

## Identity, Etiquette & The Law

**Fairland: A Memoir of My Father** by Alysia Abbott. W.W.Norton & Company, 2013.  
Raised in 1970's San Francisco, the author writes of her intimate, often heartbreaking, but always honest and loving relationship with her openly gay father.

**Finding My Place: One Man's Journey from Cleveland to Boston and Beyond...** by Judah Leblang. Lake Effect Press, 2012. The author offers a heartwarming and heartbreaking memoir of coming of age in mid-century Cleveland with a secret. The author tours and performs his stories around the country, and will be appear at several venues during the Gay Games in Cleveland in August 2014.

**Forcing the Spring: Inside the Fight for Marriage Equality** by Jo Becker. Penguin Press, 2014.  
A Pulitzer Prize winner offers an in-depth look at the battle against Proposition 8, the politics, the legal issues, and the colorful characters, including the four people who brought the case and the lawyers who argued it.

**Making It Legal: A Guide to Same Sex Marriage, Domestic Partnerships & Civil Unions** by Frederick Hertz and Emily Doskow. NOLO, 2014.  
This reliable guide offers information on same-sex relationship law.

**My Husband and My Wives: A Gay Man's Odyssey** by Charles Rowan Beye. Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2012.  
Married twice and the father of four children, the author provides a charming, honest, and witty story of his heterosexual life and eventual marriage to his lifetime male lover.

**Redefining Realness: My Path to Womanhood, Identity, Love & So Much More** by Janet Mock. Atria Books, 2014.  
This is the sometimes-gritty, always gripping journey the author made transitioning to the woman she always knew she was and achieving success in her life and work.

**Steven Petrow's Complete Gay & Lesbian Manners: The Definitive Guide to LGBT Life** by Steven Petrow. Workman Publishing, 2011.  
A fun and witty guide to manners for LGBTQ people and others who want to be comfortable and make others feel comfortable in a variety of situations. It covers coming out, friendship, dating, weddings, parenting, social occasions, the workplace, funerals and more.

**Trans Bodies, Trans Selves: A Resource for the Trans Gender Community** by Laura Erickson-Schroth. Oxford University Press, 2014.  
This resource offers advice for transgender individuals and their particular challenges and suggests resources, including legal, medical, relationship, family, and political issues and more.

## Health, Family & Work

**Coming Around: Parenting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Kids** by Anne Dohrenweid. New Horizon Press, 2012.  
This book provides advice and insight so parents, including those having trouble dealing with the news, can help and support their children who are gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered.

**The G Quotient: Why Gay Executives Are Excelling as Leaders... and What Every Manager Needs to Know** by Kirk Snyder. Jossy-Bass, 2006.  
Based on a 5-year study, the author contends leaders present a style of leadership that increases job satisfaction and engagement much more than other styles. He calls this the "G Quotient." An excellent read for managers of any orientation.

**Here Come the Brides: Reflections on Lesbian Love and Marriage** by Audrey Bilger and Michele Kort. Seal Press, 2012. This series of first-person stories from Jewish, African-American, Asian, Chicana and other women talks about how they got married, why they got married, and how their own family and ethnic traditions played into their weddings and lives.

**Raising My Rainbow: Adventures in Raising a Slightly Effeminate, Possibly Gay, Totally Fabulous Son** by Lori Duron. Broadway Books, 2013.  
Based on her popular blog of the same name, the author presents a brutally honest, laugh-out-loud memoir of the joys and challenges of raising a different yet fabulous son.

**Straight Talk about Gays in the Workplace: Creating an Inclusive, Productive Environment for Everyone in Your Organization** by Liz Winfeld. Harrington Park Press, 2005. The author reveals how to incorporate diversity in your organization to foster greater loyalty, greater understanding, and greater productivity in this frank discussion about all the relevant aspects of sexual orientation and gender identity in the workplace.

**Top Health Issues for LGBT Populations: Information & Resource Kit.** Health and Human Services Department, U.S. Government 2013.  
Understanding health issues of LGBT individuals is a significant step in improving access to care and quality of behavioral health services. This resource informs health care providers and prevention specialists about the health experiences of LGBT populations

**What Every Gay Man Needs to Know about Prostate Cancer: The Essential Guide to Diagnosis, Treatment, and Recovery** by Gerald Periman. Magnus Books, 2013.  
White biology between gay and heterosexual men is the same, cultural differences in the ways gay and heterosexual men experience diagnosis, treatment, and recovery vary widely. Most urologists, support groups, prostate cancer literature assume patients are heterosexual, leaving gay men to seek out reliable information particular to their needs on their own. This book fills that gap.

# GLBTQ Book List



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## Books for Adults

### Art & Literature

**Anthony Friedkin: The Gay Essay** (Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco) by Julian Cox et al. Yale University Press 2014.  
This moving photographic series chronicles the gay communities of Los Angeles and San Francisco from 1969 to 1972.

**Fifty Years of Queer Cinema: 500 of the Best GLBTQ Films Ever Made** by Darwin Porter and Danforth Prince. Blood Moon Productions, 2010.  
This anthology considers how gays changed the movies we know and love and includes 500 reviews of the best of Hollywood's output of gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgendered, and queer-questioning films.

**Gay Voices of the Harlem Renaissance** by A. B. Christa Schwarz. Indiana University Press, 2003.  
An overview of 'Gay Harlem' in the context of the Harlem Renaissance places special emphasis on the lives and writings of Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, Claude McKay and Richard Bruce Nugent.

**The Invisibles: Vintage Portraits of Love and Pride** by Sebastian Lifshitz. Rizzoli International Publications, 2014.  
Vintage photos capture gay couples privately and often secretly celebrating their relationships.

**New Queer Cinema: The Director's Cut** by B. Ruby Rich. Duke University Press, 2013.  
The author has been involved with queer filmmaking as a critic, film-festival curator, publicist, scholar, and champion since it emerged in the 1980s. This is a collection of the best of her writing on New Queer Cinema from its beginning to the present.

**Out at the Movies: A History of Gay Cinema** by Stephan Paul Davis. Kamera Books 2008.  
Gay cinema has reflected the community's journey from persecution to acceptance. From films that celebrate an array of gay lifestyles to mainstream cinema, the book also covers gay filmmakers and actors and their influence within the industry, iconic scenes from gay cinema, and memorable dialogue from key films.

**White Girls** by Hilton Als. McSweeney's, 2013.  
The insightful New Yorker critic has created a compendium of fascinating articles on the psychology of sexual differences, and gender identity with a particular focus on African-American gays in popular culture and the arts.

## Spirituality, Religion & Parapsychology

**Does Jesus Really Love Me?: A Gay Christian's Pilgrimage in Search of God in America** by Jeff Chu. Harper Torch, 2013. After coming out as a gay man, an award-winning reporter documents his personal journey across the county to discover the God forbidden to him because of his sexuality and to understand what the diverse followers of Christ believe about homosexuality.

**Generous Spaciousness: Responding to Gay Christians in the Church** by Wendy Vanderwal-Gritter. Brazos Press, 2014. The author explores how Christians can nurture unity and hospitality within the church even among those with whom they disagree.

**God and the Gay Christian: The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships** by Matthew Vines. Convergent Books, 2014. A young man grappling with his religion and his sexual orientation offers a compelling interpretation of key Bible texts as they relate to sexual relationships.

**Queer Astrology for Women: An Astrological Guide for Lesbians** by Jill Dearman. St. Martins Press, 1999. This funny and insightful book geared toward lesbian relationships is a guide to personality types identified by traditional astrology signs.

**Queer Hauntings: True Tales of Gay & Lesbian Ghosts** by Ken Summers. Lethe Press, 2009. Set in a variety of locations from New Orleans to London, these supernatural tales offer an alternative travel guide for the LGBT community.

**Through the Door of Life: A Jewish Journey between Genders** by Joy Ladin. University of Wisconsin Press, 2013. This National Jewish Book Award Finalist is the memoir of Jay, now Joy Ladin, a professor of English at the Yeshiva University.

## Fiction & Mystery

**The Art of Fielding** by Chad Harbach. Little, Brown and Co. 2011. A baseball star at a small college launches a routine throw that goes disastrously off course and inadvertently changes the lives of five people, including the college president, a gay teammate and the president's daughter.

**Blue Is the Warmest Color** by Julie Maroh (graphic novel). Arsenal Pulp Press, 2013. Clementine's high school life takes a dramatic turn when her openly gay best friend introduces her to blue-haired Emma. Their attraction tests Clementine's beliefs about her relationships with her family, friends, and even her own identity.

**Brokeback Mountain** by Annie Proulx. Scribner, 2005. The friendship between two cowboys evolves into an intimate relationship spanning many years and frequent separations.

**First You Fall** by Scott Sherman. Createspace, 2011. Winner of the Lambda Literary Award for Best Mystery in 2009, this is the first in an edgy series with hustler Kevin Connor turning sleuth when his friend's death is ruled a suicide.

**Invisible Life** by E. Lynn Harris. Anchor Books, 1994. In this trilogy, including **Just As I Am** and **Abide With Me**, Harris tells the stories of Raymond and his friends who cope with everyday life, homophobia, and the restraints of culture and race.

**The Last Nude** by Ellis Avery. Riverhead Books, 2011. Agreeing to model nude for Art Deco painter Tamara de Lempicka, young American Rafaela Fano inspires the artist's most iconic Jazz Age images and becomes her lover while discovering dark truths about Tamara's private life.

**The Rebellion of Miss Lucy Ann Lobdell** by William Klaber. Greenleaf Book Group, 2013. This is the fictionalized account of the life of Lucy Ann Lobdell, who wore men's clothes and lived as a man in the 19th century.

**Rubyfruit Jungle** by Rita Mae Brown. Bantam Books, 1988. Born out of wedlock and adopted by a poor but loving family, Molly Bolt finds the South and even bohemian New York a hostile world for a lesbian.

**Taken by the Wind: A Jane Lawless Mystery** by Ellen Hart. Minotaur, 2013. As Eric and Andrew deal with marital problems, their son and his cousin disappear after a backyard camp out. Police believe the boys are runaways, so the parents hire their friend, private investigator Jane Lawless.

## Movies

**Blue Is the Warmest Color** (French). The Criterion Collection, 2014. Based on the graphic novel by Julie Maroh, this is the story of a naive teenager Adèle, who has a passionate relationship with an older art student named Emma. (Winner of the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival.)

**The Celluloid Closet**. Columbia TriStar Home Entertainment, 2001. This 100-year history of the role of gay men and lesbians in motion pictures includes excerpts from 120 different films, and comments by contemporary actors who have portrayed gay characters.

**The Normal Heart**. Home Box Office, 2014. This adaptation of Larry Kramer's 1985 semi-autobiographical play (*We have the script, too.*) focuses on the HIV-AIDS crisis in New York City in the early 1980s and the difficulties in raising awareness about the then-unknown disease.

## Board Books for Children

**Daddy, Papa, and Me** by Leslea Newman. Tricycle Press, 2009. Rhyming text and fun-filled illustrations follow the daily activities of a family with two dads.

**Mommy, Mama, and Me** by Leslea Newman. Tricycle Press, 2009. Rhyming text and fun-filled illustrations follow the daily activities of a family with two moms.

## Picture Books for Children

**10,000 Dresses** by Marcus Ewert. Seven Stories Press, 2008. Bailey thinks of herself as a girl and dreams of wearing beautiful dresses, but her family tells her she can't because she's a boy.

**Donovan's Big Day** by Leslea Newman. Tricycle Press, 2011. Donovan is excited because he has a very big job to do—he is going to be the ring bearer in his mothers' wedding.

**In Our Mothers' House** by Patricia Polacco. Philomel Books, 2009. The oldest of three adopted children tells the story of her family and her experience being raised by two loving mothers.

## Nonfiction for Children

**Families** by Susan Kuklin. Hyperion Books for Children, 2006. Children from diverse families share thoughts about and photographs of their families.

**The Great Big Book of Families** by Mary Hoffman. Dial Books for Young Readers, 2011. Detailed pictures and straightforward text celebrate the many kinds of families, and explore how their lives are similar and different.

**Who's In My Family?: All About Our Families** by Robie Harris. Candlewick, 2012. Siblings Nellie and Gus learn about all kinds of families during a fun day with their own parents and relatives.

## Books for Older Children

**Drama** by Raina Telgemeier. Graphix, 2012. In this graphic novel, seventh grader Callie and her friends are just beginning to figure out who they are, including questions of sexual identity.

**My Mixed-Up Berry Blue Summer** by Jennifer Gennari. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt, 2012. Twelve-year-old June spends the summer at her Vermont home getting used to the woman her mother is planning to marry, dealing with the reactions of others in their community, and practicing her pie-baking skills.

## Books for Teens

**Boyfriends with Girlfriends** by Alex Sanchez. Simon & Schuster, 2011 (Fiction). When Lance begins to date bisexual Sergio, he's not sure it'll work out, and when his best friend Allie, who has a boyfriend, meets Sergio's lesbian friend, she has unexpected feelings which she struggles to understand.

**GLBTQ: The Survival Guide for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Teens** by Kelly Huegel. Free Spirit Pub., 2011 (Nonfiction). This guide describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, and offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.

**It Gets Better: Coming Out, Overcoming Bullying, and Creating a Life Worth Living** edited by Dan Savage & Terry Miller. Dutton, 2011 (Nonfiction). This is an affirming collection of original essays and expanded testimonials written to teens from celebrities, political leaders, and everyday people. While many of these teens can't see a positive future for themselves, we can.

**It's Our Prom (So Deal with It): A Novel** by Julie Anne Peters. Little, Brown & Company, 2013 (Fiction). Told in separate voices, Azure, who is a lesbian, and Luke, who is bisexual, help plan an inclusive senior prom. While Luke writes and produces a musical about his life, both are working through the crush they have on their friend, Radhika.

**Lies My Girlfriend Told Me** by Julie Anne Peters. Little, Brown & Company, 2014 (Fiction). Colorado teenager Alix struggles with grief as painful secrets are revealed after her 17-year-old girlfriend dies suddenly.

**Luna** by Julie Anne Peters. Little, Brown & Company, 2004 (Fiction). Fifteen-year-old Regan's life has revolved around keeping her older brother Liam's transexuality a secret, but things change when Liam decides to start the process of transitioning.

**October Mourning: A Song for Matthew Shepard** by Leslea Newman. Candlewick, 2012 (Poetry). This is a collection of verse, from various points of view, of events from the night of October 6, 1998, when a 21-year-old gay college student was lured out of a Wyoming bar, savagely beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die.

**Shine** by Lauren Myracle. Amulet Books, 2011 (Mystery). When her best friend falls victim to a vicious hate crime, 16-year-old Cat sets out to discover the culprits in her small town.

**Two Boys Kissing** by David Levithan. Listening Library, 2013 (Audio CD). A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-section of today's gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways.

**Will Grayson, Will Grayson** by John Green & David Levithan. Dutton, 2010 (Fiction). When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.