers and name the girl Princess Daisy. The warm conclusion befits the theme of unconditional acceptance.

Holly's Secret by Nancy Garden.

When she starts middle school, eleven-year-old Holly decides to become sophisticated and feminine, change her name to Yvette, and hide the fact that her two moms are lesbians.

DVD

Our House directed by Meema Spadola.

Explores what it's like to grow up in a house with gay or lesbian parents, through interviews with sons and daughters of five families, all with different backgrounds, religious beliefs, and gender.

Paragraph 175: A Telling Pictures Production a Rob Epstein, Jeffrey Friedman film.

Historian Klaus Müller interviews survivors of the Nazi persecution of homosexuals, many of whom were interred in concentration camps during World War II because of the German Penal Code of 1871, Paragraph 175.

The Times of Harvey Milk produced by Richard Schmeichen.

Documentary about the first openly gay man elected to political office in California, including his background and news coverage of his assassination.

Milk by Universal Home Video.

Examines the life and assassination of Harvey Milk, the first openly gay man elected to political office in California. Available after July 2009.

Internet

PBS-Out of the Past: 400 Years of Gay and Lesbian History in the US
http://www.pbs.org/outofthepast/home.html

Gay and Lesbian News
http://www.topix.net/news/gay

International Lesbian and Gay Association
http://www.ilga.org/

National Gay and Lesbian Task Force
http://thetaskforce.org/

Stonewall - library dedicated to gay and lesbian history and archives.
http://www.stonewall-library.org/

Databases. [For remote access, use your 13-digit library card number as your password.]

Biography Resource Center.

Includes full-text articles from hundreds of periodicals. Search for people based on one or more personal facts such as birth and death year, nationality, ethnicity, occupation or gender, or combine criteria to create a highly-targeted custom search.

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A one-stop source for news and periodical articles on a wide range of topics: business, computers, current events, economics, education, environmental issues, health care, hobbies, humanities, law, literature and art, politics, science, social science, sports, technology, and many general interest topics. Millions of full-text articles, many with images. Updated daily.

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