

# Best LGBT+ Fiction 2021

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Gays The Word Bookshop have helped us compile a booklist to celebrate LGBT+ History Month, by sharing their favourite fiction titles that were published in 2021. Some are more literary, while others are just great page turners. There's something for everyone!

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Kerry Andrew  
Skin

Non-binary

London, 1985. Joe, father to eleven-year-old Matty, has disappeared, and nobody will explain where he's gone, or why.

Zaina Arafat  
You Exist Too Much

Bisexual

Follows a Palestinian-American girl's progress from blushing teen to creative and confused adulthood.

Neil Bartlett  
Address Book

Gay

Seven different situations. Seven different characters, each seeking to feel at home - somewhere or with someone.

Emily Danforth  
Plain Bad Heroines

Lesbian

'It's a terrible story and one way to tell it is this: two girls in love and a fog of wasps cursed the place forever after...'

Niven Govinden  
Diary of a Film

Gay

This is a novel about cinema, flaneurs, and queer love - it is about the sometimes troubled, sometimes ecstatic creative process, and the toll it takes on its makers.

Tomasz Jedrowski  
Swimming in the Dark

Gay

Poland, 1980. Shy, anxious Ludwik has been sent along with the rest of his university class to an agricultural camp. Here he meets Janusz - and together they spend a dreamlike summer falling in love.

Laura Kay  
The Split

Lesbian

A brilliant, heart-warming and intensely funny story of love, heartache, friendship and family.

T J Klune  
The House in the Cerulean Sea

Gay

Linus Baker leads a quiet life. At forty, he has a tiny house with a devious cat and his beloved records for company. And at the Department in Charge of Magical Youth, he's spent many dull years monitoring their orphanages.

Joss Lake  
Future Feeling

Trans

An embittered dog walker obsessed with a social media influencer inadvertently puts a curse on a young man - and must adventure into mysterious dimension in order to save him.

Malinda Lo  
Last Night at the Telegraph Club

Lesbian

A gripping story of love and duty set in San Francisco's Chinatown during the 1950s.

Freya Marske  
[A Marvellous Light](#)

Gay

Set in an alternative Edwardian England, this is a comedy of manners, manor houses, and hedge mazes: including a magic-infused murder mystery and a delightful queer romance.

Sang Young Park  
[Love in the Big City](#)

Gay

Told in four parts, this is an energetic, joyful and moving novel that depicts both the glittering nighttime world of Seoul and the bleary-eyed morning-after.

Torrey Peters  
[Detransition Baby](#)

Trans

Amy de-transitioned to become Ames, changed jobs and, thinking he was infertile, started an affair with his boss Katrina. Now Katrina's pregnant.

Brontez Purnell  
[100 Boyfriends](#)

Gay

A filthy, unforgettable, and brutally profound ode to messy queer love.

Taylor Jenkins Reid  
[The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo](#)

Lesbian / Bisexual

A legendary film actress reflects on her relentless rise to the top and the risks she took, the loves she lost, and the long-held secrets the public could never imagine.

**Morgan Rogers**  
**Honey Girl**

Lesbian

Grace is not the kind of person who goes to Vegas and gets drunkenly married to a woman whose name she doesn't know... until she does exactly that.

**Tasha Suri**  
**The Jasmine Throne**

Lesbian

One is a vengeful princess seeking to depose her brother from his throne. The other is a priestess searching for her family. Together, they will change the fate of an empire.

**Colm Toibin**  
**The Magician**

Gay

The story of Thomas Mann, whose life was filled with great acclaim and contradiction. He had six children and kept his homosexuality hidden.

**Isabel Waidner**  
**Sterling Karat Gold**

Non-binary

Aspiring writer Sterling is arrested one morning, without having done anything wrong. Plunged into a terrifying and nonsensical world, Sterling tries to exonerate themselves and to hold the powers that be to account.

**Bryan Washington**  
**Memorial**

Gay

Funny and profound, this is a novel about family in all its strange forms, becoming who you're supposed to be and the outer limits of love.

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