We hope you enjoy this selection of books about LGBTQ themes in alphabetical order by author.

**Anthony Friedkin: The Gay Essay**
Francisco) by Julian Cox et.al. Yale University Press 2014.
This moving photographic series chronicles the gay aesthetic and culture of the San Francisco Renaissance from 1950 to 1972, focusing on the unique visual beauty and creativity of gay life.

**Fifty Years of Queer Cinema: 500 of the Best GLBTQ Films**
This book covers gay, bisexual, lesbian, transgendered, and queer filmmakers and actors, as well as iconic scenes from gay cinema and memorable dialogue from key films.

**Out at the Movies: A History of Gay Cinema**
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.

**New Queer Cinema: The Director's Cut**
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 present.

**Renaissance**
Places special emphasis on the lives and writings of Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, Claude McKay and Richard Bruce Nugent.

**Lifshitz. Rizzoli International Publications, 2014.**
Vintage photos capture gay couples privately and often in intimate settings.

**Gay Photographs by Helmut Newton, Rizzoli International Publications, 2014.**
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.

**Gigi Lifshitz. Rizzoli International Publications, 2014.**
This book is a celebration of the 2014 Gay Games in Cleveland, Ohio. McSweeneys, 2013.
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**Banned from the Games!**

**Blood Moon**
A novel that explores the intersection of love, politics, and identity in the context of the Gay Games.

**Effeminate, Possibly Gay, Totally Fabulous Son**
Based on her popular blog of the same name, 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.

**What Every Gay Man Needs to Know about Prostate Cancer:**
This book fills the gap for gay men who are seeking reliable information particular to their needs.

**Forcing the Spring: Inside the Fight for Marriage Equality**
The author tours and performs his stories around the country, and will be appearing at several venues during the Gay Games in Cleveland.

**Making It Legal: A Guide to Same Sex Marriage, Domestic Partnerships and Other Relationships**
Doskow. NOLO, 2014.
This reliable guide offers information on same-sex relationships, including marriage, partnerships, and other legal considerations.

**Steven Petrow's Complete Gay & Lesbian Manners:**

**Community**
Medical, relationship, family, and political issues and more.
First You Fall by Scott Sherman. Createspace, 2011. Winner of the Lambda Literary Award for Best Mystery in 2009, this is the first in a gay series with hunter 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 Blis 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.


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 campout. Police believe the boys are runaways, so the parents hire their friends, private investigator Jane Lawless.

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 television production 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.

Movie Books for Children


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.


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 transsexuality 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.

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 world when 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 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.


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


**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.

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 believes about her relationships with her family, friends, and even her own identity.

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