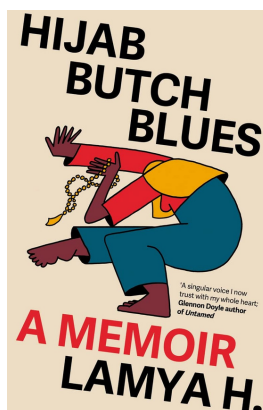
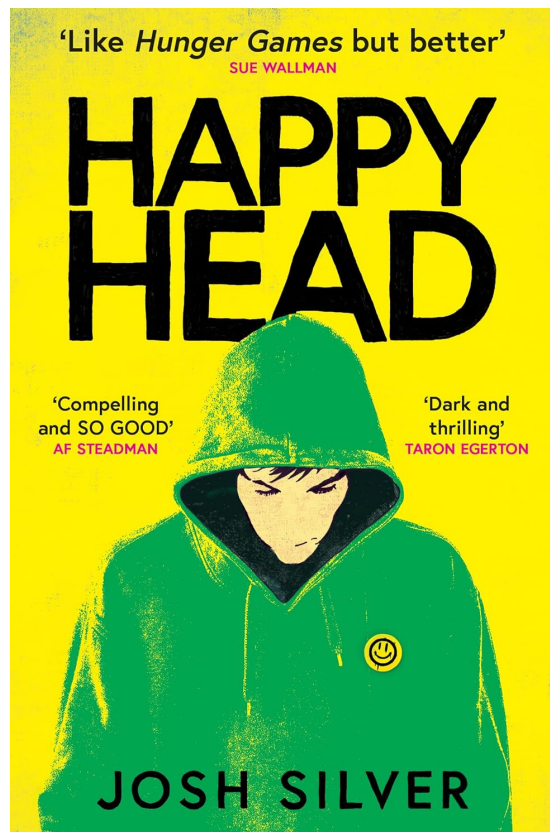
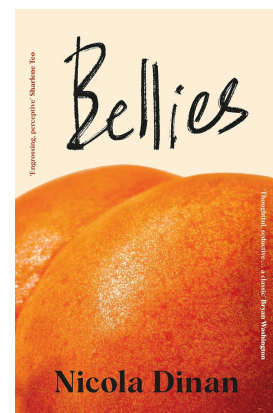


LGBT+ History Month 2024



LGBT+ History Month is celebrated every February across the UK. At Islington Libraries we are marking the occasion in 2024 with a booklist featuring some of the latest additions to our ever increasing collection of LGBT+ titles.

Included are a selection of popular fiction and non-fiction titles for adults, as well as fiction for Young Adults.

All can be reserved for no charge. You can [reserve items online](#) or in person, to be collected at your local library.

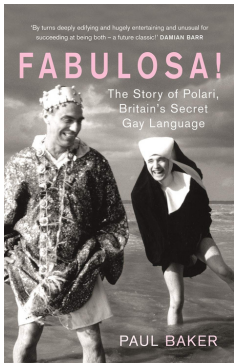
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ADULT NON-FICTION



Paul Baker Fabulosa!

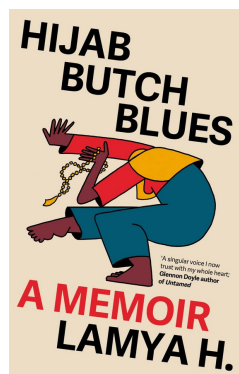
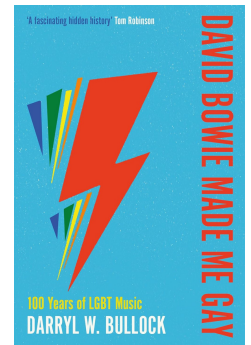
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Polari is a language that was used chiefly by gay men in the first half of the twentieth century. At a time when being gay could result in criminal prosecution - or worse - Polari offered its speakers a degree of public camouflage.

Darryl W Bullock David Bowie Made Me Gay

780.866

Covers the breadth of history of recorded music by and for the LGBT community.



Lamya H Hijab Butch Blues: a Memoir

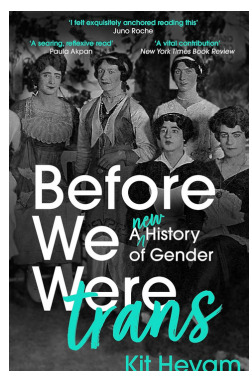
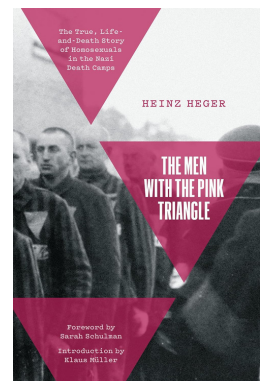
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She is a queer teenager growing up in a Muslim household, a South Asian in a Middle Eastern country. But during her Quran class, she reads a passage about Maryam, and suddenly everything shifts.

Heinz Heger The Men With the Pink Triangle

940.547

A heart-wrenchingly vivid account of one man's arrest and imprisonment by the Nazis for the crime of homosexuality.



Dr Kit Heyam Before We Were Trans

306.766

Widens the scope of what we think of as trans history by telling the stories of people across the globe whose experience of gender has been transgressive, or not characterised by stability or binary categories.



Tash Oakes-Monger

All the Things They Said We Couldn't Have

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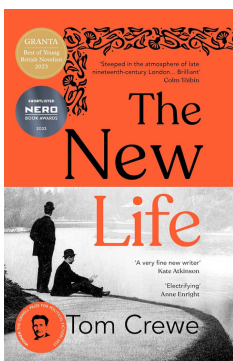
An uplifting and beautifully crafted collection of stories that celebrate the joy of being trans.

ADULT FICTION

Jen Beagin

Big Swiss

Greta liked knowing people's secrets. That wasn't a problem. Until she met Big Swiss.



Tom Crewe

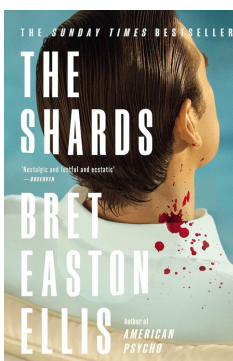
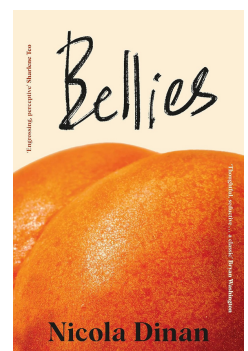
The New Life

Explores the possibilities of love and life, set against the riveting backdrop of the Oscar Wilde trial.

Nicola Dinan

Bellies

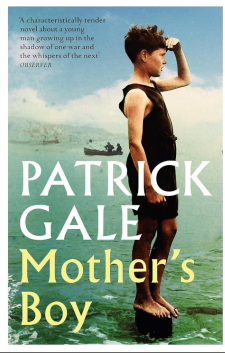
It begins as your typical boy meets boy. But shortly after Tom and Ming move to London to start their next chapter, Ming announces her intention to transition.



Bret Easton Ellis

The Shards

LA, 1981. Buckley College in heat. 17-year-old Bret is a senior at the exclusive Buckley prep school when a new student arrives with a mysterious past.

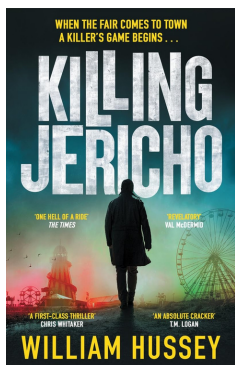
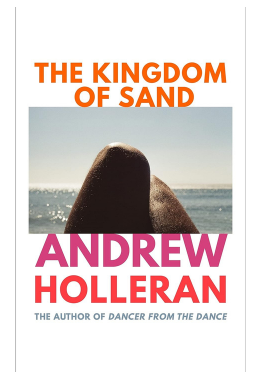


Patrick Gale Mother's Boy

Laura meets her husband when they are both in service in Teignmouth in 1916. They have a baby, Charles, but Laura's husband returns home from the trenches a damaged man.

Andrew Holleran The Kingdom of Sand

A nameless narrator who has survived the death of his friends to AIDS and the loss of his parents to old age and tragedy. Now he must witness the slow demise of a friend just a shade older than he is.

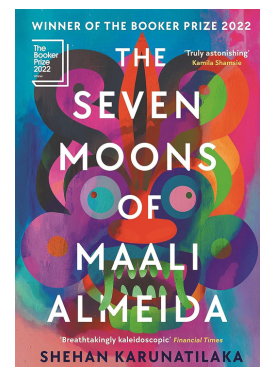


William Hussey Killing Jericho

The gothic, helter-skelter thriller that introduces crime fiction's first ever Traveller detective, Scott Jericho.

Shehan Karunatilaka The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida

Colombo, 1990. Maali Almeida, war photographer, gambler and closet gay, has woken up dead in what seems like a celestial visa office.



Laura Kay Tell Me Everything

Would you entrust your life choices to someone hell-bent on avoiding theirs? After all, why would you commit to one person, when there is an endless stream of people waiting for you to swipe right?

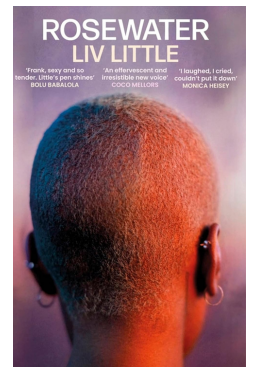


T J Klune
Under the Whispering Door

When a reaper comes to collect Wallace from his own sparsely-attended funeral, Wallace is outraged. But he begins to suspect she's right, and he is in fact dead.

Liv Little
Rosewater

Elsie is out of options. With nowhere to go, there's only one person left to turn to: her best friend, Juliet.

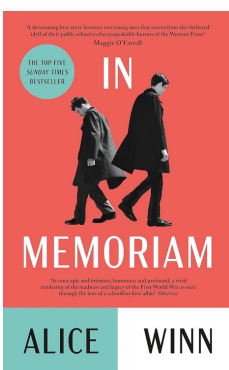
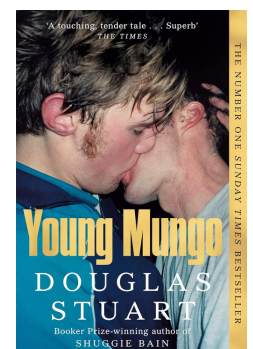


Sheena Patel
I'm a Fan

Tells the story of an unnamed narrator's involvement in a seemingly unequal romantic relationship.

Douglas Stuart
Young Mungo

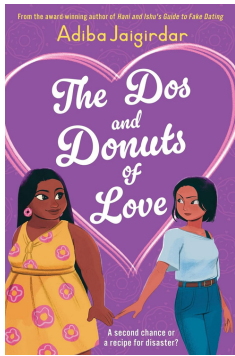
Born under different stars, Protestant Mungo and Catholic James live in a hyper-masculine world. They should be sworn enemies if they're to be seen as men at all, and yet they become best friends.



Alice Winn
In Memoriam

It was only because Gaunt knew he might die, that he could be so reckless as to kiss him.

YOUNG ADULT FICTION



Adiba Jaigirdar

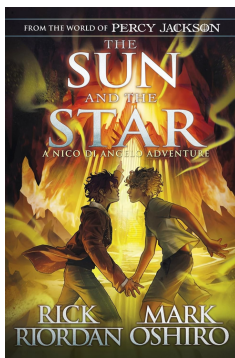
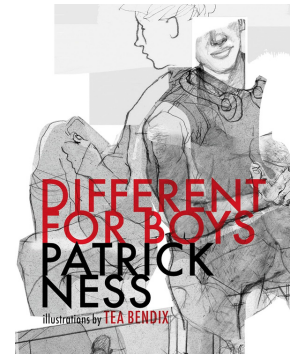
The Dos and Donuts of Love

Shireen Malik is still reeling from the breakup with her ex-girlfriend, Chris, when she receives news that she's been accepted as a contestant on a new televised baking competition show.

Patrick Ness

Different for Boys

Ant Stevenson has many questions, like when did he stop being a virgin? Are there degrees of virginity? And is it different for boys? Especially for boys who like boys?



Rick Riordan and Mark Oshiro

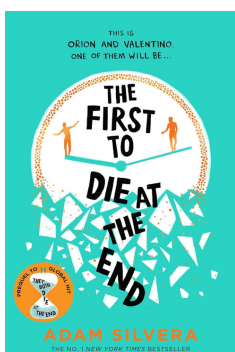
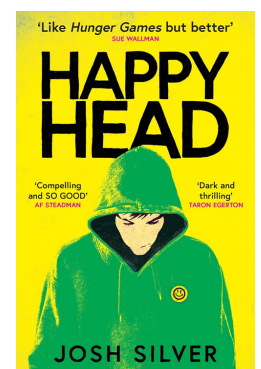
The Sun and the Star

As the son of Hades, Nico di Angelo been through so much. But there is a ray of sunshine in his life - literally: his boyfriend, Will Solace, the son of Apollo.

Josh Silver

HappyHead

When Seb is offered a place on a radical retreat designed to solve the national crisis of teenage unhappiness, he is determined to change how people see him and make his parents proud.



Adam Silvera

The First to Die at the End

It's the night before Death-Cast goes live, and there's one question on everyone's mind: Can Death-Cast predict death, or is it an elaborate hoax?