GLBT RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY - A SELECTIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY: 2016-2020

Consult also the updated lists: <u>1950-2000</u>, <u>2001-2005</u>, <u>2006-2010</u> and <u>2011-2015</u>. This selective book list indicates the large number and wide range of published viewpoints available to lesbians and gay men interested in exploring their lives as spiritual journeys. The bibliography lists author, title, publisher, and date of publication. One should refer to publishers or book suppliers for content summaries, reader's reviews, available formats, pricing and ordering information.

Specifically excluded from the list of published resources are: novels and poetry; items written in languages other than English; brochures, study guides, and tracts; articles in periodicals; books exclusively addressing the spiritual dimensions of the AIDS epidemic or the experience of living with AIDS; doctrinal statements and position papers about gays and lesbians adopted by religious institutions; and blatantly homophobic treatments of the subject. Some of the books listed were produced by publishers affiliated with religious institutions, and many of the titles listed were not written by lesbians or gay men. Book titles are arranged alphabetically by title within the categories listed below. With a few exceptions, titles are listed in only one of the categories. Because not every title was examined, some titles may be inappropriately categorized, or could be categorized differently.

Note: Electronic books are not included. Printed items of less than 50 pages are counted as pamphlets or booklets, and are, generally, not included. A select few of these short items are included and the number of pages is indicated.

A book is available from major booksellers when it is added to the list. Some included books have one or two chapters on GLBT Religion and Spirituality, and may also contain discussions of other issues as well.

Generally, used books are not included.

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Act of Love. DVD release date: January 10 2017. 86 minutes. Studio: Virgil Films and Entertainment. Documentary. Directed by Scott Sheppard. Actors: Frank Schaefer (Self), Tim Schaefer (Self), Brigitte Schaefer (Self), Jimmy Creech (Self), Beth Stroud (Self). Rev. Frank Schaefer never set out to be an activist, but after officiating the same-sex wedding of his son, the United Methodist Church put him on trial, igniting a media firestorm. Schaefer's act of parental love for his gay son thrust him to the forefront of a decades-long movement for LGBTQ equality in the nation's second largest protestant denomination. This gripping documentary plays out like a courtroom drama, chronicling the Schaefer family's struggle and the divide in a mainstream church facing cultural shifts.

Boy Erased. DVD release date: 2019. 1 hr. 54 minutes. Studio: Focus Features. Directed by Joel Edgerton. Actors: Lucas Hedges, Nicole Kidman, Russel Crowe. Boy Erased tells the story of Jared (Hedges), the son of a Baptist pastor in a small American town, who is outed to his parents (Kidman and Crowe) at age 19. Jared is faced with an ultimatum: attend a gay conversion therapy program – or be permanently exiled and shunned by his family, friends, and faith. "Boy Erased" is the true story of one young man's struggle to find himself while being forced to question every aspect of his identity.

Brotherly Love. DVD release date: August 7 2018. 119 minutes. Studio: Breaking Glass Pictures. Director: Anthony J. Caruso. Actors: Anthony J. Caruso, Derek Babb, David Blackwell, Brooks Ryan. Brotherly Love is the movie adaptation of the Lambda Literary Award-nominated novel Seventy Times Seven by Salvatore Sapienza. Which call do you answer? The one you feel from God or the one you feel about your authentic self. This is the dilemma at hand for Brother Vito (played by writer/director Anthony J. Caruso) as he must decide between becoming a Brother or declaring his love for Gabe (Derek Babb). Shot entirely in Austin, TX and with a local cast and crew, Brotherly Love is a fresh take on the traditional gay love story. DVD BONUS FEATURES: Audio commentary and a campaign trailer with alternate takes.

Enough Room at the Table. (2016?) (DVD) 100 minutes. Watchfire Films. Documentary. Directed by Daneen Akers and Stephen Eyer. This is a dialogue film set at the intersection of faith, gender, and sexuality. It's meant to model the sacred space that opens up when we gather to genuinely listen to each other and participate in each other's lives. Our differences in beliefs, theological paradigms, and practice don't disappear; but we stop seeing each other as position statements or labels and instead see each other as fellow beloved children of God. We start looking like the sort of people who are known by their love. This film shows a weekend dialogue as 12 Adventists from around the United States gathered to engage and converse about topics often not discussed (or often discussed without key voices at the table). The group includes pastors, educators, parents, and LGBT+ Adventists, all from differing theological paradigms, experiences, and perspectives. The participants didn't know each other before this weekend, but they were committed to open, authentic, and respectful dialogue.

The Falls trilogy

The Falls: Covenant of Grace. DVD release date: December 6 2016. 106 minutes. Studio: Breaking Glass Pictures. Directed by Jon Garcia. Actors: Nick Ferrucci, Benjamin Farmer. Seven years after falling in love on their Mormon Mission, Chris and RJ separate and try to forget each other. The two meet for closure, but feelings resurface and leave them contemplating a future together, knowing the price they'll pay.

The Falls: Testament of Love. DVD release date: November 26 2013. 123 minutes. Studio: Breaking Glass Pictures. Directed by Jon Garcia. Actors: Nick Ferrucci, Benjamin Farmer. Chris and RJ reunite five years after coming out to their families and their church as gay men, where the factors that led to their separation are revealed as they mourn the death of their mutual friend Rodney.

The Falls. DVD release date: December 11 2012. 89 minutes. Studio: Breaking Glass Pictures, QC Cinema. Directed by Jon Garcia. Actors: Nick Ferrucci, Benjamin Farmer, Brian Allard. RJ and Chris are two teenage boys raised in Mormon communities. Though both are poster boys for their church with perfect academic records and pretty girlfriends, buried feelings soon rise to the surface when they are assigned to serve a mission together as part of their rite of passage. Now, they will have to make sense of the conflict between their desires and the rules that govern the only world they know.

Fair Haven. DVD release date: March 14 2017. 90 minutes. Studio: Breaking Glass Pictures. Directed by Kerstin Karlhuber. Actors: Tom Wopat, Michael Grant, Gregory Harrison, Josh Green. After a long stay in ex-gay conversion therapy, James, a young piano prodigy, returns home to his family farm and his emotionally distant father, Richard. After Richard pressures James to give up his music career and take over the farm, James agrees as a way to make up for his past. Soon, however, James finds himself face-to-face with a former lover, Charlie, who wants to help him turn away from his new beliefs and family expectations, and follow his dreams of studying music.

The Last Year. DVD release date: June 5 2018. 93 minutes. Studio: Radioactive Cactus Entertainment. Directed by Jeff London. Actors: Ron Petronicolos, Michael Dolan, Seth Adams, Merrick McMahon. Paul returns to Bible College for his senior year and has to decide about going to seminary. He is conflicted because of his same-sex desires acted upon over the summer. He meets handsome new student, Alex, and the two hang out together, eventually realizing their love for each other. Word gets around and the Dean sends his jocks to find ways to expel Paul and Alex. The Dean has secrets, the jocks have secrets. This college has a lot of secrets.

The Miseducation of Cameron Post. DVD release date: December 3 2018. 91 minutes. Studio: Filmrise. Directed by Desiree Akhavan. Actors: Chloe Grace Moretz, Steven Hauck, Quinn Shephard, Jennifer Ehle, Owen Campbell. Cameron Post (Chloë Grace Moretz) looks the part of a perfect high school girl. But after she's caught with another girl in the back seat of a car on prom night, Cameron is quickly shipped off to a conversion therapy center that treats teens "struggling with same-sex attraction." At the facility, Cameron is subjected to outlandish discipline, dubious "de-gaying" methods, and earnest Christian rock songs-but this unusual setting also provides her with an unlikely gay community. For the first time, Cameron connects with peers, and she's able to find her place among fellow outcasts.

My Big Gay Jewish Conversion. DVD release date: April 14 2020. 48 minutes. Studio: Mvd Visual. Directed by Roeland Doust. Actors: Simon Atkins. Simon Atkins goes on a personal journey to discover if he could convert to Judaism and whether he would be willing to sacrifice his Roman Catholic roots for his boyfriend.

A Sinner in Mecca. DVD release date: July 5 2016. 79 minutes. Studio: Alive Mind. Documentary. Directed by Parvez Sharma. Subtitle: The Saudi Arabia they don't want you to see. For a gay filmmaker, filming in Saudi Arabia presents two serious challenges: filming is forbidden in the country and homosexuality is punishable by death. For filmmaker Parvez Sharma, however, these were risks he had to assume as he embarked on his Hajj pilgrimage, a journey considered the greatest accomplishment and aspiration within Islam, his religion.

Southern Baptist Sissies. DVD release date: November 11 2014 / Blu-ray release date: June 23 2016. 138 minutes. Studio: Breaking Glass Pictures. Drama. Directed by Del Shores. Actors: Emerson Collins, Leslie Jordan, William Belli, and Dale Dickey. This is a film of the theatrical experience of writer/director Del Shores' GLAAD Award-winning play about four gay boys growing up in the Southern Baptist church. It exposes the conflict between the abrasive rhetoric of dogmatic religion and the fragile development of adolescent homosexuality while challenging hypocrisy, uncovering damage and giving hope. The intimate experience of theatre on the film screen reveals the complicated emotions from all sides: the confused child, the struggling adolescent and the angry and flawed adult.

Transfigurations: Transgressing Gender in the Bible. DVD release date: March 2017. 105 minutes. Distributor: Barclay Press, Inc. Directed by Samuel Neff. Written and performed by Peterson Toscano. Peterson Toscano has shaken up Bible scholarship and received high praise for his groundbreaking, genre-bending, gender-blending Bible interpretations. By unearthing the gender stories of people in the Hebrew and Christian scriptures, Toscano's one-person performance deepens well-known (and lesserknown) Bible stories and presents an array of Bible characters with an array of genders. The DVD contains two beautifully filmed, high definition versions of Peterson' groundbreaking work—a performance lecture (60 min) and the full dramatic play (45 min).

Upstairs Inferno. DVD release date: May 15 2018. 96 minutes. Documentary. Studio: Camina Entertainment, Inc. Director: Robert L. Camina. Actors: Christopher Rice, Troy Perry, Regina Adams, Francis Dufrene, Clayton Delery-Edwards. On June 24, 1973, an arsonist set fire to the Up Stairs Lounge, a gay bar located on the edge of the French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana. The fire ultimately killed 32 people and severely injured countless others. Some bodies were never identified. One-third of the New Orleans chapter of the Metropolitan Community Church were killed in the blaze, including two clergy. The primary suspect was never charged with the crime. The tragedy did not stop at the loss of lives. There were also the delayed injuries: lost jobs, fear, public ridicule and severed families. The devastation was compounded by the homophobic reactions and utter lack of concern by the general public, government and religious leaders. The fire permanently altered lives and was the root of many lifelong struggles. Despite the staggering historical significance, few people know about the tragedy. With unique access (EXCLUSIVE on-camera interviews from survivors, witnesses and friends/families of victims) and a fresh perspective (incorporating long lost artifacts, newsreel footage and photographs that haven't been seen in decades), UPSTAIRS INFERNO vividly examines this oft-forgotten story and is considered the most COMPREHENSIVE, COMPASSIONATE and AUTHORITATIVE film about the tragedy and its aftermath

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