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YOUTH&I – Volume 1 – Various Authors

Topics: Intersex Anthology

Summary:

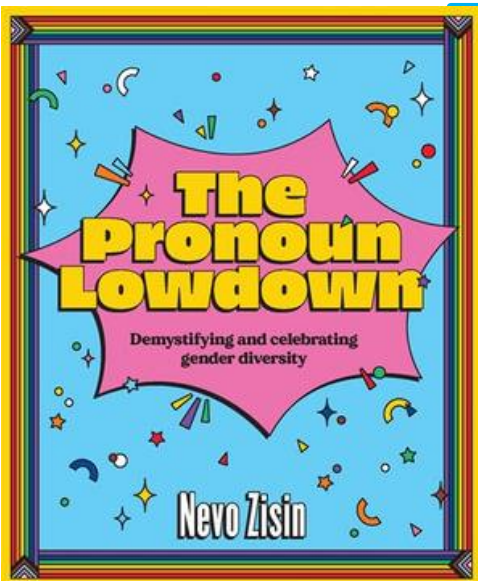
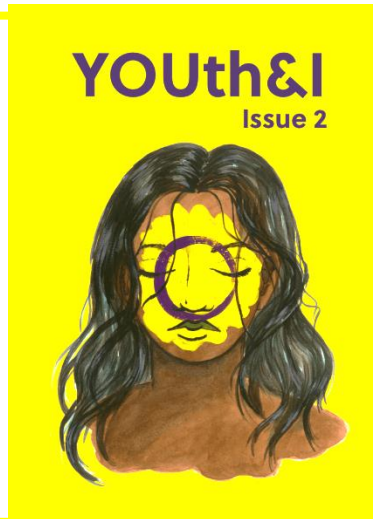
In YOUTH & I, intersex youth tell their own stories, how they want to and in their own way. YOUTH & I is an Australian publication created and edited by Steph Lum. A safe space for young intersex people to share their stories in their own words and not be taken out of context or rewritten by endosex (non-intersex) people. A space for intersex voices to be heard in their own right. A chance to educate the people we live with and to connect with others including those who, even if they don't know the word intersex, might recognise some of these stories and experiences within themselves...

YOUTH&I – Volume 2 – Various Authors

Topics: Intersex Anthology

Summary:

These stories discuss the struggles of not being heard, the frustration at people making assumptions about what intersex is and the frustration in some of our relationships with family members, friends and people close to us who misunderstand or choose not to listen. More than this, though, these stories reflect our relationships with ourselves and our own bodies, the moments of loss but also of rebuilding, of not knowing where we belong in the world around us but finding moments of belonging in ourselves.



The Pronoun Lowdown Demystifying and Celebrating Gender Diversity

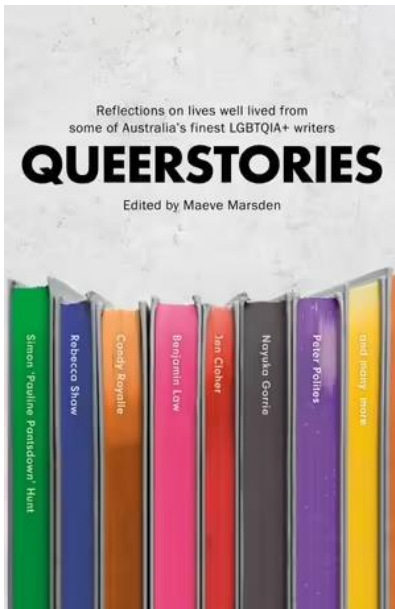
- Nevo Zisin

Topics: Non-fiction, Transgender, Gender Diversity

Summary:

We find ourselves at an exciting moment in history. For the first time, trans and gender diverse people are being seen and heard. Thanks to tireless activism, and an increased visibility worldwide, these lived experiences (the joyful, and the painful) are no longer able to be ignored. And so, The Pronoun Lowdown is here to demystify and celebrate trans and gender diverse excellence.

Woven together with author Nevo Zisin's own pronoun journey, this book sheds light on the complicated history of gender around the world, in language and across time.



Queerstories - Maeve Marsden

Topics: – Non-fiction, Australian LGBTQIA+ Anthology

Summary:

There's more to being queer than coming out and getting married. This exciting and contemporary collection contains stories that are as diverse as the LGBTQIA+ community from which they're drawn.

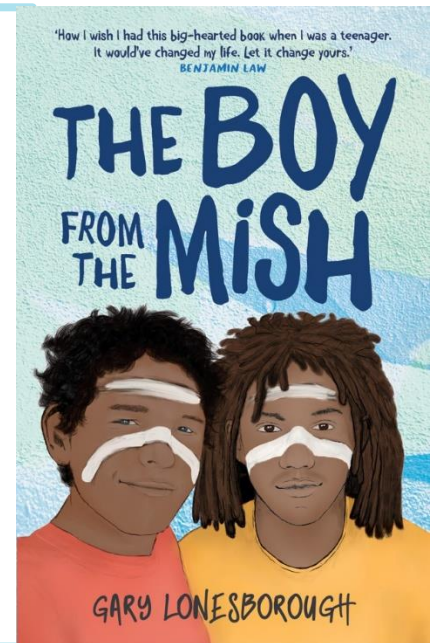
From hilarious anecdotes of an awkward adolescence, to heart-warming stories of family acceptance and self-discovery, the LGBTQIA+ community has been sharing stories for centuries, creating their own histories, disrupting and reinventing conventional ideas about narrative, family, love and community.

The Boy from the Mish - Gary Lonesborough

Topics: Australian Aboriginal, Same-sex relationship, Gay Fiction

Summary:

A funny and heart-warming queer Indigenous YA novel, set in a rural Australian community, about seventeen-year-old Jackson finding the courage to explore who he is, even if it scares him. It's a hot summer, and life's going all right for Jackson and his family on the Mish. It's almost Christmas, school's out, and he's hanging with his mates, teasing the visiting tourists, avoiding the racist boys in town. Just like every year, Jackson's Aunty and annoying little cousins visit from the city - but this time a mysterious boy with a troubled past comes with them... As their friendship evolves, Jackson must confront the changing shapes of his relationships with his friends, family, and community. And he must face his darkest secret - a secret he thought he'd locked away for good. Compelling, honest and beautifully written, The Boy from the Mish is about first love, identity, and the superpower of self-belief.



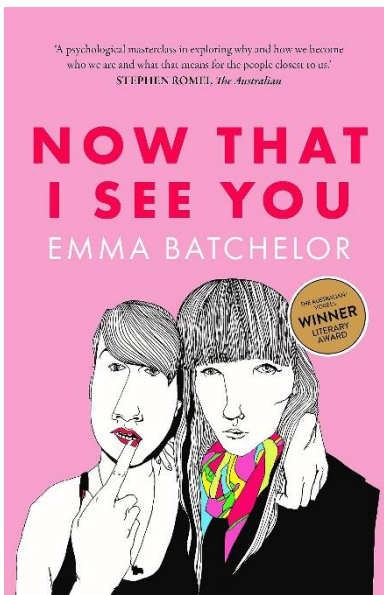
Now That I See You - Emma Batchelor

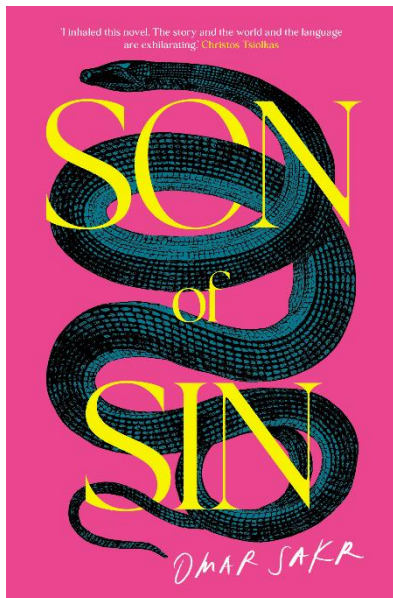
Topics: Autofiction Australian, Transgender, Same-sex relationship, Lesbian

Summary:

Viewed through the lens of a relationship breakdown after one partner discloses to the other that they are transgender, this autofiction spans eighteen months: from the moments of first discovery, through the eventual disintegration of their partnership, to the new beginnings of independence.

In diaries and letters, Now That I See You unfolds a love story that, while often messy and uncomfortable, is a poignant and personal exploration of identity, gender, love, and grief.





Son of Sin - Omar Sakr

Topics: Australian, Queer, Muslim, Multicultural

Summary:

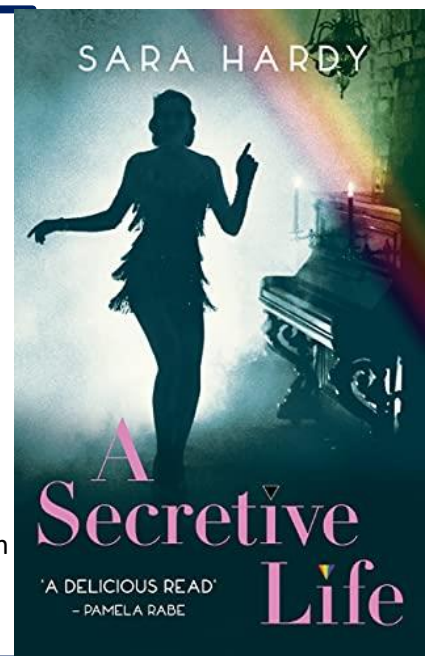
An estranged father. An abused and abusive mother. An army of relatives. A tapestry of violence, woven across generations and geographies, from Turkey to Lebanon to Western Sydney. This is the legacy left to Jamal Smith, a young queer Muslim trying to escape a past in which memory and rumour trace ugly shapes in the dark. When every thread in life constricts instead of connects, how do you find a way to breathe? Torn between faith and fear, gossip and gospel, family and friendship, Jamal must find and test the limits of love.

A Secretive Life - Sara Hardy

Topics: Australian author, historical fiction, lesbian and queer women, transgender

Summary:

A Berlin cabaret star, a Jewish refugee, a Trans friend, a fresh-faced beauty in dungarees – each of these women teaches Cecilia a fundamental lesson in life. Romance abounds, but there is also haunting tragic loss. Cecilia’s bittersweet story captures the glittering but dangerous LGBTQ+ underworld that hid in plain sight through most of the 20th century. Cantankerous Cecilia is unrepentant as she looks back over a queer life defined by lesbian love and dangerous adventure. She’s been an ambulance driver in two world wars, frolicker in decadent Weimar Berlin (Gay Capital of the World), rally car driver in the 1936 Olympics – and part-time spy. By the 1970s a sweet smile entices her to brave her fears and openly march for Gay Pride. A Secretive Life shines a unique light on lesbian invisibility and secrecy through the 20th century drawing on real events and real lives such as Dolly Wilde, Radclyffe Hall, Vita Sackville-West and Edna Walling



Oranges are not the only fruit -

Topics: – Lesbian Fiction

Summary:

This is the story of Jeanette, adopted and brought up by her mother as one of God's elect. Zealous and passionate, she seems destined for life as a missionary, but then she falls for one of her converts. At sixteen, Jeanette decides to leave the church, her home and her family, for the young woman she loves. Innovative, punchy and tender.



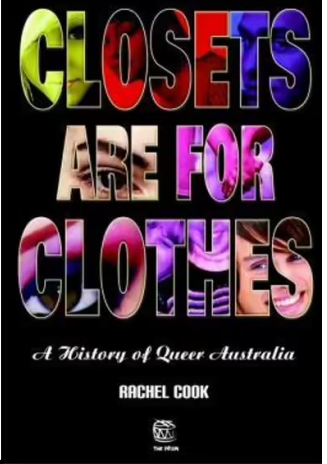
Closets are for Clothes: A History of Queer Australia - Rachel Cook

Topics: Non-fiction, Australian LGBTIQ+ History

Summary:

A celebration of the history of gay and lesbian culture in Australia.

Some of the very first white Australians were gay and lesbian: they arrived on convict ships or as free settlers and forged their own colourful and intriguing history. At times shunned from society, they fought to be treated as equals. From mollies to queers, gays and lesbians have contributed to Australian history in a most unique way



**THE
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THE HISTORY, THE PEOPLE,
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Lewis Laney



The Little Book of Pride - The History, the People, the Parades - Lewis Laney

Topics: Non-fiction, LGBTIQ+ History

Summary:

What began as a protest for gay rights following the Stonewall riots of 1969 in New York has grown to become a global celebration of LGBTQ culture. In the 50-odd years since the original protest, and what is now widely accepted to be the first Pride march – Christopher Street Liberation Day, 1970 – Pride events are now attended by millions each year, celebrating how far we've come, recognising where we have to go and highlighting important causes in the gay community. A concise look at everything you need to know about Pride, revealing the history, the key people involved, the best Pride events around the world, inspirational quotes from famous queers, Pride facts and a fun Pride survival guide.

This Book is Gay - Juno Dawson

Topics: LGBTIQ+

Summary:

Lesbian. Bisexual. Queer. Transgender. Straight. Curious. This book is for everyone, regardless of gender or sexual preference. This book is for anyone who's ever dared to wonder. This book is for YOU.

There's a long-running joke that, after "coming out," a lesbian, gay guy, bisexual, or trans person should receive a membership card and instruction manual. THIS IS THAT INSTRUCTION MANUAL. You're welcome.

You will be entertained. You will be informed. But most importantly, you will know that however you identify (or don't) and whomever you love, you are exceptional. You matter. And so does this book.

