

'If nobody sees you, are you still there?' **Akwaeke Emezi**



The Aesop Queer Library

This Pride Month, Aesop is devoting three of its stores to the pursuit of amplifying queer stories. That means clearing the shelves of products to make way for significant works of literature detailing the experiences of LGBTQIA+ individuals from around the world. Conscious of the tendency for social justice movements to be co-opted by the corporate sphere, but also keenly aware of the resources at Aesop's disposal, we hope that this gesture will have the meaningful effect of reifying queer identity and encouraging allyship. Since its inception, Aesop has sought opportunities to promote the written word. Increasingly, that means giving prominence to voices that have been historically ignored by the literary establishment and canon. These titles will be offered as gifts, one at a time, to visitors of the store—regardless of purchase. Some were donated by our long-term partners at Penguin Random House, while others were purchased from the two queer bookstores below: do pay them a visit if on the lookout for a thought-provoking read.

Glad Day Bookshop

499 Church St
Toronto, ON M4Y 2C6

One of the world's oldest queer bookstores—and Canada's first—Glad Day combines literature and liquor in a spirited collision that is bold, bright and celebratory. Duck in for a cocktail or to find queer classics as well as more idiosyncratic work from independent publishers.

Women & Children First

5233 North Clark St
Chicago, IL 60640

Its violet canopy a beacon to feminists and queer folk since 1979, Women & Children First remains one of the most important, and radical bookstores in the Mid-West; the extensive collection of women's and queer writing matched only by the store's stellar line up of events, readings and community outreach initiatives.

Bluestockings

116 Suffolk St
New York, NY 10002

BookWoman

5501 N Lamar Blvd #A-105
Austin, TX 78751

Bureau of General Services — Queer Division

208 W 13th St #210
New York, NY 10011

Giovanni's Room @ Philly AIDS Thrift

345 S 12th St
Philadelphia, PA 19107

Housing Works Cafe & Bookstore

126 Crosby St
New York, NY 10012

Librarie L'Insoumise

2033 St Laurent Blvd
Montreal, QC H2X 2T3

Loyalty Bookstore

843 Upshur St NW
Washington, DC 20011

823 Ellsworth Dr
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Quimby's Bookstore

1854 W North Ave
Chicago, IL 60622

The Ripped Bodice

3806 Main St
Culver City, CA 90232

Tubby + Co's Mid City Bookshop

432 N Anthony St Suite 305C
New Orleans, LA 70119

Unabridged Bookstore

3251 N Broadway
Chicago, IL 60657

Wooden Shoe

704 South St
Philadelphia, PA 19147



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A. Andrea Abi-Karam

We Want it All: An Anthology of Radical Trans Poetics

André Aciman

Call Me by Your Name

Arvin Ahmadi

How It All Blew Up

Sara Ahmed

Queer Phenomenology

Amrou Al-Kadhi

Life as a Unicorn: A Journey from Shame to Pride and Everything in Between

Daniel Aleman

Indivisible

Mohamed Abdulkarim Ali

Angry Queer Somali Boy

Hilton Als

White Girls

Jeremy Atherton Lin

Gay Bar

Dean Atta

The Black Flamingo

Michael Ausiello

Spoiler Alert: The Hero Dies

B. James Baldwin

Another Country

Giovanni's Room

Go Tell It on a Mountain

I Am Not Your Negro

The Fire Next Time

Aziza Barnes

The Blind Pig

Alison Bechdel

Fun Home

The Secret to Superhuman Strength

Billy-Ray Belcourt

NDN Coping Mechanisms

This Wound Is a World

Lauren Berlant

Cruel Optimism

Richard Blanco

The Prince of los Cocuyos

Julian Bond

Race Man: The Collected Works of Julian Bond

Archie Bongiovanni

A Quick & Easy Guide to They/Them Pronouns

Tanya Boteju

Bruised

Kings Queens and In-Betweens

W. Ian Bourland

Bloodflowers: Rotimi Fani-Kayode, Photography, and the 1980s

James Brandon

Ziggy, Stardust and Me

Adrienne Maree Brown

Emergent Strategy

Pleasure Activism

Carol Rifka Brunt

Tell the Wolves I'm Home

C. Gabriela Cabezon Camara

Slum Virgin

Kacen Callendar

Felix Ever After

Truman Capote

In Cold Blood

Anne Carson

Autobiography of Red

Alexander Chee

How To Write an Autobiographical Novel

Staceyann Chin

The Other Side of Paradise

Chris Colfer

Stranger Than Fiction

Timothy Conigrave

Holding the Man

CA Conrad

The Book of Frank

Michael Cunningham

The Hours

D. Angela Davis

Women, Race & Class

Glennon Doyle

Untamed

Martin Duberman

Hold Tight Gently: Michael Callen, Essex Hemphill, and the Battlefield of AIDS

E. Francesca Ekwuyasi

Butter Honey Pig Bread

Akwaeke Emezi

The Death of Vivek Oji

Freshwater



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F. Leslie Feinberg
Stone Butch Blues

E.M. Forster
Maurice

G. Roxane Gay
Bad Feminist

Difficult Women

Hunger

Not That Bad

Jewelle Gomez
The Gilda Stories

Sophie Gonzales
Only Mostly devastated

Torrin A. Greathouse
Wound from the Mouth of a Wound

Andrew Sean Greer
Less

Hervé Guibert
To the Friend Who Did Not Save
My Life

H. Samar Habib
We Have Always Been Here

Jack Halberstam
In a Queer Time and Place:
Transgender Bodies, Subcultural
Lives

Jin Haritawarn
Marvellous Grounds: Queer of
Colour Formations in Toronto

Bill Hayes
Insomniac City: New York, Oliver,
and Me

Tan Hoang Nguyen
A View from the Bottom: Asian
American Masculinity and
Sexual Representation

bell hooks
All About Love: New Visions

Lauren Hough
Leaving Isn't the Hardest Thing

I. Robert Alexander Innes
Indigenous Men and Masculinities:
Legacies, Identities, Regeneration

Samantha Irby
We Are Never Meeting in Real
Life: Essays

Christopher Isherwood
Berlin Stories

J. Abbi Jacobson
I Might Regret This

Marlon James
A Brief History of Seven Killings

N.K. Jemisin
How Long 'til Black
Future Month

E Patrick Johnson
Honeypot: Black Southern Women
Who Love Women

George M. Johnson
All Boys Aren't Blue:
A Memoir-Manifesto

Saeed Jones
How We Fight for Our Lives

Jamal Jordan
Queer Love in Color

K. Ruth King
Mindful of Race

L. Larissa Lai
Iron Goddess of Mercy

Lewis Laney
The Little Book of Pride

Sam Lansky
Broken People

Celia Laskey
Under the Rainbow

Ursula K. LeGuin
The Left Hand of Darkness

Gary Leupp
Male Colors: The Construction of
Homosexuality in Tokugawa Japan

Ariel Levy
The Rules Do Not Apply

R. Zamora Linmark
The Importance of Being Wilde at
Heart

Malinda Lo
Last Night at the Telegraph Club

Catherine Lord
Art and Queer Culture

Audre Lorde
Sister Outsider

The Black Unicorn

Zami

M. Carmen Maria Machado
Her Body and Other Parties

In the Dream House



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- T Kira Madden**
Long Live the Tribe of
Fatherless Girls
- Zenju Earthlyn Manual**
The Way of Tenderness
- Ilana Masad**
All My Mother's Lovers: A Novel
- Sarah McBride**
Tomorrow Will Be Different
- Claude McKay**
Romance in Marseille
- Mia McKenzie**
Skye Falling
- Casey McQuiston**
Red, White & Royal Blue
- Tehlor Kay Mejia**
We Set the Dark on Fire
- Paul Mendez**
Rainbow Milk
- Madeline Miller**
The Song of Achilles
- Janet Mock**
Redefining Realness
- Darnell L. Moore**
No Ashes in the Fire
- Jose Esteban Munoz**
Cruising Utopia: The Then and
There of Queer Futurity
- N. Maggie Nelson**
Argonauts
Bluets
- O. Mary Oliver**
Thirst
- P. Camille Perri**
When Katie Met Cassidy
- Torrey Peters**
Detransition, Baby
- Paul B. Preciado**
Testo Junkie: Sex, Drugs,
and Biopolitics in the
Pharmacopornographic Era
- Brontez Purnell**
100 Boyfriends
- Q. Miaojin Qiu**
Notes of a Crocodile
- R. Paola Ramos**
Finding Latinx
- Andrea Ritchie**
Queer (In)Justice: The
Criminalization of LGBT People in
the United States
- Gabby Rivera**
Juliet Takes a Breath
- Syan Rose**
Our Work Is Everywhere: An
Illustrated Oral History of Queer
and Trans Resistance
- Jordy Rosenberg**
Confessions of the Fox
- Rainbow Rowell**
Carry On
- Steven Rowley**
The Guncle
- S. David Sedaris**
Dress Your Family in Corduroy
and Denim
Me Talk Pretty One Day
- Vivek Shraya**
The Subtweet
- Richard Siken**
Crush
- Danez Smith**
Don't Call Us Dead
- C. Riley Snorton**
Black on Both Sides: A Racial
History of Trans Identity
- Rivers Solomon**
An Unkindness of Ghosts
The Deep
- Dean Spade**
Mutual Aid: Building Solidarity
During This Crisis
(and the Next)
- Susan Stryker**
Transgender History
- Douglas Stuart**
Shuggie Bain
- Lou Sullivan**
We Both Laughed in Pleasure
- T. Meredith Talusan**
Fairest
- Brandon Taylor**
Real Life
- Kai Cheng Thom**
Fierce Femmes and
Notorious Liars
I Hope We Choose Love
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Aiden Thomas
Cemetery Boys

Jacob Tobia
Sissy (A Coming of Gender Story)

**Trans People of
Colour Project**
Cooking with Trans People of Colour

Monique Truong
Book of Salt

Jeanette Winterson
Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit

The Stone Gods

David Wojnarowicz
Close to the Knives

X. Zairong Xiang
Queer Ancient Ways: A
Decolonial Exploration

V. Kevin Van Whye
Date Me, Bryson Keller

Various
Pride: Fifty Years of Parades
and Protests

Ocean Vuong
On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous

Y. Hanya Yanagihara
A Little Life

W. Bryan Washington
Lot
Memorial

Sarah Waters
The Paying Guests

Joshua Whitehead
Full Metal Indigiqueer: Poems
Jonny Appleseed

Love after the End: An Anthology
of Two-Spirit and Indigiqueer
Speculative Fiction

Rev. Angel Kyodo Williams
Radical Dharma