

LITERATURE RESOURCE LISTING



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10 SMART THINGS GAY MEN CAN DO TO IMPROVE THEIR LIVES by Joe Kort [ISBN 1-5583-782-4]

*This empowering book provides 10 positive steps gay men can take to identify and overcome self-defeating behaviours and move toward a healthier and more rewarding life: * Take Responsibility for your Own Life * Affirm Yourself by Coming Out * Resolve Issues with your Family * Graduate from Eternal Adolescence * Avoid (or Overcome) /Sexual Addiction * Learn from Successful Mentors who've been there, Done That * Take Advantage of Therapy "Workouts" * Maintain Rewarding Relationships * Understand the Stages of Love * Commit to a Partner.*

A CIRCLE IN A ROOM FULL OF SQUARES by Suzanne Covich [Editor] [ISBN 0-646-42923-X]

To all the people who live what it means to be different - A Circle in a Room Full of Squares is a significant collection of writing by young people about their lives and experiences at school and in the world. It deals with issues such as bullying, body image, transgenderism, "being cool", mother-daughter/father-son relationships, self-harming behaviour, death, abuse and the effects of the pressure to fit in. This collection will do much to further the understandings of those in schools who continue to treat bullying as a depoliticised practice which foregrounds individual differences and behaviours as the source of the problem. As Claire Dalglish writes in this book, bullying is often a consequence of "not being yourself."

A LIFE OF UNLEARNING by Anthony Venn-Brown [ISBN 174110177-8]

Coming out of the Church: One Man's Struggle. This triumphant autobiography reveals the torment and guilt Anthony experienced as a conservative Christian who was, God forbid, gay. Whether you're gay or straight, a Christian or a non-believer, you'll find relevance in Anthony's tale and be touched as you join him on his journey of discovery. This is a story about living your truth – embracing who you are and living the life you were meant to live.

ALWAYS MY CHILD by Kevin Jennings with Pat Shapiro [ISBN 0-7432-2649-6]

A parent's guide to understanding your gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgendered or questioning son or daughter. Parents whose children are gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender or who are going through a "questioning phase" are often in the dark about what their children face every day. As a result, offering support that will comfort and fortify them feels like solving a puzzle with missing pieces. This book supplies the missing pieces by guiding parents through the world their child inhabits. Kevin Jennings explains what these teens often encounter – teasing and harassment – and offers solutions for parents who want to better understand their LGBTQ children and learn how to protect their self esteem. This book offers possibilities for parents to create the kind of relationship with their children that allows them to grow into emotionally healthy adults.

AS NATURE MADE HIM - THE BOY WHO WAS RAISED AS A GIRL by John Colapinto [ISBN 0-7322-7433-8]

In 1967 after a baby boy suffered a botched circumcision, his family agreed to a radical treatment. On the advice of a renowned expert in gender identity and sexual reassignment, the boy was surgically altered to live as a girl. This landmark case seemed all the more remarkable since the child had been born an identical twin: his uninjured brother provided to the experiment the perfect matched control. The so called twins case would become one of the most famous in modern medicine and the social sciences, cited repeatedly over the past thirty years as living proof that our sense of being male or female is not inborn but the result of how we are raised. But the case was a failure from the outset. The famous twin had, in fact struggled against his imposed girlhood and at age fourteen, when first informed of his medical history, he made the decision to live as a male. A macabre tale of medical arrogance.

BI ANY OTHER NAME - BISEXUAL PEOPLE SPEAK OUT by Loraine Hutchins & Lani Kaahumanu [Editors] [ISBN 1-55583-174-5]

The authors debunk the concept that people are either heterosexual or homosexual and that bisexual women and men are fence sitters. Bi Any Other Name will help tremendously in securing for the bisexual community its rightful place within the larger movement for genuine progressive social change – a movement that will ultimately liberate us all – Warren J Blumenfeld. Rejected by both gay and straight worlds, bisexuals have been a community in exile. With this rich and varied collection, however, bisexual women and men step forward into their own historical spotlight. The writing here, challenging and authentic, can only deepen our discussions about passion and politics.

BRAIN SEX by Anne Moir, Ph.D and David Jessel [ISBN 0-385-31183-4]

In Brain Sex, geneticist Anne Moir and journalist David Jessel take you on an extraordinary journey from the sexual differentiation of the prenatal brain to the gender differences inherent in kindergarten playstyles, classroom abilities and adult attitudes toward love, sex and marriage. A startling new perspective on one of the great puzzles of human nature, this provocative work is fascinating reading for anyone who lives with, works with or is just curious about the opposite sex.

CARLOTTA – I’M NOT THAT KIND OF GIRL by Prue MacSween [ISBN 0-7329-1194-X]

The Balmain boy who had Australia’s first recognised sex-change operation – became the legend of Les Girls and one of our most iconic entertainers. This is her story. It tells of the enigma who is Carlotta, an enigma made up of three people: the young Richard Byron, who as a little boy had to fight to be loved; Carol the transsexual; and Carlotta, the showgirl who earned a place in Australian folklore. Her trademark warmth, humour and honesty shines through as she tells about her unsettled childhood, her transition to drag queen and the sex-change operation, her relationships with fellow performers and lovers and her twelve-year marriage.

COMING OUT AS PARENTS by David K. Switzer [ISBN 0-664-25636-8]

How do parents respond to the knowledge that their child is gay or lesbian? David Switzer, in a complete revision of his best-selling Parents of the Homosexual, helps parents understand their feelings and reactions to that knowledge and clarifies what it means to be homosexual. He explores recent scientific, social, and biblical information about homosexuality, emphasizes the need for reconciliation, and deals with common parental responses to a child’s disclosure. He also provides a listing of additional resources for further assistance. This book is for parents of gay or lesbian children as well as for pastoral counsellors and clergy engaged in family outreach. Children, too, can benefit as well, from understanding their parents’ struggles with this issue.

COMING OUT COMING HOME by Joan Golding & Peter Wood [ISBN 0 86786 262 9]

No reader will fail to be moved and informed by this lively and revealing conversation between Joan Golding and Peter Wood as they tell their own life stories and discuss the unique issues confronting the parents and families of gay and lesbian children. Coming Out, Coming Home... relates to average people who find themselves in the centre of ... a different place to their hopes as both parents and children. It is not a book with neat answers and black and white positions. The only ground rules for the responses of these two people are integrity, grace and love... the ground rules of Christian faith.

DESIRELINES by Peter Wherrett & Richard Wherrett [ISBN 0-7334-0951-1]

This is an extraordinary shared autobiography that begins with two brothers growing up above their parents’ chemist shop in the western suburbs of Sydney in the 1950’s. In this rich and episodic memoir, Peter and Richard Wherrett trace the complex and painful territory of a family life overshadowed by terrible secrets. It is a powerful story of survival and of how their childhood legacy set them on very different paths, losing each other for many years. A remarkable story of honesty, thoughtfulness and a desire to make sense of their pasts. Desirelines is a surprising and moving book, written by two sensitive and dynamic men. “I was both horrified and fascinated by my need to cross-dress, the need to express, outwardly, the inner feelings of.... Femininity, femaleness. I still don’t really know, but I did become a student of the subject and read every book and article I could, so that in time I began to understand to some degree what it was that was driving me”. – Peter Wherrett

DUAL ATTRACTION - UNDERSTANDING BISEXUALITY by Weinberg, Williams & Pryor [ISBN 0-19-509841-2]

Bisexuality is a topic long ignored by sex research. Despite the early investigations of Alfred Kinsey, who discovered a continuum of sexualities, people who are not exclusively heterosexual in their sexual feelings and behaviours have usually been considered 'homosexual.' As a result, a great deal of attention has been paid to explaining why some people are homosexual or to the differences between heterosexuals and homosexuals. This trend has reinforced the belief that sexual preference exists as a dichotomy, that there are two natural classes of people whose sexual desire is fixed. Bisexuals, who do not fit in either category, have generally been seen as confused, dishonest, or in transition to becoming homosexual. We believe that sexual preference is much more complicated than this and will never be fully understood until the phenomenon of bisexuality is rigorously examined in its own right.

FAMILY OUTING by Chastity Bono [ISBN 1-86325-141-3]

From Chastity Bono, daughter of Sonny and Cher, heroine of the gay community: The first comprehensive narrative guide to the coming out process from the perspective of gays and lesbians and their parents. In Family Outing, Chastity Bono weaves her own dramatic story into those of other gays and lesbians to illustrate the phases, pitfalls, and rewards of coming out. We hear how gays and lesbians often feel indescribably 'different' when they are quite young, how they come to recognize and explore that difference in themselves and then deal, in various ways, with parents' reactions, those of friends and co-workers, and their own unearthed homophobia. Ultimately, we learn how enormously empowering the whole process can be.

FINDING THE REAL ME by Tracie O'Keefe and Katrina Fox [Editors] [ISBN 0-7879-6547-2]

Finding the Real Me is an extraordinary collection of real-life stories told by a wide range of sex and gender diverse people. These healing tales of struggle and transformation reveal just how creative, resourceful and adventurous the individuals in this community can be and also helps to bridge the gap between ignorance and understanding. As each incredible story unfolds, we become part of the author's journey to self-acceptance and join the celebration of a new life. Page by page, we laugh, cry and learn to appreciate these wonderful courageous people and the road they walked to be their true selves.

GAY & LESBIAN LAW JOURNAL VOL 10 MAY 2001 [ISBN 1446-9324]

Topics covered in this journal - In the Shadow of Homosexual Anxiety: Transgender Law Reform in Western Australia - Andrew N Sharpe - Hate Crimes and Masculine Offending - Stephen Tompsen - The Harms of Gay Male Pornography: A Sex Equality Perspective Post Little Sisters Book and Art Emporium - Christopher N Kendall - Will I receive Your Death Benefit? It All Depends Craig Delphine - Book Review: Multicultural Queer: Australian Narratives - Wayne Morgan.

HIS SECRET, HER STORY – Australian Women tell their Stories [ISBN 978-0-9758109-7-2]

The book contains the personal accounts of Australian women who have lived through a relationship breakdown due to their male partner's bisexuality or homosexuality. Despite feeling overwhelmed at first, each woman found previously undiscovered inner strength in the course of her journey. These powerful narratives told in the women's own voices, describe how their partner's sexuality was revealed, how they dealt with the crisis, and the inner qualities that each one drew upon in order to move on with her life. There is a perception of many women in this situation that they do not have the right to discuss what is happening in their life because it would involve 'outing' their partner to family or friends. This leaves many women isolated and unable to access emotional support at a time when they need it most.

HOMOPHOBIA an Australian History by Shirleene Robinson [Editor] [ISBN 978-186287-703-0]

Homophobia An Australian history breaks new ground by considering homophobia in a distinctively Australian context. In this collection, 13 well-known scholars examine the embedded homophobic attitudes that Australian gay and lesbian activists have fought to change. The book traces the evolution of homophobia, from its expression in Australia's past as a colonial settler society, through to its manifestations in present day society. The writers explore the ways in which many professions and social institutions perpetuated homophobic attitudes and raise awareness of the devastating impact such attitudes have on individuals and on society.

HOMOSEXUALITY AND ETHICS by Edward Batchelor, Jr [Editor] [ISBN 0-8298-0615-6]

Homosexuality and Ethics is a very significant compilation that provides both a comprehensive introduction to the discussion of homosexuality and at the same time deals with the substantive issues with candor, thoughtfulness and depth.

INSIDE OUT by Erin Shale [Editor] [ISBN 174110177-8]

An Australian Collection of Coming Out Stories...An anthology of real life stories from the Australian gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered community. Drawn from a wide range of experiences, cultural backgrounds and age groups, the collection explores the challenges and rewards of finding a way out of the closet and living a life of truth and integrity.

INTIMACY BETWEEN MEN by John H Driggs M.S.W. and Stephen E Finn Ph. D [ISBN 0-452-26696-3]

“Combining sexuality and intimacy in one relationship is a powerful experience, and these processes can enhance each other. If you think you’ve had great sex before, wait until you try it with a partner who has been angry with you and then forgiven you, held you when you cried... the trust and depth of such a connection can bring new heights of sexual ecstasy ...” – from the book. For single men seeking to create permanent partnerships and for couples who want to strengthen existing relationships, this provocative, groundbreaking work is a wonderfully supportive enlightening guide to celebrating life and building lasting love.

INVISIBLE FAMILIES by Terry Stewart [ISBN 978-0-9805523-1-7]

[ISBN 970-0-9805523-1-7] Simplified Chinese script (mainland China)

[ISBN 970-0-9805523-2-4] Traditional Chinese script (Taiwan, Hong Kong)

To discover your child or family member is lesbian, gay or bisexual affects you deeply. Questions assail you and it can be difficult to find the information you need and can trust. Invisible Families was written by a parent for people like you. Invisible Families provides a starting point to help family members talk openly about homosexuality, heal rifts and achieve a loving understanding. Pressure to conform can make a positive affirmation of sexuality impossible. This book will ease that pressure. Invisible Families has helped thousands of families since it was first published. It continues to be valued for its insights and guidance. Counsellors, teachers, friends and anyone who is part of the Family will find Invisible Families to be useful. It also contains an interesting introduction to issues relating to Maori and Polynesian homosexuality.

Order online: <a href="<http://www.digitalprintaustralia.com/www/bookstore/non-fiction/sociological/invisible-families.html>" target="_blank"> Invisible Families or by telephone from Digital Print Australia (Call Cory in confidence on 08 8232 3404).

Chinese versions are only available via US Amazon (www.amazon.com).

LIVING IN SIN by John Shelby Spong, Bishop of Newark [ISBN 0-06-067507-1]

A Bishop Rethinks Human Sexuality. “I call upon Christian leaders in all traditions to respond and act with intelligence rather than fear. If Christian leaders cannot do this, then all churches will discover that ignorance, no matter how sanctified with pious words, is still ignorance and the voice of the church will be ignored as irrelevant.”

LOVING OURSELVES by Kimeron N Hardin PH.D [ISBN 13:978-1-59350-045-0]

The Gay and Lesbian Guide to Self-Esteem. "Would the small gay child you once were look up to the gay adult you are today? If not, then this book is for you. Loving Ourselves will help you not only care more about yourself, but help you find your own identity, what kind of gay or lesbian individual you want to be." Uplifting and empowering, Loving Ourselves is a call to action for every member of the LGBT community to stand up and be proud of who you are – as an individual. Through the compassionate voice of Kimeron Hardin, Ph.D., this well documented guide will allow you to recognise your strengths, acknowledge your weaknesses and become a stronger, more vital person. Starting with your early influences from family and media, to the choices you make in your daily life and beyond, to contemporary issues like marriage, parenting and ageing, here is the definitive book that lets you finally complete yourself.

MY CHILD IS GAY by Bryce McDougall [ISBN 1-86448-658-9]

Each year a number of brave men and women will sit down and tell their parents that they are gay. By the time they tell their parents they will have lived with this knowledge for some time. It is the parents who have often only a split second to react. How parents react when they hear the news – a compilation of letters written by parents who have a gay or lesbian child. The letters have been written to be shared – to help parents cope and come to terms with their feelings, as well as assist gay men and women who are contemplating sharing the truth.

NOW THAT YOU KNOW by Betty Fairchild and Nancy Hayward [ISBN 0-15-600605-7]

"An essential survival guide for the coming out process." Enlightening and positive, informative and compassionate, Now That You Know has become a standard reference for families with gay sons or daughters. Written by two mothers of gay children, the book discusses the nature of homosexuality, counsels parents to respond supportively to gay children, and brings families together by maintaining the bonds of acceptance and affirmation. The authors keep parents up-to-date on the pressing health and emotional issues with a new postscript to their chapter on AIDS. They recognise that parents need to reach out to other parents and have completely updated their chapter on support groups, including PFLAG. Finally, a new, fully annotated bibliography serves as yet another resource for parents and children alike. Now That You Know won the Gay Book Award of the ALA Gay Task Force. Its authors were praised by the Advocate for succeeding in bringing parents and whole families "from the first moments of revelation through the guilt and recrimination, emerging on the other side of tolerance in love and joy."

OUT OF THE CLOSET INTO OUR HEARTS by Laura Siegel and Nancy Lamkin Olson [Editors] [ISBN 0-943595-84-3]

This is the first in-depth collection of true personal accounts written by the families (parents, siblings, grandparents, children and extended family) of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals, and transgendered people. These relationships are explored in six sections: We're Here, We're Family, Get Used to Us; What's Gay Anyway?; Expanding Our World; Taking Our Faith Seriously; and All We Did Was Love; I Know that you love me, but when I walk out the door who else will? The book ends with a poignant first person account by Dennis Shepard, father of Matt.

SAY IT OUT LOUD – JOURNEY OF A REAL COWBOY by Adam Sutton & Neil McMahon [ISBN 978-74166-545-1]

When Hollywood actor Heath Ledger finished reading the script for Brokeback Mountain – a film about a love affair between two American cowboys – he thought of his friend Adam Sutton, whose life was reflected in many of the film's themes, and told him, "I've just read this script and it sounds a lot like you." By nature Adam was a masculine daredevil who survived on the strength of his boisterous character. He was 'the crazy bastard' – the maddest, bravest bloke in the room – who faced tragedy, a prison stint and five long years on the road, but who could not face himself. His remarkable and unlikely journey from the world of cowboys, rodeos and stereotypes, to Hollywood and finally, to self-acceptance, is a powerful reminder that sometimes truth is even stranger than Hollywood fiction.

SO YOUR CHILD IS GAY by Dr Jerald Bain [ISBN 0-00-638492-7]

This is a supportive and informative guide for parents of homosexual children and for the children themselves who need parental understanding and acceptance. So Your Child is Gay is the first Canadian book specifically written for families to deal with the issues surrounding children who are gay. It explodes the many myths, stereotypes and prejudices surrounding gayness and assists parents and other family members in dealing with their own inability to understand. It faces the questions that many parents have: Is it something we did? Can we not change our child? How can we tell our friends? What about AIDS? What does our religion say? Dr Bain draws on the stories of real people and lets them speak in their own words to readers. The result is a sympathetic, readable and informed guide that argues for empathy and caring in place of guilt and suffering. So Your Child is Gay is a much-needed book for families that reaches out to all members and offers insights and ideas for people who want to understand and love one another.

THE CHILDREN ARE FREE by Rev. Jeff Miner and John Tyler Connoley [ISBN 0-9719296-0-2]

Re-examining the Biblical Evidence of Same-Sex Relationships. Think the Bible condemns gay relationships? Think again. "If you're confused by all the misinformation about homosexuality and the Bible, read The Children are Free. The authors have created a wonderful, timely, easy to read summary of the evidence that will inform and inspire your search. Let the Spirit of Truth set you free."

THE END OF INNOCENCE – A MEMOIR by Chastity Bono with Michele Kort [ISBN 1-55583-795-6]

In this riveting memoir, Chastity Bono recounts a story of love, commitment and tragedy lived out beyond the glare of the cameras. At age 23, Chastity was well on her way to establishing her own life separate from her superstar parents, Cher and Sonny Bono. Geffen Records had just signed her band, Ceremony and best of all, a love affair began to blossom with Joan Stephens, Chastity's long time friend whom she had originally met through her mother, Cher. In what began as an unlikely relationship, Chastity and Joan eventually found and nurtured a tender, loving partnership. Chastity's musical career imploded and she became caretaker and lover of Joan when diagnosed with cancer, discovering a depth and beauty that intensified her feelings of loss as Joan succumbed to the ravages of cancer. A story of love won and lost, of dreams fulfilled and shattered – is a coming-of-age story that takes a deeply personal look into the private struggles of a very public and courageous woman.

THE VELVET RAGE by Alan Downs, PH.D. [ISBN 0-7382-1061-7]

Overcoming the pain of growing up gay in a straight man's world. The gay male world today is characterised by seductive beauty, artful creativity, flamboyant sexuality, and, encouragingly, unprecedented acceptability in society. Yet despite the progress of the past century, gay men still find themselves asking, "Are we really better off?" The inevitable by-product of growing up gay in a straight world continues to be the internalisation of shame, a shame gay men may strive to obscure with a facade of beauty, creativity or material success. Drawing on contemporary psychological research, the author's own personal journey to be free of anger and shame, as well as the stories of many of his friends and clients, The Velvet Rage outlines the three distinct stages to emotional well-being for gay men. Offering profoundly helpful strategies to stop the insidious cycle of avoidance and self-defeating behaviour, The Velvet Rage is an empowering book that will influence the public discourse on gay culture and positively change the lives of gay men who read it.

TRANSGENDERS AND INTERSEXUALS Text by Lois May [ISBN 192103707-5]

Everything you wanted to know but couldn't think of the question. What would you do if you asked what sex your newborn baby was and your doctor said "We don't know?" Approximately one person out of every hundred is born intersexed to some degree but doesn't necessarily know it. The incidence is only slightly less than twinning, which occurs about once in every eighty births. What would you do if your little girl constantly insisted that she was a boy? For most people, sexual identity (their birth sex) and gender identity (the gender they feel themselves to be) coincide. For transsexuals and many intersexuals there is a conflict between their apparent biology and their innate sense of gender. Why? Researchers are now homing in on the genetic and hormonal influences that determine our sexual development and our internal perception of gender identity. An increasing number of scientists believe that transsexuals hold the key to solving the gender puzzle.

VICE VERSA BISEXUALITY AND THE EROTICISM OF EVERYDAY LIFE by Marjorie Garber [ISBN 0-241-13448-X]

Marjorie Garber is a Professor of English at Harvard University and the author of four previous books. A trail-blazing study of bisexuality as an erotic, social and cultural phenomenon, guaranteed to challenge everyone's preconceptions about love, desire, sex, gender and identity. Before the eighteenth century, bisexuality was a practice, not an identity. And today's 'new bisexuality' is actually a return to the bisexuality of old: bisexuality as eroticism – unconfined, unpredictable and unabashedly 'incorrect'. 'Bisexuality receives its first serious treatment in years in this boldly imaginative and hugely entertaining book. Marjorie Garber challenges the bland certainties of our sexual taxonomies in an ambitious and animated study that will intoxicate with its frankness and impress with its intelligence. A spirited, engrossing, exuberant book' – Diane Fuss, Princeton University.

WHEN OUR CHILDREN COME OUT by Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli [ISBN 187645144-0]

How to support gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered young people. Drawing on the experiences of young people, parents, teachers and youth workers from different socioeconomic levels, diverse regions and many cultural backgrounds, Maria Pallotta-Chiarolli has compiled a practical and moving guide for all those whose lives are affected when a young person comes out. As many of these stories attest, support can mean the difference between tragedy and fulfilment.

WOMEN PARTNERS OF BISEXUAL MEN Text by Sara Lubowitz [ISBN 0642 244367]

We hope that this book demonstrates that you are not alone and that you can make it through this difficult time. We would like to acknowledge the courage of the women whose stories appear in this book. It is through their strength and commitment that this book has been made possible. These women have shared their stories in the hope that other women will know that they too are not alone. The women that you are about to meet come from all over Australia. They share their thoughts and feelings with you. Some of these women are still living with their partners and some are not.