



## LGBTQ Books From BC

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Books by LGBTQ authors from BC.



## How Poetry Saved My Life

A Hustler's Memoir

by Amber Dawn

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : lesbian studies, prostitution & sex trade, lgbt

**Vancouver Book Award winner; Lambda Literary Award finalist**

**A memoir about sex work and sexuality, and how writing became the author's lifeline.**

Amber Dawn's acclaimed first novel *Sub Rosa*, a darkly intoxicating fantasy about a group of magical prostitutes who band together to fend off bad johns in a fantastical underworld, won a Lambda Literary Award in 2011. *How Poetry Saved My Life*, Amber Dawn's sophomore book, reveals an even more poignant and personal landscape--the terrain of sex work, queer ...

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## I am a Red Dress

Incantations on a Grandmother, a Mother, and a Daughter

by Anna Camilleri

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : jewish studies, women's studies

In *I Am a Red Dress*, acclaimed writer and performer Anna Camilleri confronts the ghosts of her past as she seeks to find her rightful place in the world. Part memoir, part storytelling, Anna writes with passion and conviction about family and identity, and how the wounds of personal history can be healed through the imagination.

These eloquent stories and narratives speak to the heart of three generations of women--Anna, her mother, and her grandmother--as they dealt with a cycle of family abuse; ...

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## In a Queer Country

Gay & Lesbian Studies in the Canadian Context

edited by Terry Goldie

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : gay studies

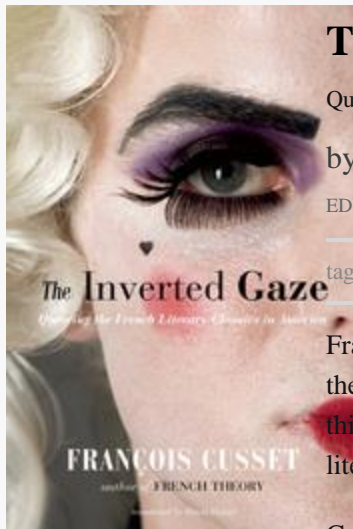
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In terms of rights and freedoms for queers, Canada holds an international reputation as among the most liberal of nations. Yet this picture of harmonious gay and lesbian assimilation is nothing if not fractured and fraught with the contradictions of place, privilege, race, and gender. *In a Queer Country* is a groundbreaking collection of fourteen essays on the struggles, pleasures, and contradictions of queer culture and public life in Canada.

Versed in queer social history as well as leading-e ...

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## The Inverted Gaze

Queering the French Literary Classics in America

by Francois Cusset, translated by David Homel

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : gay & lesbian

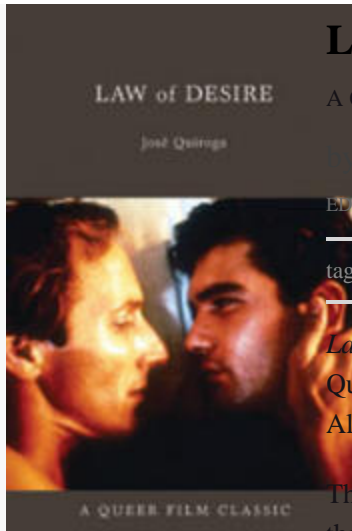
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François Cusset, author of the acclaimed book *French Theory*, investigates the queering of the French literary canon by American writers and scholars in this thought-provoking and free-minded journey across six centuries of literary classics and sexual polemics.

Cusset presents the foundations and rationale for American queer theory, the field of study established in the 1990s and promulgated by writers and scholars such as Judith Butler, Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick, and Michael Warner, which challenge ...

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## Law of Desire

A Queer Film Classic

Jose Quiroga, series edited by Thomas Waugh & Matthew Hays

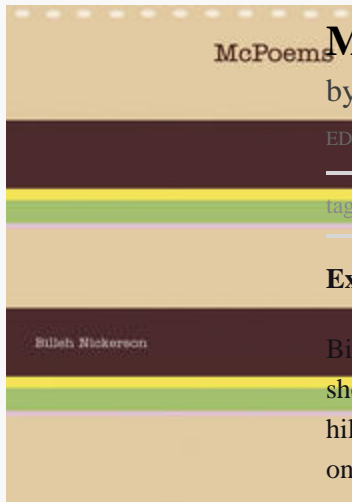
EDITION: **Paperback**

tagged : history & criticism, gay studies

*Law of Desire*, one of three inaugural titles in Arsenal's film book series Queer Film Classics, focuses on the 1987 homoerotic melodrama by Pedro Almodovar, Spain's most successful contemporary film director.

The film *Law of Desire* is a grand tale of love, lust, and amnesia featuring three main characters: a gay film director (played by Eusebio Poncela); his sister, an actress who was once his brother (Carmen Maura); and a repressed, obsessive stalker (a young Antonio Banderas). In the thirty-plus ...

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## McPoems

by Billeh Nickerson

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tagged : canadian

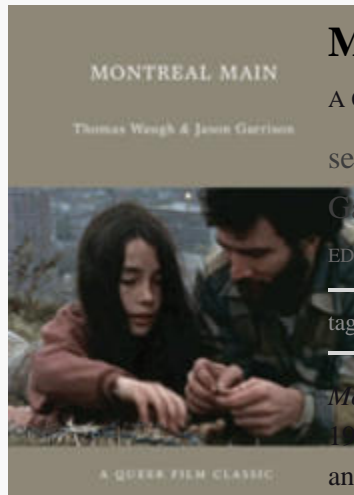
**Excerpted in *Geist* magazine**

Billeh Nickerson's first poetry book, *The Asthmatic Glassblower*, was shortlisted for the Publishing Triangle's Gay Men's Poetry Award. The hilarious and illuminating poems in his new collection, *McPoems*, are based on his years working at a particularly well-known fast-food restaurant; they paint a vivid picture of life behind the counter and will resonate with anyone who has ever held a fast-food job. Hold the pickle!

*from the book...*

100 Cheeseburgers  
An elderly man ...

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## Montreal Main

A Queer Film Classic

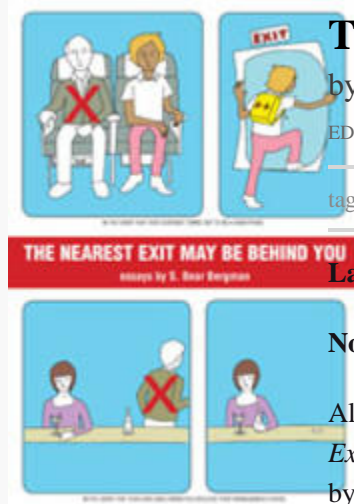
series edited by Thomas Waugh & Matthew Hays, by Jason Garrison

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : history & criticism

*Montreal Main: A Queer Film Classic* considers the brilliant yet neglected 1974 Canadian film set in Montreal's bohemian neighborhood "The Main" and hailed at its premiere at the Whitney Museum of American Art. The movie, directed and starring Frank Vitale, is both a great indie film and a great queer film; a fascinating cinema vérité take on North American social mores and relationships in the 1970s, about a twentysomething photographer living among the outcasts, junkies, and artists populatin ...

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## The Nearest Exit May Be Behind You

by S. Bear Bergman

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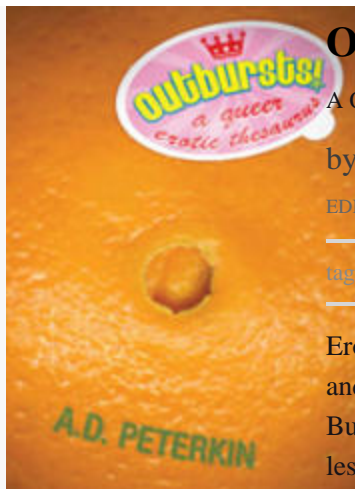
tagged : gay studies

**Lambda Literary Award Finalist**

**Now in its second printing**

Alternately unsettling and affirming, devastating and delicious, *The Nearest Exit May Be Behind You*, is a new collection of essays on gender and identity by S. Bear Bergman that is irrevocably honest and endlessly illuminating. With humour and grace, these essays deal with issues from women's spaces to the old boys' network, from gay male bathhouses to lesbian potlucks, from being a child to preparing to have one; throughout, S. Bear Bergma ...

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## Outbursts!

A Queer Erotic Thesaurus

by Allan Peterkin

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : gay studies, lesbian studies

Erotic slang words from Great Britain, Canada, the United States, Australia, and other English-speaking nations number well into the tens of thousands. But the history of terms used to describe the sexual activities of gays and lesbians have opposing sources: one, the discreet networks of gay men and lesbians who sought to come up with a new terminology for the pleasures of their secret lives; and the other, those who found gay sexuality repellent, and created phrases that denigrated and insulte ...

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## Persistence

All Ways Butch and Femme

edited by Ivan Coyote & Zena Sharman

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : gender studies, lesbian studies

**Named a Stonewall Honor Book by the American Library Association**

**Lambda Literary Award finalist**

In the summer of 2009, butch writer and storyteller Ivan Coyote and gender researcher and femme dynamo Zena Sharman wrote down a wish-list of their favourite queer authors; they wanted to continue and expand the butch-femme conversation. The result is *Persistence: All Ways Butch and Femme*. The stories in these pages resist simple definitions. The people in these stories defy reductive stereotypes and ...

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## Queering the Way

The Loud & Queer Anthology

edited by Darrin Hagen

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : lgbt

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Edmonton's Loud & Queer Cabaret has been blazing trails and shining a light on Queer arts and culture for twenty years. The showcase has debuted more than three hundred pieces of stunning performance and art from both established and emerging talent alike.

From the Loud & Queer Cabaret archives, here are some of the most memorable pieces, from monologues to cabarets to one-act plays. Diversity of the LGBTQ experience is at the heart of this powerful collection. Voices ring out with stories and ...

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## queersexlife

Autobiographical Notes on Sexuality, Gender & Identity

by Terry Goldie

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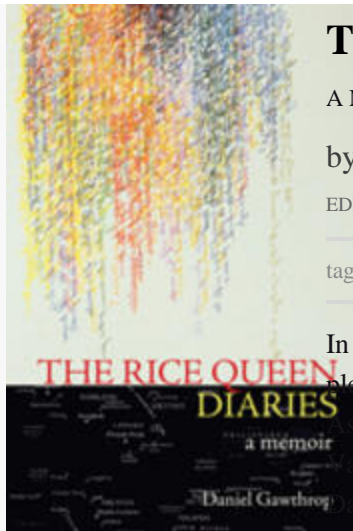
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Evocative of writers Patrick Califia-Rice and Kate Bornstein, whose best works explore gender and sexuality through personal memoir, *queersexlife* is a frank and intimate collection of responses to theories of queer sexuality and identity as viewed through the author's own experiences. By turns insightful and elegant, Terry Goldie delves into contemporary subject matter both fraught and explicit, revealing subtle, fluid truths about human sexuality and desire: drag queens, feminism, cross-cultura ...

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## The Rice Queen Diaries

A Memoir

by Daniel Gawthrop

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : gay studies

In this moving autobiography, Daniel Gawthrop writes about the politics and pleasures of being a self-identified "rice queen": a gay man who is attracted to Asians. Navigating through the urban jungles of Western cities like Vancouver and London, as well as the humid streets of Bangkok and Saigon, Daniel explores the multicultural minefields of sexuality and culture as he articulates the manners and contradictions of his desires.

The politics of race, and the unspoken rules of gay Asian culture i ...

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## Roy & Al

by Ralf König

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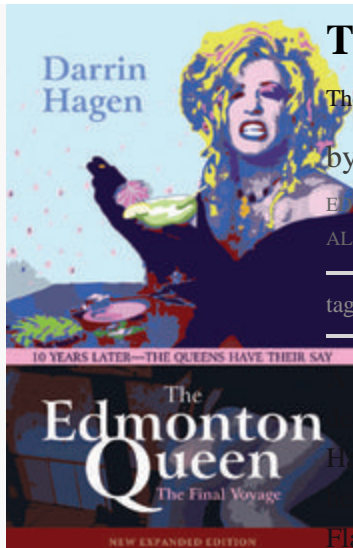
tagged : adult, gay, non-classifiable, erotica

*Roy & Al* is the first English-language book by Europe's most popular gay cartoonist, Germany's Ralf König, whose collections have sold over a million copies and been translated into French, Italian, Spanish, Norwegian, and Danish.

Ralf's enormous popularity can be attributed to his skill at combining classic comedic situations with good old-fashioned raunch. *Roy & Al* is a hilarious, erotically charged series of gay comics starring two dogs whose owners are dating; Al, a small purebred, is rather ...

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## The Edmonton Queen

The Final Voyage

by Darrin Hagen

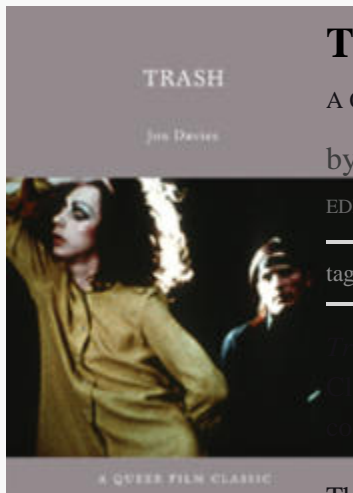
EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : entertainment & performing arts

Drag Dynasty is about to be divined from the high life decade of decadence. It is destined, pre-ordained — and perfectly coiffed. Darrin Hagen, under the mentorship of his drag mother, Lulu LaRude, rose to the height of glamour as Gloria Hole, performer extraordinaire at the legendary Flashback nightclub. Beneath the layers of nightlife, stage lights and make-up lay the complex relationships of a chosen family. Both hilarious and moving, *The Edmonton Queen: The Final Voyage* once again invite ...

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## Trash

A Queer Film Classic

by Jon Davies, series edited by Thomas Waugh & Matthew Hays

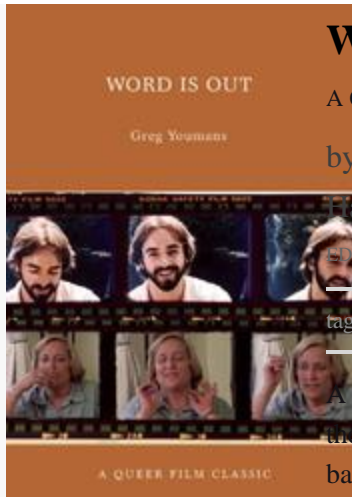
EDITION: Paperback

tagged : history & criticism, gay studies

*Trash*, one of three inaugural titles in Arsenal's film book series Queer Film Classics, delves into the legendary 1970 film that was arguably the greatest collaboration between director Paul Morrissey and producer Andy Warhol.

The film *Trash* is a down-and-out domestic melodrama about a decidedly eccentric couple: Joe, an impotent junkie (played by Warhol film regular Joe Dallesandro), and Holly (played by trans Warhol superstar Holly Woodlawn), Joe's feisty and sexually frustrated girlfriend. Jo ...

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## Word Is Out

A Queer Film Classic

by Greg Youmans, series edited by Thomas Waugh & Matthew Peys

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : history & criticism

A Queer Film Classic on the groundbreaking 1977 documentary that profiles the lives of ordinary gay men and lesbians of different ages, races, and backgrounds. *Word Is Out* found a wide audience theatrically and, perhaps more importantly, had a national public-television broadcast. The film provided an intimate portrait of gay men and lesbians, and by doing so, it played a significant role in the then-nascent struggle for gay rights. It premiered six months after Anita Bryant's infamous "Save Our ...

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## The Words Wanting Out

Poems Selected and New

by Barry Dempster

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : canadian

*The Words Wanting Out* is the first selection from one of Canada's most respected poets. In 1982 Barry Dempster landed on the short list for the Governor General's Award for Poetry for his very first book, and has since published seven more collections to high praise.

Over this time, Dempster has chosen to keep a relatively low profile, relocating from Toronto to the small town of Holland Landing, Ontario, and only publishing his work at small literary presses. Many of his collections are either o ...

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## Zero Patience

A Queer Film Classic

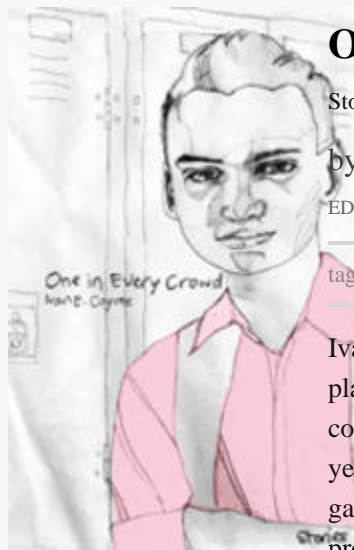
by Susan Knabe; Wendy Gay Pearson, series edited by Thomas Waugh & Matthew Hays

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : history & criticism

A Queer Film Classic on John Greyson's controversial 1993 film musical about the AIDS crisis which combines experimental, camp musical, and documentary aesthetics while refuting the legend of Patient Zero, the male flight attendant accused in Randy Shilts' book *And the Band Played On* of bringing the AIDS crisis to North America. The film features the explorer Sir Richard Francis Burton, who is working as a taxidermist at the Museum of Natural History in Toronto; seeking exhibits for his Hall of ...

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## One in Every Crowd

Stories

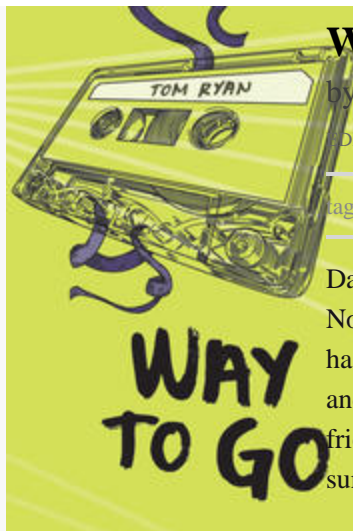
by Ivan Coyote

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : homosexuality, self-esteem & self-reliance

Ivan E. Coyote is one of Canada's best-loved storytellers; their honest, wry, plain-spoken tales of growing up in the Yukon and living out loud on the west coast have attracted readers and live audiences around the world. For many years, Ivan has performed in high schools, where their talks have inspired and galvanized many young people to embrace their own sense of self and to be proud of who they are. *One in Every Crowd*, Ivan's eighth book with Arsenal Pulp Press, is their first specifically f ...

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## Way to Go

by Tom Ryan

EDITION: eBook

tagged : dating & sex, friendship, lgbt

Danny thinks he must be the only seventeen-year-old guy in Cape Breton—in Nova Scotia, maybe—who doesn't have his life figured out. His buddy Kierce has a rule for every occasion, and his best friend Jay has bad grades, no plans and no worries. Danny's dad nags him about his post-high-school plans, his friends bug him about girls and a run-in with the cops means he has to get a summer job. Worst of all, he's keeping a secret that could ruin everything.

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## AlliterAsian

Twenty Years of Ricepaper Magazine

edited by Julia Lin; Allan Cho & Jim Wong-Chu

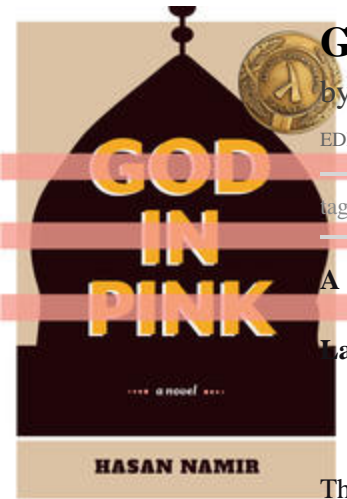
EDITION: Paperback

tagged : anthologies (multiple authors), canadian, asian american

**A wide-ranging anthology of Asian Canadian literature to celebrate 20 years of *Ricepaper*.**

2015 marks the 20th anniversary of *Ricepaper* magazine, a pioneering periodical devoted to Asian-Canadian writing. Over the years, *Ricepaper's* focus has shifted from predominantly arts and culture reporting to the publication of original literature; as such, it has both witnessed and cultivated the maturation of an Asian-Canadian literary tradition; indeed, many of today's most acclaimed Asian-Canadian writer ...

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## God in Pink

by Hasan Namir

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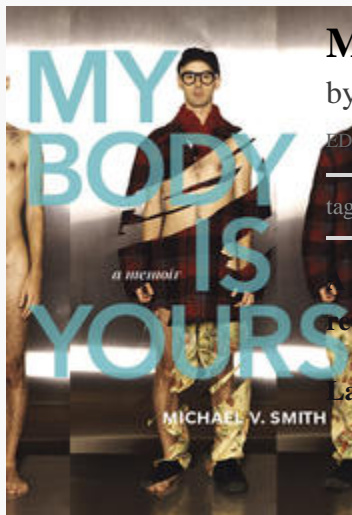
tagged : gay, islamic studies, literary

**A Globe 100 Best Book of the Year**

**Lambda Literary Award winner**

The debut book by Hasan Namir is a revelatory novel about being queer and Muslim, set in war-torn Iraq in 2003. Ramy is a closeted university student whose parents have died, and who lives under the close scrutiny of his strict brother and sister-in-law. They exert pressure on him to find a wife, leaving him anguished and struggling to find a balance between his sexuality, religion, and culture. Desperate for counsel, he seeks the adv ...

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## My Body Is Yours

by Michael V. Smith

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : gay studies, men's studies, lgbt

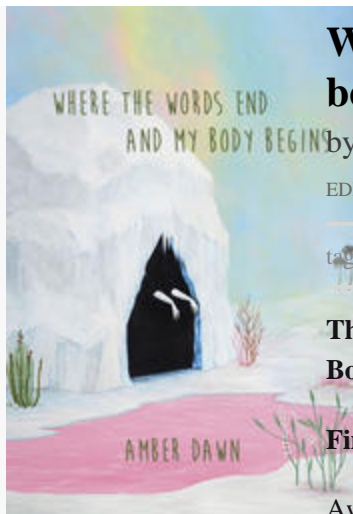
**a memoir about fathers and sons, breaking out of gender norms, and reconciling with a dangerous childhood.**

**Lambda Literary Award finalist**

Michael V. Smith is a multi-hyphenate force of nature: a novelist, poet, improv comic, filmmaker, drag queen, performance artist, and occasional clown. In this, his first work of nonfiction, Michael traces his early years as an inadequate male--a fey kid growing up in a small town amid a blue-collar family; a sissy; an insecure teenager desperate to disappear; ...

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## Where the words end and my body begins

by Amber Dawn

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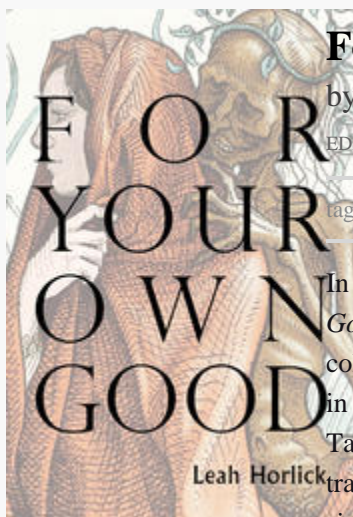
tagged : women authors, canadian, lgbt

**The first full-length poetry book by the Lambda Literary and Vancouver Book Award Winner.**

**Finalist, Dorothy Livesay Poetry Prize**

Award-winning writer Amber Dawn reveals a gutsy lyrical sensibility in her debut poetry collection: a suite of glosa poems written as an homage to and an interaction with queer poets, such as the legendary Gertrude Stein, Christina Rossetti, and Adrienne Rich, as well as contemporaries like Leah Horlick, Rachel Rose, and Trish Salah. (Glosas, a 15th-century Spanish form, ...

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## For Your Own Good

by Leah Horlick

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : lgbt

In the canon of contemporary feminist and lesbian poetry, *For Your Own Good* breaks silence. A fictionalized autobiography, the poems in this collection illustrate the narrator's survival of a domestic and sexual violence in a lesbian relationship. There is magic in this work: the symbolism of the Tarot and the roots of Jewish heritage, but also the magic that is at the heart of transformation and survival. These poems are acutely painful, rooted in singular and firsthand experiences. But Horlick ...

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## Disrupting Queer Inclusion

Canadian Homonationalisms and the Politics of Belonging

foreword by Rinaldo Walcott, edited by OmiSoore H. Dryden & Suzanne Lenon

EDITION: Hardcover

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Paperback

tagged : gay studies, lesbian studies

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Edited by OmiSoore H. Dryden and Suzanne Lenon

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## Queer Mobilizations

Social Movement Activism and Canadian Public Policy

Edited by Manon Tremblay

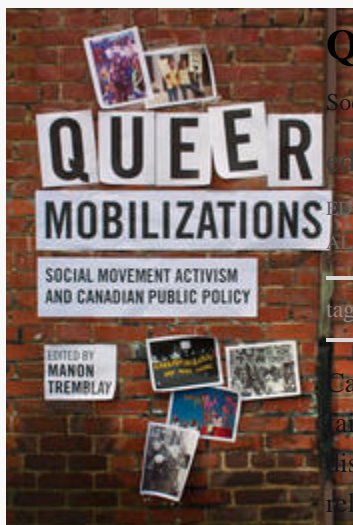
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tagged : political advocacy, social policy, gay studies, lgbtq+

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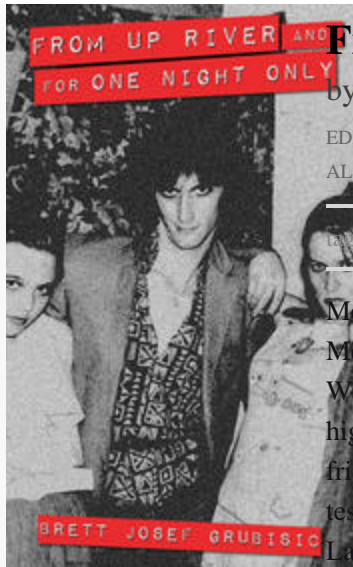
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## From Up River and for One Night Only

by Brett Josef Grubisic

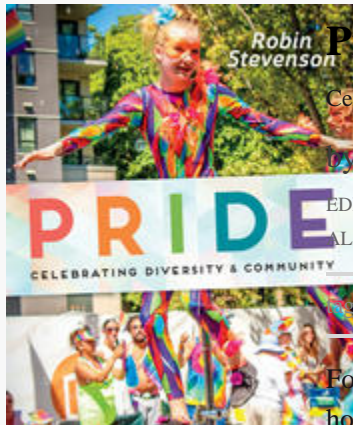
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Tagged : literary

Meet The Gorgons The Legionnaires Chicken Treblinka The Statistics . . . Meet Dee, Gordyn, Em, and Jay, indecisive members of the greatest New Wave band to ever spring from River Bend City. Before they graduate from high school and flee a mill town that's seen better days, these ambitious friends (two sets of siblings) aim to make something from nothing as a test-run for planned careers of total glamour in New York City. Set between Labour Day 1980 and a Battle of the Bands contest in February 1 ...

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## Pride

Celebrating Diversity & Community

by Robin Stevenson

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook Paperback

Tagged : other, non-religious, homosexuality, prejudice & racism

For LGBTQ people and their supporters, Pride events are an opportunity to honor the past, protest injustice, and celebrate a diverse and vibrant community. The high point of Pride, the Pride Parade, is spectacular and colorful. But there is a whole lot more to Pride than rainbow flags and amazing outfits. How did Pride come to be? And what does Pride mean to the people who celebrate it?

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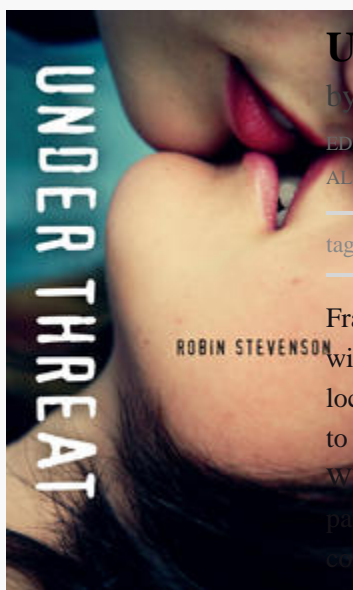


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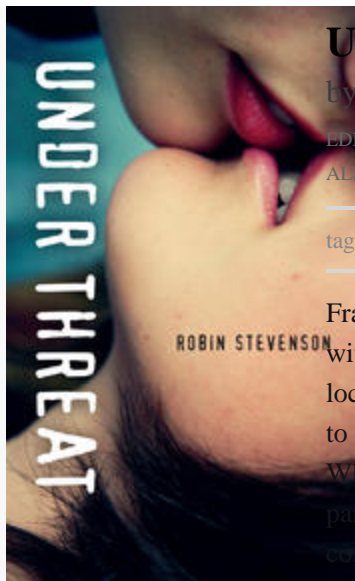
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Franny is close to her parents, adores her horse and is head over heels in love with her girlfriend, Leah. But Franny's parents are abortion providers at the local hospital, and an anonymous stranger is prepared to do whatever it takes to stop them. A stranger who phones at all hours. Who knows where they live. Who knows Franny's name. When Leah's older brother, Jake, refers to her parents as baby killers, Franny starts to wonder if perhaps the threats aren't coming from a stranger at al ...

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## Under Threat

by Robin Stevenson

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Paperback

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## Marry & Burn

By Rachel Rose

EDITION: Paperback

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The fourth collection from award-winning poet Rachel Rose, *Marry & Burn* is a journey through a troubled relationship and a troubled city, charting the territory of love and addiction, and the stories we tell ourselves about ourselves. Inspired by struggles both personal and global, these are not gentle poems--they probe deep into comforting personal and cultural myths, rending them to pieces even as they expose the beauty in the bright shards that remain.

Although the language of blazing passio ...

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## Making a Scene

Lesbians and Community across Canada, 1964-84

by Liz Millward

EDITION: eBook

ALSO AVAILABLE: Hardcover Paperback

Tagged : lesbian studies, women's studies, human rights, lgbtq+

In the 1960s, a youthful and ambitious lesbian movement began taking shape in Canada. After decades of being pathologized, disparaged, or erased from public view, lesbians were ready to make a scene – both by calling attention to themselves and by creating places to come together and forge their own culture. *Making a Scene* tells this story, revisiting the spaces lesbians created across rural and urban Canada, from physical locations, such as bars, bookstores, and members' clubs, to ephemeral ...

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## Acquired Community

by Jane Byers

EDITION: Paperback

Tagged : lgbt

Jane Byers' *Acquired Community* is both a collection of narrative poems about seminal moments in North American lesbian and gay history, mostly post-World War II, and a series of first person poems that act as a touchstone to compare the narrator's coming out experience within the larger context of the gay liberation movement.

The "parade" poems such as "Celebration Was a Side Effect, 1992" explores the important role parades have played in the queer movement and how they have transformed from act ...

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## The Encyclopedia of Lies

by Christopher Gudgeon

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : short stories (single author)

In these sixteen stories, Christopher Gudgeon, bestselling author of the critically acclaimed *Song of Kosovo*, takes a heartbreaking and hilarious look into the lives, loves, sexual obsessions and delusions that inform a grand cast of off-kilter characters.

Here is a gay couple who persevere with their marriage plans as the world, literally, crumbles around them, a woman who discovers the mysterious collection of letters that reveals a terrifying truth about her deceased fiancée, a dutiful son, ...

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## Everything Is Awful and You're a Terrible Person

by Daniel Zomparelli

EDITION: Paperback

tagged : gay, short stories (single author)

**Winner, ReLit Award; Finalist, Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize (BC Book Prizes)**

A YouTube star becomes famous after he documents his breakup online. An anxious, lactose-intolerant office worker obsesses over a stranger who says "nice shorts, bro" to him in passing. A couple wants to open up their relationship to a ghost. A monster just wants to find love in his human skin.

In these unconventional, interconnected stories--the first work of fiction by acclaimed poet Daniel Zomparelli, editor-in-chief of ...

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## The Remedy

Queer and Trans Voices on Health and Health Care

edited by Zena Sharman

EDITION: Paperback

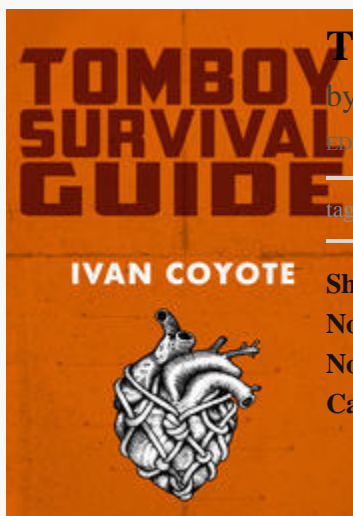
Tagged : health care issues, disease & health issues

### Lambda Literary Award winner

To remedy means to heal, to cure, to set right, to make reparations.

*The Remedy* invites writers and readers to imagine what we need to create healthy, resilient, and thriving LGBTQ communities. This anthology is a diverse collection of real-life stories from queer and trans people on their own health-care experiences and challenges, from gay men living with HIV who remember the systemic resistance to their health-care needs, to a lesbian couple dealing with the experie ...

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## Tomboy Survival Guide

by Ivan Coyote

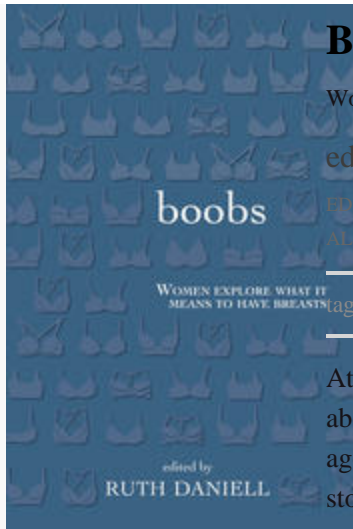
EDITION: Paperback

Tagged : gender studies, lgbt

**Shortlisted for the Hilary Weston Writers' Trust of Canada Prize for Nonfiction; Longlisted for the BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction; Stonewall Book Award Honor Book winner; Longlisted for Canada Reads**

Ivan Coyote is a celebrated storyteller and the author of ten previous books, including *Gender Failure* (with Rae Spoon) and *One in Every Crowd*, a collection for LGBT youth. *Tomboy Survival Guide* is a funny and moving memoir told in stories, about how they learned to embrace their tomboy ...

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## Boobs

Women Explore What It Means to Have Breasts

edited by Ruth Daniell

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : women authors

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At turns heartbreaking and hilarious, BOOBS is a diverse collection of stories about the burdens, expectations and pleasures of having breasts. From the agony of puberty and angst of adolescence to the anxiety of aging, these stories and poems go beyond the usual images of breasts found in fashion magazines and movie posters, instead offering dynamic and honest portraits of desire, acceptance and the desire for acceptance.

Surrounded by flat-chested co-workers in a male-dominated construction cr  
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## Butch

Not Like the Other Girls

by SD Holman

EDITION: Paperback

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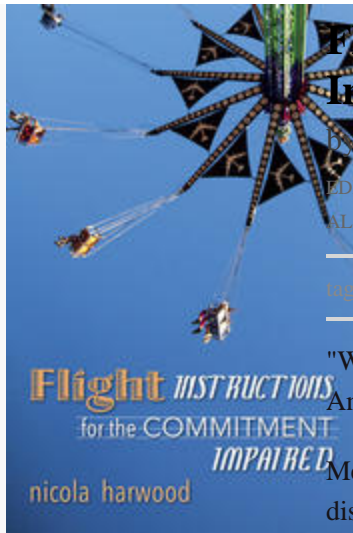
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*Butch: Not Like the Other Girls* is a photographic exploration of the liminal spaces occupied by female masculinity in contemporary communities. Its first incarnation exhibited as a public art project in transit shelters around Vancouver in March-April 2013, with a simultaneous gallery show at the Vancouver East Cultural Centre (the Cultch). According to Cultch administrators, the opening night (which attracted over 500 attendees and spilled out into the street for half a block) was the largest v ...

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# Flight Instructions for the Commitment Impaired

by Nicola Harwood

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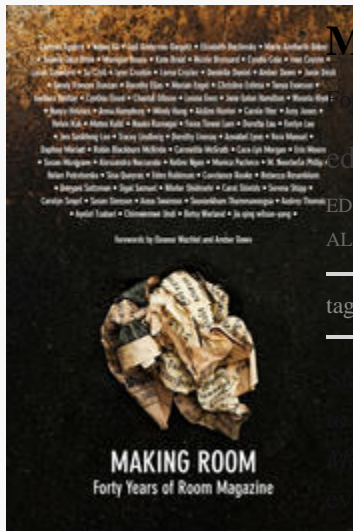
tagged : personal memoirs

"Wanted: lesbian couple to foster wonderful eleven-year-old African American boy with gender identity issues."

Meet Antwan. Not only has he got gender issues, he's severely emotionally disturbed, severely demanding and, as he puts it, "born to argue."

In the late nineties, Nicola Harwood and her girlfriend moved to San Francisco in order to be at the epicentre of queer culture. Shortly after arriving, they encountered an ad posted in the *SF Bay Times* looking for lesbian foster parents. Impulsively ...

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# Making Room

Forty Years of Room Magazine

edited by Meghan Bell

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

tagged : women authors

A star-studded collection of CanLit's most notable and diverse women authors who have been published in Canada's oldest literary journal by and about women. *Making Room: Forty Years of Room Magazine* celebrates the history and evolution of Canadian literature and feminism with some of the most exciting and thought-provoking fiction, poetry, and essays the magazine has published since it was founded in 1975 as *Room of One's Own*. This collection includes poems about men not to be fallen in love with, trans w ...

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## Oscar of Between

A Memoir of Identity and Ideas

Betsy Warland

EDITION: Paperback

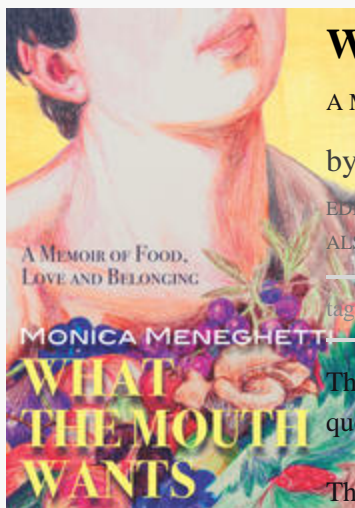
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tagged : personal memoirs

In 2007, at the age of sixty, Betsy Warland finds herself single and without a sense of family. On an impulse, she decides to travel to London to celebrate her birthday, where she experiences an odd compulsion to see an exhibit on the invention of military camouflage. Within the first five minutes of her visit, her lifelong feeling of being aberrant reveals its source: she had never learned the art of camouflage.

This marked the beginning of *Oscar of Between: A Memoir of Identity and Ideas*. Takin ...

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## What the Mouth Wants

A Memoir of Food, Love and Belonging

by Monica Meneghetti

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

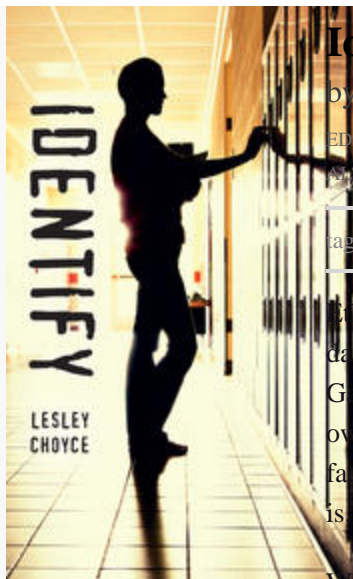
tagged : lgbt

The redefinition of family values as seen from the eyes of a polyamorous, queer Italian Canadian obsessed with food.

This mouthwatering, intimate, and sensual memoir traces Monica Meneghetti's unique life journey through her relationship with food, family and love. As the youngest child of a traditional Italian-Catholic immigrant family, Monica learns the intimacy of the dinner table and the ritual of meals, along with the requirements of conformity both at the table and in life. Monica is thirte ...

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## Identify

by Lesley Choyce

EDITION: Paperback

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tagged : lgbt, bullying, assimilation

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Ethan is an anxiety-ridden loner who relies on medication to get through his day. During one of his fairly frequent panic attacks, a girl from school named Gabriella comes to his rescue. Gabe, as she prefers to be known, is facing her own inner turmoil. She has always been a tomboy, but the more pressure she faces to act and dress "like a girl," the more she wonders just who she really is.

When he learns that Gabe is being constantly harassed at school, Ethan discovers he is able to overcome his ...

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## Subject to Change

by Karen Nesbitt

EDITION: Paperback

ALSO AVAILABLE: eBook

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tagged : lgbt, prejudice & racism, general (see also headings under social themes)

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Declan's life in small-town Quebec is defined by his parents' divorce, his older brother's delinquency and his own lackluster performance at school, which lands him with a tutor he calls Little Miss Perfect. He likes his job at the local ice rink, and he has a couple of good buddies, but his father's five-year absence is a constant source of pain and anger. When he finds out the truth about his parents' divorce, he is forced to reconsider everything he has believed about his family and himself.

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