

## **Interesting Reading on Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgender Topics**

**Alyson Almanac: The fact book of the lesbian and gay community.** Alyson Publications (1994-95) (Paper \$9.95)

*The 1994-95 edition of the highly informative and entertaining book containing a treasury of information for the lesbian and gay community. Historical, cultural, political, and social information.*

**The Big Gay Book.** John Preston (ed.). New York: Plume. (Paper \$14.95)

*Both a resource to the highly varied gay community, and a record of its pulse. Liberally illustrated, complete with reading lists, names and addresses of self help organizations, and featuring interviews with community leaders across the United States.*

**The Gayellow Pages: The National Edition (1995).** New York: Renaissance House. (Paper \$11.95)

*This resource guide is updated annually and lists gay/lesbian owned and gay/lesbian affirmative resources: businesses, publications, restaurants and inns, therapists, health care providers, AIDS services, legal services, religious groups, recreation & social groups, gay/lesbian bookstores, bars, etc. Helpful in determining how to access the g//b community for those who plan to move to a new location.*

**Is It a Choice? Answers to 300 of the most frequently asked questions about gays and lesbians.** Eric Marcus. Harper San Francisco. (Paper \$10)

*At a time when lesbian and gay culture is being covered daily by the mainstream print and electronic media, many people still don't know the first thing about their gay and lesbian children, parents, friends, colleagues, and neighbors. They don't know what to ask or where to turn for the answers they need. Marcus dispels myths, misunderstandings, and stereotypes with clear, concise, common sense answers.*

**The Rights of Lesbians and Gay Men: The basic ACLU guide to a gay person's rights.** Nan Hunter, E. Machaelson, & B. Stoddard. (Paper \$7.95)

*This is a careful survey of the rights of lesbians and gay men. It covers freedom of speech and association, employment, housing, the military, family relationships, protest activities, criminal matters, security clearances, and HIV infection.*

**Being Homosexual.** Richard Isay, MD. Avon Books (Paper \$7.95)

*Dr. Isay looks at the development of homosexuality as a normal process - not as a mental disease. A clinical psychologist who has devoted years to counseling gay men, Isay dispels the myths about homosexuality.*

**Beyond Tolerance: Gays, lesbians, and bisexuals on campus.** Nancy Evans and Vernon Wall (eds). American College Personnel Association. (Paper \$23.95)

*Written especially for student affairs professionals, this pioneering book combines theory and practical applications for initiating programs.*

**Homophobia: How we all pay the price.** Warren Blumfeld (ed.). Boston: Beacon Press, 1988. (Paper \$17.00)

*Explores the cost of homophobia in family relationships, religious institutions, and social policy.*

**In Search of Gay America: Women and men in a time of change.** Neil Miller. New York: Atlantic Monthly Press, 1989. (Hrd \$18.95)

*A unique look at a wide variety of gay men and lesbians from across the country - a gay police officer with AIDS in San Francisco; a lesbian couple expecting a baby in Newton, MA; an openly gay major in Morgantown, WV; two gay dairy farmers in Wolverton, MN; an AIDS activist in North Dakota; and a gay American Indian in Rapid City, SD. For the most part, the focus is outside big city enclaves of gay men and lesbians.*

**The New Loving Someone Gay.** Don Clark. Berkeley, CA: Celestial Arts, 1987.

*A gay clinical psychologist offers an introductory look at gay and lesbian life. He includes a discussion of oppression and prejudice, love, growing up gay, conformity, pleasures of being gay, coming out issues (both on the telling and learning ends), and guidelines for helping someone gay. This book is excellent for gay men; the predominant use of male examples makes it less useful for lesbians.*

**Positively Gay.** New approaches to gay and lesbian life. Betty Berzon (ed.). Celestial Arts. (Paper \$11.95)

*A new, updated edition of the class anthology includes: "Achieving success as a gay couple", "Telling the family you're gay", "Gay issues in financial planning", "Becoming a gay professional". Also: The Positively Gay Discussion Guide, a curriculum for use with small groups.*

**Coming Out. An act of love. Rob Eichberg. (Paper \$10.95)**

*A wonderfully supportive step by step guide to accepting one's gay and lesbian identity from the first private choice to a loving public self-acceptance. Exceptionally well-written, piercingly honest.*

**Mom, Dad, I'm Gay: How families negotiate coming out. Ritch C. Savin-Williams. New York. American Psychological Association, 2001. (Hrd \$39.95)**

*As mainstream America becomes more aware of the non-heterosexual community, gay, lesbian, transgendered, and bisexual teenagers are revealing their sexual identities to their parents at a younger age than ever before. Often this happens while teens are still living at home. Drawing from existing developmental research, psychologist Ritch Savin-Williams illustrates the wide range of family reactions and discusses the factors that determine how parents come to terms with the disclosure over time.*

**Coming Out to Parents: A two-way survival guide for lesbian & gay men and their parents. Mary Borhek. New York: Pilgrim Press, 1983. (Paper \$9.95)**

*The mother of a gay son draws on her experience to offer valuable and heartfelt advice for gay men, lesbians, and their parents. A new, updated and expanded edition of the classical self-help coming out book.*

**Beyond Acceptance: Parents of lesbians and gays talk about their experiences. C.W. Griffin, M.J. Wirth, & A.J. Wirth. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1986. (Paper \$9.95)**

*Addresses anxieties of parents of gay men and lesbians and provides useful information to dispel myths that may cause many parents to reject their children. Examines self blame/fear and uses research to address misconceptions about homosexuality. The book is filled with stories of 23 parents who found help through Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays. It is a valuable tool for parents dealing with the shock of learning that their children are gay, and for gay and lesbian people trying to understand their parents' lack of understanding.*

**Now That You Know. What every parent should know about homosexuality (new edition). Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward. New York: Harcourt, Brace, Jovanovich, 1990. (Paper \$8.95)**

*Authored by the mother of a gay son and a mother of a lesbian daughter, this book draws on dozens of interviews with gay men and lesbians and their parents. A resource for parents, this book is often a useful book for someone to share with parents after coming out as gay or lesbian to them. It normalizes a variety of reactions as a parent moves toward acceptance and offers answers to the myriad of questions a parent may have about the gay/lesbian world. This book can also be useful for someone considering coming out to his/her family as preparatory material. Highly recommended.*

**Bi any other name: Bisexual people speak out. L. Hutchins & L. Kaahumanu (eds.). Boston: Alyson Publishing, 1991). (Paper \$11.95)**

*The second collection of writing by bisexual people, this volume offers a variety of essays and poems which explore psychological issues, spiritual concerns, politics, and the creation of a bisexual community. The quality of writing is uneven, but the power of the authors' emotions are clearly expressed. Useful as a source of affirmation for bisexual readers and can help in understanding the bisexual point of view.*

**The Final Closet - The gay parent guide for coming out to their children. Rip Corley. Miami, FL: editech press, 1990. (Paper \$8.95)**

*A comforting guide for lesbian and gay parents who are hesitant or confused about whether or not to come out to their children. Corley is able to help parents make this decision with confidence and dignity.*

**The Lesbian and Gay Parenting Handbook. April Martin. (Paper \$15.00)**

*Provides answers to the many questions and issues of lesbian and gay parenting.*

**Families We Choose: Lesbians, Gays, Kinship. Kath Weston. Columbia University Press. (Paper \$13.95)**

*Weston draws upon fieldwork in the San Francisco area to explore the ways gay men and lesbians are redefining kinship and discusses changes in gay communities that have shaped the gay family.*

**Conduct Unbecoming: Lesbians and Gays in the U.S. Military - Vietnam to the Persian Gulf. Randy Shilts. New York: St. Martin's Press. (Paper \$16.00)**

*An easy-reading history of the reality of the U.S. Military's attitudes toward lesbians and gay men and a good collection of first-hand experiences.*

**A Legal Guide for Lesbian and Gay Couples.** H. Curry & D. Clifford. Berkeley, CA: Nolo Press. (Paper \$17.95)

*Updated regularly. Gay and lesbian couples can protect themselves in a variety of legal situations. Contracts, renting, financial arrangements, insurance, buying a home, marriage/divorce, parenting & custody, adoption & artificial insemination, wills, medical emergencies and durable power of attorney are discussed.*

**But Lord, They're Gay.** Sylvia Pennington. (Paper \$10.00)

*Originally a born again evangelist who set out to "save and change" homosexuals, Pennington has become the pastor of a predominantly gay congregation.*

**The Church and the Homosexual.** John J. McNeill. FSG (Paper \$14.00)

*This book, originally published in 1976, convincingly establishes that the Bible does not condemn homosexuality and thus Father McNeill (Taking a Chance on God) brings comfort to thousands of gay and lesbian Christians.*

**Good News for Modern Gays.** Sylvia Pennington (Paper \$12.00)

*Pennington does not believe God is anti-gay. She wants to help Christians see more clearly what He has to say about gayness. Contains refutations to common scriptural references.*

**100 Best Companies for Gay Men and Lesbians.** Ed Mickens. Pocket Books (Paper \$12.00)

*A steadily growing number of companies seek to attract and cultivate talented employees regardless of their sexual orientation. This guide includes strategies for companies and gay and lesbian employees in seeking productive and creative work environments. Includes large, small, non-profit, publicly held, privately owned, and public agencies in a wide variety of industries.*

**Gay Issues in the Workplace.** Brian McNaught. New York: St Martin's Press. (Hrd \$17.95)

*A concise and thoughtful book, corporate consultant and educator McNaught shows business people and corporate managers how anti-gay bias impacts the entire work force and harms corporate productivity. He presents a field-tested approach to coping with prejudice and eliminating destructive behaviors from the workplace.*

**The Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Students' Guide to Colleges, Universities, and Graduate schools.** Jan-Mitchell Sherrill and Craig Hardesty. New York: New York University Press, 1994. (Paper \$14.95)

*Presents results of surveys of current students relative to the campus environment, support systems, organizations, activities and dating, and many other topics of interest.*

**Gay Men and Women Who Enriched the World.** Thomas Cowan. New Canaan, CT: William Mulvey, 1988. (Paper \$8.95)

*Forty biographies of gifted men and women whose creativity has offered lasting benefits to humanity. Subjects include: Sappho, Plato, Bacon, Tchaikovsky, Willa Cather, Bessie Smith, and Yukio Mishima. An excellent source of role models; white males predominate among the subjects.*

**True Selves: Understanding Transsexualism.** Mildred Brown and Chloe Ann Rounsley. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass Publishers. 1996.

**Confessions of a Gender Defender: A Psychologist's Reflections on Life among the Transgendered.** Randi Ettner. Chicago: Spectrum Press. 1996.

**Transgender Warriors from Joan of Arc to Dennis Rodman.** Leslie Feinberg. Boston Beacon Press, 1996.

**Gender Outlaw: On Men, Women, and the Rest of Us.** Kate Bornstein. New York: Routledge. 1994.

**Read my Lips: Sexual Subversion and the End of Gender.** Riki Ann Wilchins. Ithaca, NY: Firebrand Books. 1997.