

# Gay Materials for Use in Schools

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## Background Material for Teachers, Counselors and Librarians

- ABOUT OUR CHILDREN. Parts of pamphlet are translated into Spanish, Japanese, French and Chinese. 25¢ prepaid from Parents and Friends of Gays, Box 24565, Los Angeles, CA 90024.
- Cunningham, John. "Growing Up Gay Male." Voice of Youth Advocates, June 1978.
- Fairchild, Betty and Nancy Hayward. NOW THAT YOU KNOW: WHAT EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1979.
- GAY AIDS FOR COUNSELORS. Selected list of books, articles and pamphlets, plus names and addresses of gay organizations in the helping field. Gay Task Force, American Library Association. Two copies, 35¢ prepaid from "Barbara Gittings--GTF" at address at end; quantity rate available.
- A GAY BIBLIOGRAPHY. 6th edition, March 1980. Selective non-fiction list of 563 items grouped under topics: History and Biography, Law and Civil Rights, Religion, Literature and the Arts, Human Sciences, etc. Gay Task Force, American Library Association. One or two copies, \$1 each prepaid from "Barbara Gittings--GTF" at address at end; quantity rate available.
- GAYELLOW PAGES. Classified directories of gay/lesbian organizations, businesses and services in U.S. and Canada. National edition and five regional editions. Renaissance House, Box 292 Village Station, New York, NY 10014.
- Greenberg, Jerrold S. "A Study of Personality Change Associated with the Conducting of a High School Unit on Homosexuality." Journal of School Health, September 1975. Also available in ERIC.
- GUIDELINES FOR TREATMENT OF GAY THEMES IN CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE. Gay Task Force, American Library Association, 1975. Free for stamped #10 size reply envelope from "Barbara Gittings--GTF" at address at end. (Note: These guidelines were originally written for editors and publishers. A slightly modified version for librarians is included in the Hanckel/Cunningham article cited below.)
- Hanckel, Frances and John Cunningham. "Can Young Gays Find Happiness in YA Books?" Wilson Library Bulletin, March 1976.
- Morin, Stephen F. and Stephen J. Schultz. "The Gay Movement and the Rights of Children." Journal of Social Issues, Vol. 34, No. 2 (1978).
- Olson, Ray. "Almost Grown and Gay." Voice of Youth Advocates, April 1980.
- Pennsylvania Department of Education. WHAT IS A SEXUAL MINORITY ANYWAY? 1977. Available free from Publications Office, Penna. Dept. of Education, Box 911, Harrisburg, PA 17126.
- Silverstein, Charles. A FAMILY MATTER: A PARENTS' GUIDE TO HOMOSEXUALITY. McGraw-Hill, 1977.
- Stanford, Barbara and Gene Stanford. "Topic III: Homosexuality." In their book ROLES AND RELATIONSHIPS: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO TEACHING ABOUT MASCULINITY AND FEMININITY. Bantam, 1976. (Note: The authors' recommendation of Martin Hoffman's THE GAY WORLD (1968) as "the best single non-fiction book dealing objectively with all aspects of homosexuality" and "the logical choice of a text for a social studies minicourse on homosexuality" is, in our opinion, badly misplaced. That book deals only with male homosexuality, and only with those aspects of gay male socializing that tend to involve

problems. A far better choice of basic, broadly informative books that mature young people can read is offered in our section of suggested general non-fiction, below. In general, though, the Stanfords' chapter illustrates a good approach to teaching on the subject of homosexuality.)  
Stenson, Leah Deland. "Playing Favorites: The Trouble with Sex-Ed Guides."  
School Library Journal, November 1976.

#### General Non-Fiction Which May Be Considered for Young Adults

- Adair, Nancy and Casey Adair, editors. WORD IS OUT: STORIES OF SOME OF OUR LIVES. New Glide/Delta, 1978. (Interviews)
- Berzon, Betty and Robert Leighton, editors. POSITIVELY GAY. Celestial Arts, 1979.
- Brown, Howard. FAMILIAR FACES, HIDDEN LIVES: THE STORY OF HOMOSEXUAL MEN IN AMERICA TODAY. Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, 1976; Harvest.
- Clark, Don. LOVING SOMEONE GAY. Celestial Arts, 1977; Signet.
- Cruikshank, Margaret, editor. THE LESBIAN PATH. Angel Press, 1980 (distributed by Caroline House, 2 Ellis Place, Ossining, NY 10562). (Autobiographical sketches)
- Fisher, Peter. THE GAY MYSTIQUE: THE MYTH AND REALITY OF MALE HOMOSEXUALITY. Stein & Day, 1972.
- Galana, Laurel and Gina Covina. THE NEW LESBIANS: INTERVIEWS WITH WOMEN ACROSS THE U.S. AND CANADA. Moon Books, 1977 (distributed by Random House).
- Jay, Karla and Allen Young, editors. AFTER YOU'RE OUT: PERSONAL EXPERIENCES OF GAY MEN AND LESBIAN WOMEN. Links, 1975; Pyramid.
- Kopay, David and Perry Deane Young. THE DAVID KOPAY STORY. Arbor House, 1977; Bantam. (Autobiography)
- Lewis, Sasha Gregory. SUNDAY'S WOMEN: A REPORT ON LESBIAN LIFE TODAY. Beacon Press, 1979.
- Martin, Del and Phyllis Lyon. LESBIAN/WOMAN. Glide, 1972; Bantam.
- Reid, John. THE BEST LITTLE BOY IN THE WORLD. Putnam, 1973; Ballantine. (Autobiography)
- Richmond, Len with Gary Noguera, editors. THE NEW GAY LIBERATION BOOK. Ramparts Press, 1979.
- Tobin, Kay and Randy Wicker. THE GAY CRUSADERS. Paperback Library, 1972; Arno Press, 1975. (Biographies)
- TWENTY QUESTIONS ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY. National Gay Task Force, 1978. 75¢ prepaid from National Gay Task Force, 80 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10011.
- Vida, Ginny, editor. OUR RIGHT TO LOVE: A LESBIAN RESOURCE BOOK. Prentice-Hall, 1978.
- Weinberg, George. SOCIETY AND THE HEALTHY HOMOSEXUAL. St. Martins, 1972; Anchor.

#### General Fiction Which May Be Considered for Young Adults

- Aldridge, Sarah. ALL TRUE LOVERS. Naiad Press, 1978. (Naiad Press, 7800 Westside Drive, Weatherby Lake, MO 64152)
- Baldwin, James. GIOVANNI'S ROOM. Dial, 1956; Dell.
- Brown, Rita Mae. RUBYFRUIT JUNGLE. Daughters, 1973; Bantam.
- Grier, Barbara and Coletta Reid, editors. THE LESBIANS HOME JOURNAL: STORIES FROM THE LADDER. Diana Press, 1976 (distributed by Naiad Press, address under Aldridge above).
- Hobson, Laura. CONSENTING ADULT. Doubleday, 1975.

Isherwood, Christopher. A SINGLE MAN. Simon & Schuster, 1964; Avon.  
 Kleinberg, Seymour, editor. THE OTHER PERSUASION: AN ANTHOLOGY OF SHORT FICTION ABOUT GAY MEN AND WOMEN. Vintage/Random House, 1977. (Stories by Faulkner, D. H. Lawrence, Gertrude Stein, Tennessee Williams, Ernest Hemingway, etc.)  
 Miller, Isabel. PATIENCE AND SARAH. McGraw-Hill, 1972; Fawcett.  
 Miller, Merle. WHAT HAPPENED. Harper & Row, 1972; St. Martins, 1980.  
 Rule, Jane. THE YOUNG IN ONE ANOTHER'S ARMS. Doubleday, 1977; Totem (division of Collins Paperbacks, 100 Lesmill Rd., Don Mills, Ont., Canada M3B 2T5).  
 Shockley, Ann. LOVING HER. Bobbs-Merrill, 1974; Avon.  
 Zilinsky, Ursula. MIDDLE GROUND. Lippincott, 1968; Bantam.

### Young Adult Fiction

Note: At present we are forced to mention some fiction works that are far from commendable. Bearing in mind the criticism leveled in the Hanckel/Cunningham and Olson articles cited on p. 1, you may want to examine and recommend with reservation the following YA novels:

Donovan, John. I'LL GET THERE, IT BETTER BE WORTH THE TRIP. Harper & Row, 1969; Dell.  
 Guy, Rosa. RUBY. Viking, 1976; Bantam.  
 Hall, Lynn. STICKS AND STONES. Follett, 1972; Dell.  
 Hautzig, Deborah. HEY, DOLLFACE. Morrow/Greenwillow, 1978.  
 Holland, Isabelle. THE MAN WITHOUT A FACE. Lippincott, 1972; Bantam.  
 Kerr, M. E. I'LL LOVE YOU WHEN YOU'RE MORE LIKE ME. Harper & Row, 1977.  
 Scoppettone, Sandra. HAPPY ENDINGS ARE ALL ALIKE. Harper & Row, 1978; Dell.  
 Scoppettone, Sandra. TRYING HARD TO HEAR YOU. Harper & Row, 1975; Bantam.

### Young Adult Non-Fiction

Diamond, Liz. THE LESEBIAN PRIMER. Women's Educational Media, 2nd ed., 1979. \$4.70 prepaid from Women's Educational Media, Box 533, Salem, MA 01970.  
 Eagan, Andrea. "Between Girls." Pp. 58-61 in WHY AM I SO MISERABLE IF THESE ARE THE BEST YEARS OF MY LIFE? Lippincott, 1976; Avon, revised, 1979.  
 GROWING UP GAY. Youth Liberation Press, 2nd ed., 1978. \$2 prepaid from Youth Liberation Press, Box 524, Brooklyn, NY 11215.  
 Hanckel, Frances and John Cunningham. A WAY OF LOVE, A WAY OF LIFE: A YOUNG PERSON'S INTRODUCTION TO WHAT IT MEANS TO BE GAY. Lothrop, Lee & Shepard (Morrow), 1979.  
 Johnson, Eric W. "Homosexuality--Being 'Gay'." In LOVE AND SEX IN PLAIN LANGUAGE. Lippincott, New Revised Edition, 1974.  
 Jones, Clinton. WHAT ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY? Nelson, 1972.  
 Kelly, Gary. LEARNING ABOUT SEX: THE CONTEMPORARY GUIDE FOR YOUNG ADULTS. Barron's Educational Series, Revised Edition, 1977.  
 YOUNG, GAY AND PROUD! Alyson Publications, 1980. (U.S. edition of a booklet originally published under same title in 1978 by the Gay Teachers & Students Group of Melbourne, Australia.) \$3.50 prepaid from Alyson Publications, 75 Kneeland, Rm. 309, Boston, MA 02111.

## Audio-Visuals

- ABOUT YOUR SEXUALITY. Multi-media kit for junior and senior high school use, by deryck calderwood, revised 1978. Ten sections, including "Same Sex Behavior" and "Homosexual Life Styles." Dept. of Education, Unitarian Universalist Association, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, \$135 (sale only).
- GAY PEOPLE AND GAY ISSUES IN SECONDARY EDUCATION. Audio tape of session at 1977 convention of National Council of Teachers of English. On-the-Spot Duplicators, 8216 Lankershim Blvd., N. Hollywood, CA 91605, \$6.50 prepaid.
- GAY TEACHERS AND GAY STUDENTS: HOMOSEXUALITY IN THE SCHOOLS. Audio tape, 1976, 59 minutes. Options in Education, National Public Radio, 2025 M St., NW, Washington, DC 20036; tape \$6 prepaid, with transcript, \$7.
- THE HIDDEN MINORITY: HOMOSEXUALITY IN OUR SOCIETY. Filmstrip by Barbara Weisberg, 1979, two filmstrips with cassettes and phonodiscs and teacher's guide, total 46 minutes. Guidance Associates, Communications Park, Box 300, White Plains, NY 10602; sale \$69.50. Good introductory material for high school use. Part 2 (22 minutes) can be shown alone to allow time for class discussion.
- HOME MOVIE. 16mm film by Jan Oxenberg, 1973. 12 minutes. Iris Films, Box 5353, Berkeley, CA 94705; rental \$30, sale \$240. With touches of quiet humor, the filmmaker shows the unfolding of her lesbianism during her conventional childhood and school days.
- HOMOSEXUALITY: WHAT ABOUT McBRIDE? 16mm film by CRM Productions, 1974, 14 minutes. CRM-McGraw-Hill Films, 110 15th St, Del Mar, CA 92014; rental \$25, sale \$225. A discussion-starter for high school audiences. Two teenage boys planning a rafting trip argue about asking a third boy suspected of being "queer."
- THE INVISIBLE MINORITY: HOMOSEXUALS IN OUR SOCIETY. Filmstrip by deryck calderwood and Wasyl Szkodzinsky, 1972, three filmstrips with phonodiscs, total 1 hour. Dept. of Education, Unitarian Universalist Association, 25 Beacon St., Boston, MA 02108, sale \$18. We recommend showing only Part 2, "Understanding the Homosexual" (21 minutes), which gives an excellent quick exposure to a variety of gay people, gay people's feelings, and gay issues.
- A WOMAN'S PLACE IS IN THE HOUSE. 16mm film by Nancy Porter and Mickey Lemle, 1975 (released 1977), 29 minutes. Texture Films, 1600 Broadway, New York, NY 10019; rental \$48, sale \$395. Prize-winning documentary about openly-gay Massachusetts legislator Elaine Noble. Her lesbianism is neither the overriding concern in her life nor is it irrelevant or incidental. Human and humorous portrait.
- WORD IS OUT. 16mm film by Mariposa Film Group, 1978, 45 minutes. New Yorker Films, 16 W. 61st St., New York, NY 10023; sale only, \$595. If you can have only one film on homosexuality, this is the one! Sixteen gay women and men of diverse backgrounds speak with candor and humor about their lives, the hardships and the happiness. Highly recommended for every library and every school system.

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