

The Stonewall Writes

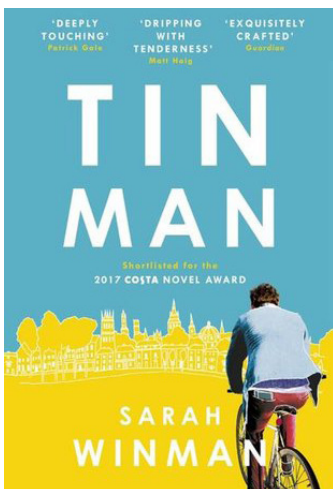
Welcome to the January edition of Stonewall Writes! Named after the Stonewall Riots, a pivotal moment in the Gay Rights Movement, the Stonewall Writes aims to facilitate the inclusion of queer topics into everyday conversation and society. As you read, enjoy the various media and literature suggestions directed, written, starring, and about the LGBTQ+ community. Challenge yourself to complete the Queer Terms Word Search. Think about how you can incorporate the new information you gained from reading Stonewall Writes into conversations with your friends, family, school, and co-workers. If you haven't already, sign up for the mailing list:

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(wikipedia)

Literature



Tin Man

Author: Sarah Winman

Genre(s): Fiction, Contemporary, Romance

Summary: "Ellis and Michael are twelve when they first become friends, and for a long time it is just the two of them, cycling the streets of Oxford, teaching themselves how to swim, discovering poetry, and dodging the fists of an overbearing father. And then one day this closest of friendships grows into something more. But then we fast forward a decade or so, to find that Ellis is married to Annie, and Michael is nowhere in sight. Which leads to the question, what happened in the years between? This is almost a love story. But it's not as simple as that."

<https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/31117613-tin-man>

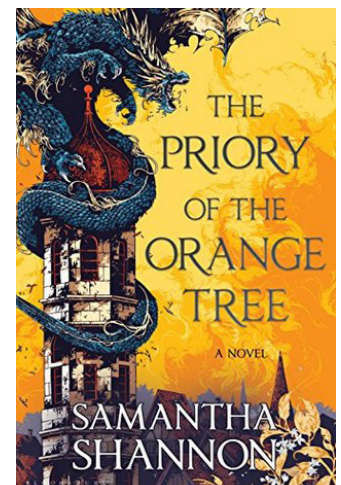
The Priory of the Orange Tree

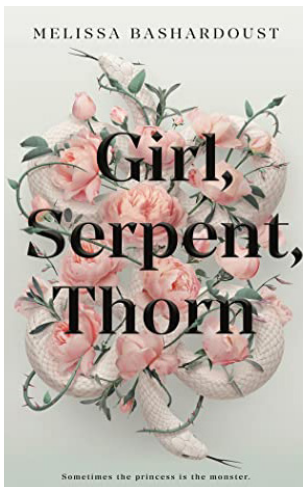
Author: Samantha Shannon

Genre(s): Fiction, Fantasy

Summary: "Queen Sabran the Ninth must conceive a daughter to protect her realm from destruction – but assassins are getting closer to her door. Ead Duryan is an outsider at court. Though she has risen to the position of lady-in-waiting, she is loyal to a hidden society of mages. Ead keeps a watchful eye on Sabran, secretly protecting her with forbidden magic. Across the dark sea, Tané has trained to be a dragonrider since she was a child, but is forced to make a choice that could see her life unravel."

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40275288-the-priory-of-the-orange-tree?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=RlgLfdp73l&rank=1





Girl, Serpent, Thorn

Author: Melissa Bashardoust

Genre(s): Fantasy, Young Adult

Summary: "But for Soraya, who has lived her life hidden away, apart from her family, safe only in her gardens, it's not just a story. As the day of her twin brother's wedding approaches, Soraya must decide if she's willing to step outside of the shadows for the first time. Below in the dungeon is a demon who holds knowledge that she craves, the answer to her freedom. And above is a young man who isn't afraid of her, whose eyes linger not with fear, but with an understanding of who she is beneath the poison."

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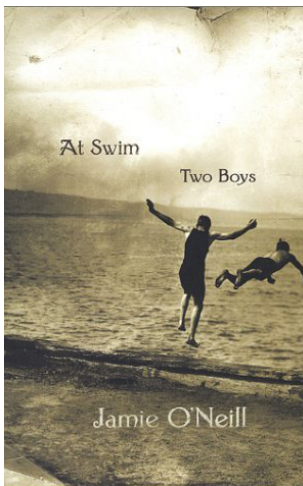
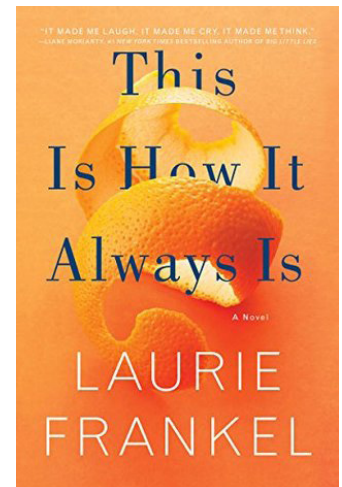
This Is How It Always Is

Author: Laurie Frankel

Genre(s): Fiction, Contemporary

Summary: This is how a family keeps a secret...and how that secret ends up keeping them. This is how a family lives happily ever after...until happily ever after becomes complicated. This is how children change...and then change the world. This is Claude. He's five years old, the youngest of five brothers, and loves peanut butter sandwiches. He also loves wearing a dress, and dreams of being a princess. When he grows up, Claude says, he wants to be a girl."

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/40409102-this-is-how-it-always-is?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=KrNAYeicUM&rank=1



At Swim, Two Boys

Author: Jamie O'Neill

Genre(s): Historical Fiction

Summary: "Jim Mack is a naïve young scholar and the son of a foolish, aspiring shopkeeper. Doyler Doyle is the rough-diamond son of Mr. Mack's old army pal. Out at the Forty Foot, that great jut of rock where gentlemen bathe in the nude, the two boys make a pact: Doyler will teach Jim to swim... All the while Mr. Mack, who has grand plans for a corner shop empire, remains unaware of the depth of the boys' burgeoning friendship and of the changing landscape of a nation."

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/96200.At_Swim_Two_Boys?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=xtw6V6YZvZ&rank=2

I'll Give You the Sun

Author: Jandy Nelson

Genre(s): Contemporary, Young Adult, Realistic Fiction

Summary: "At first, Jude and her twin brother Noah, are inseparable. Noah draws constantly and is falling in love with the charismatic boy next door, while daredevil Jude wears red-red lipstick, cliff-dives, and does all the talking for both of them. Years later, they are barely speaking. Something has happened to change the twins in different yet equally devastating ways . . . but then Jude meets an intriguing, irresistible boy and a mysterious new mentor. The early years are Noah's to tell; the later years are Jude's."

https://www.goodreads.com/book/show/20820994-i-ll-give-you-the-sun?ac=1&from_search=true&qid=KW3ockN5Xc&rank=1



Media



Imagine Me & You (2005)

Director(s): Ol Parker

Genre(s): Comedy, Drama, Romance

Run time: 1h 30m

Summary: "A newlywed bride becomes infatuated with another woman who questions her sexual orientation, promoting a stir among the bride's family and friends."

<https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0421994/>

Below Her Mouth (2016)

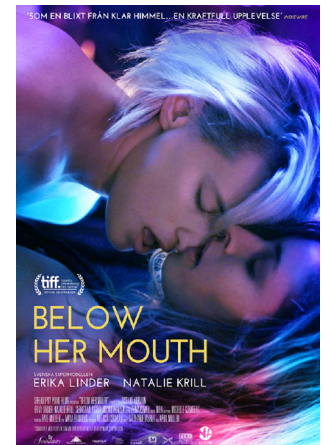
Director(s): April Mullen

Genre(s): Drama, Romance

Run time: 1h 34m

Summary: "An unexpected affair quickly escalates into a heart-stopping reality for two women whose passionate connection changes their lives forever."

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt5073620/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_0



The Miseducation of Cameron Post (2018)

Director(s): Desiree Akhavan

Genre(s): Drama

Run time: 1h 31m

Summary: "In 1993, a teenage girl is forced into a gay conversion therapy center by her conservative guardians."

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt6257174/?ref=fn_al_tt_1

The Half of It (2020)

Director(s): Alice Wu

Genre(s): Comedy, Drama, Romance

Run time: 1h 44m

Summary: "When smart but cash-strapped teen Ellie Chu agrees to write a love letter for a jock, she doesn't expect to become his friend - or fall for his crush."

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9683478/?ref=mv_sr_srsrg_0





Out (2020)

Director(s): Steven Clay Hunter

Genre(s): Animation, Short, Comedy

Run time: 9m

Summary: "On an average day, Greg's life is filled with family, love and a rambunctious little dog - but despite all of this, Greg has a secret. Today is different, because he might learn that he has nothing to hide."

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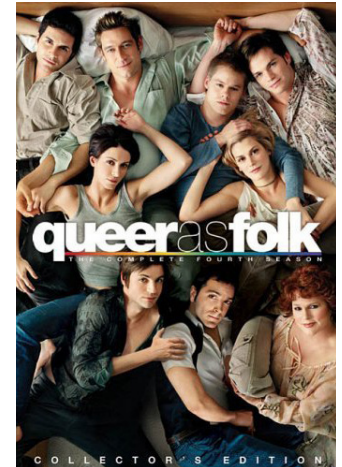
Queer as Folk (2000-2005)

Creator(s): Ron Cowen, Daniel Lipman

Genre(s): Drama, Romance

Summary: "The lives and loves of a group of gay friends living in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania."

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0262985/?ref=nv_sr_srsg_0



I am Not Okay with This (2020-)

Creator(s): Jonathan Entwistle, Christy Hall

Genre(s): Comedy, SciFi

Summary: "Sydney is a teenage girl navigating the trials and tribulations of high school while dealing with the complexities of her family, her budding sexuality, and mysterious superpowers just beginning to awaken deep within her."

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt9446688/?ref=nv_sr_srsg_0

Blue is the Warmest Color (2013)

Director(s): Abdellatif Kechiche

Genre(s): Drama, Romance

Run time: 3h

Summary: "Adèle's life is changed when she meets Emma, a young woman with blue hair, who will allow her to discover desire and to assert herself as a woman and as an adult. In front of others, Adèle grows, seeks herself, loses herself, and ultimately finds herself through love and loss."

https://www.imdb.com/title/tt2278871/?ref=nv_sr_srsg_0



Music



Jason Mraz

Popular Songs: I'm Yours, Lucky, I Won't Give Up, Love Someone, Have It All, 93 Million Miles

Available On: Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, Pandora, iHeartRadio, Deezer

Wrebel

Popular Songs: 11 Blocks, The Village, Ritual, Bloodstain, Poetry, Moon Rider

Available On: Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, Pandora, iHeartRadio, Deezer



Jessie Paege

Popular Songs: Not a Phase, Phantom, Villain, Coming Out, Skeleton

Available On: Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, Pandora, iHeartRadio, Deezer

dodie

Popular Songs: Sick of Losing Soulmates, Monster, If I'm Being Honest, She, Would You Be So Kind

Available On: Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, Pandora, iHeartRadio, Deezer



Christine and the Queens

Popular Songs: Christine, Saint Claude, Tilted, Gone, Girlfriend, Paradis Perdue

Available On: Spotify, Apple Music, YouTube Music, Pandora, iHeartRadio, Deezer

Queer Terms Word Search

U A N P R T R A N S G E N D E R D X
N N Z N C C H W Z R Z P H E P B R W
Z R R I O T S Q A B G N R N A R A H
N U Q H K J A M W Q P D T I I L G O
L Q A L L I E S B G Q Z Y S D Q P U
E E S B I S T O N E W A L L E E Y W
S O K E P N O N B I N A R Y N J X Q
B L Z X X K G R O T X Z K M T U X X
I A Y P X U Q T G C H F Q P I N V Z
A M S R B M A T T R A R M A T E Q B
N B M E S P O L S Q L U D E Y H F Y
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C A P S V U I G U T D U Y W U C T U
B N Z I C C A X E Y Y F Q S E B H F
J P G O C G E L M N G E N D E R L Q
C N A N V S F B P I A H J H R K B G
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B P V B H Q I N T E R S E X F J R H

Gay

Lesbian

Queer

Bisexual

Transgender

Asexual

Intersex

Nonbinary

Pride

Drag

June

Stonewall

Expression

Gender

Lambda

Sexuality

Allies

Gender Identity

Places to Donate

1. Astraea Foundation COVID-19 Collective Care Response Fund

Website: <https://www.astraeafoundation.org/donate-collective-care-response/>

2. Elton John Aids Foundation

Website: <https://www.eltonjohnaidsfoundation.org/announcement-of-our-covid-19-emergency-fund/>

3. Lambda Literary

Website: <https://www.lambdaliterary.org/>

4. Hetrick-Martin Institute for LGBTQ+ Youth

Website: <https://hmi.org/>

Local Resources

COLAGE - <https://www.colage.org/>

Mission statement: “COLAGE unites people with one or more lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and/or asexual parent into a network of peers and supports them as they nurture and empower each other to be skilled, self-confident, and just leaders in our collective communities.”

Out & Equal - <https://outandequal.org/>

Mission statement: “Out & Equal is the premier organization working exclusively on LGBTQ workplace equality. Through our worldwide programs, Fortune 500 partnerships and our annual Workplace Summit conference, we help LGBTQ people thrive and support organizations creating a culture of belonging for all.”

Williams Institute - <https://williamsinstitute.law.ucla.edu/>

Mission statement: “The Williams Institute is the leading research center on sexual orientation and gender identity law and public policy. We ensure that facts — not stereotypes — inform laws, policies, and judicial decisions that affect the LGBT community.”