

'I got tired of making myself acceptable.' **Naoise Dolan**



# The Aesop Queer Library: UK Edition

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To celebrate Pride UK, two Aesop signature stores are being devoted to the pursuit of amplifying queer voices and stories. Following similar gestures in the US, the ephemeral queer library is coming to London. This means clearing the shelves of products to make way for significant works of literature detailing the experiences of LGBTQIA+ communities from around the world.

Although conscious of the tendency for social justice movements to be co-opted by the corporate sphere, we hope that this initiative will have the meaningful effect of uplifting queer voices, and creating a greater sense of empathy and allyship. We have always sought opportunities to promote the written word. Increasingly, this involves giving prominence to voices that have been historically ignored by the literary establishment and canon.

These titles will be offered as complimentary gifts to all visitors—regardless of purchase. Some were donated by our long-term partners at Penguin Random House, while others were purchased from Bloomsbury-based queer bookstore Gay's The Word: do pay them a visit if on the lookout for a thought-provoking read.

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## **Gay's The Word**

66 Marchmont Street  
London, WC1N 1AB

Established in 1979, Gay's The Word is the oldest queer bookstore in the UK. Built to serve LGBTQIA+ communities from all London boroughs, this Bloomsbury institution is a hub of literary culture. Bursting with volumes that speak across the spectrum of queer experience, the store also hosts readings, signings, and talks.

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**A. Amelia Abraham**  
Queer Intentions: A (Personal)  
Journey Through LGBTQ + Culture

**Amelia Abraham , Beth Ditto,  
Owen Jones, Peppermint, Ollie  
Alexander, Wolfgang Tillmans,  
Phyll Opoku-Gyimah**  
We Can Do Better Than This: 35  
Voices on the Future of LGBTQ+  
Rights

**Kathy Acker and McKenzie Wark**  
I'm very into you

**Amrou Al-Kadhi**  
Unicorn: The Memoir of a Muslim  
Drag Queen

**Travis Alabanza**  
Burgerz

**Hilton Als**  
White Girls

**Aric Anderson, Anne Travers**  
Transgender Athletes in Competitive  
Sport

**Zaina Arafat**  
You Exist Too Much

**Dean Atta**  
Black Flamingo

**B. Marlon Bailey**  
Butch Queens Up in Pumps:  
Gender, Performance, and Ballroom  
Culture in Detroit

**James Baldwin**  
Giovanni's Room  
Notes of a Native Son  
The Fire Next Time

**Allison Bechdel**  
Fun Home

**Nicole Dennis Benn**  
Patsy

**Lauren Berlant**  
Cruel Optimisim  
Intimacy

**Jay Bernard**  
Surge

**Charlie Brinkhurst-Cuff and  
Timi Sotire**  
Black Joy

**Rita Mae Brown**  
Rubyfruit Jungle

**Adrienne Maree Brown**  
Pleasure Activism

**William S. Burroughs**  
Queer

**C. Charlene Carruthers**  
Unapologetic: A Black, Queer  
and Feminist Mandate for Radical  
Movements

**Anne Carson**  
If Not, Winter: Fragments Of Sappho

**Joseph Cassara**  
The House of Impossible Beauties

**Mary Jean Chan**  
Flèche

**D. Yrsa Daley-Ward**  
Bone  
The Terrible

**Angela Y. Davis**  
Woman, Race and Class

**Gal Dem**  
I Will Not Be Erased

**Naoise Dolan**  
Exciting Times

**Simon Doonan**  
Drag: The Complete Story

**E. Akwaeke Emezi**  
Freshwater  
Pet

**Bernardine Evaristo**  
Girl, Woman, Other

**F. Foreword by Shepard Fairey**  
Keith Haring Journals

**Shon Faye**  
The Transgender Issue

**T Fleischmann**  
Time is the Thing a Body Moves  
Through

**EM Foster**  
Maurice

**G. Mary Nardini Gang**  
Be Gay Do Crime

**Roxane Gay**  
Hunger

**Jean Genet**  
Our Lady of the Flowers



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- John R Gordon**  
Faggamuffin
- H. Saleem Haddad**  
Guapa
- Jack Halberstam**  
Female Masculinity
- Saidiya Hartman**  
Wayward Lives, Beautiful Experiments: Intimate Histories of Riotous Black Girls, Troublesome Women and Queer Radicals
- Catherine Hewitt**  
Art Is a Tyrant, The Unconventional Life of Rosa Bonheur
- Jo Hirst**  
A House For Everyone
- Andrew Holleran**  
Dancer from the Dance
- Daniel Humphrey**  
Archaic Modernism: Queer Poetics in the Cinema of Pier Paolo Pasolini
- I. Samantha Irby**  
We Are Never Meeting in Real Life
- J. Juliet Jacques**  
Trans: A Memoir
- Adiba Jaigirdar**  
Hani and Ishu's Guide to Fake Dating
- Marlon James**  
A Book Of Night Women  
A History of Seven Killings
- Derek Jarman**  
Chroma  
Modern Nature  
Smiling in Slow Motion
- Adam Mars Jones**  
Box Hill
- Robert Jones, Jr**  
The Prophets
- June Jordan**  
The Essential June Jordan
- K. TJ Klune**  
The House in the Cerulean Sea
- Tony Kushner**  
Angels in America
- L. Paris Lees**  
What It Feels Like For a Girl
- Audre Lorde**  
Sister Outsider  
The Black Unicorn  
The Master's Tools Will Never Dismantle the Master's House  
When I dare to be powerful  
Zami
- M. Carmen Maria Machado**  
In The Dream House
- Jen Manion**  
Female Husbands, A Trans History
- Trixie Mattel and Katya**  
Trixie and Katya's Guide to Womanhood
- Armistead Maupin**  
Logical Family, A Memoir
- Fernanda Melchor**  
Hurricane Season
- Paul Mendez**  
Rainbow Milk
- Yukio Mishima**  
Confessions of a Mask
- Larry Mitchell**  
The Faggots & their friends between revolutions
- Jose Munoz**  
Cruising Utopia
- Eileen Myles**  
Cool For You  
Not Me
- N. Maggie Nelson**  
The Agronauts
- Okechukwu Nzelu**  
The Private Joys of Nnena Maloney
- O. Jamie O'Neill**  
At Swim, Two Boys
- Irenosen Okojie**  
Nudibranch
- Chinelo Okparanta**  
Under the Udala Trees
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- P. Torrey Peters**  
Detransition, Baby
- Lady Phyll et al**  
Sista! An anthology of writing by same gender loving women of African/Caribbean descent with a UK connection
- Charlie Porter**  
What Artists Wear
- Paul B Preciado**  
Testo Junkie
- Brontez Purnell**  
100 Boyfriends
- R. Crystal Rasmussen**  
Diary of a Drag Queen
- Tom Rasmussen**  
First Comes Love
- Shola Von Reinhold**  
Lote
- Juno Roche**  
Trans Power: Own Your Gender
- S. Rob Sanders**  
Stonewall: A Building. An Uprising. A Revolution
- Gus van Sant**  
Pink
- Sarah Schulman**  
Gentrification of the Mind
- Eve Kosofsky Sedgwick**  
Touching Feeling: Affect, Pedagogy, Performativity
- Elif Shafak**  
10 Minutes 38 Seconds in this Strange World
- Danez Smith**  
Don't Call Us Dead
- Raven Smith**  
Trivial Pursuits
- C. Riley Snorton**  
Black on Both Sides
- River Solomon**  
An Unkindness of Ghosts
- Susan Sontag**  
Illness as Metaphor and AIDS and Its Metaphors
- Notes on Camp
- Diana Souhami**  
No Modernism without Lesbians
- Douglas Stuart**  
Shuggie Bain
- T. Brandon Taylor**  
Real Life
- Joelle Taylor**  
C+nto and Othered Poems
- Michelle Tea**  
Against Memoir
- Kae Tempest**  
On Connection
- Sojourner Truth**  
Ain't I A Woman?
- Luke Turner**  
Out of the Woods
- V. Various**  
Queer & Trans Artists of Colour, Volume 1
- Queer & Trans Artists of Colour, Volume 2
- Ocean Vuong**  
Night Sky With Exit Wounds
- On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous
- W. Alice Walker**  
The Colour Purple
- Mikey Walsh**  
Gypsy Boy
- Mckenzie Wark**  
Reverse Cowgirl
- Ralf Webb**  
Rotten Days in Late Summer
- Jeanette Winterson**  
Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?
- David Wojnarowicz**  
Weight of the Earth: The Tape Journals of David Wojnarowicz
- Jacqueline Woodson**  
Red at the Bone
- Y. Hanya Yanagihara**  
A Little Life
- Z. Mohsin Zaidi**  
A Dutiful Boy
- Hari Ziyad**  
Black Boy Out Of Time
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