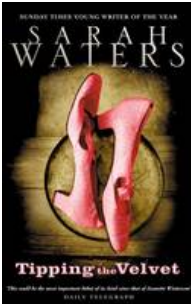



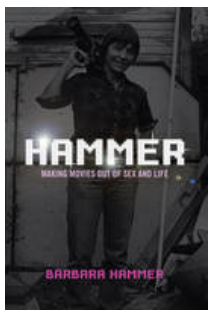





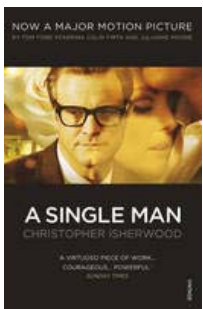


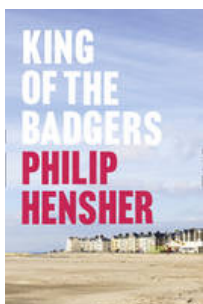
## LGBT History Month Booklist

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Title & author	Description
	<p><a href="#"><u>Sarah Waters – Tipping the Velvet</u></a></p> <p>Nan had never considered life beyond her father’s kitchen, but enjoyed spending her evenings at a nearby music hall. Then one evening she meets Kitty, a male impersonator, and her life is forever changed. As they begin a double act on the stage, so also begins a love affair behind the curtain.</p> <p><i>Also in LP, Audio CD, tape and DVD</i></p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Michael Cunningham – By Nightfall</u></a></p> <p>Peter has been married for almost twenty years, and might even describe himself as happy. That is until Mizzy, his brother-in-law, comes to stay, and Peter’s world is turned upside down. Without ever really falling out of love with his wife, he tumbles into love with her brother, and a world of feelings he doesn’t understand.</p> <p><i>Also on Audio CD and Tape</i></p>
	<p><a href="#"><u>Ann Herendeen – Pride/Prejudice</u></a></p> <p>Only now can the hidden story of Mr Darcy and Elizabeth Bennet be told, of the two parallel loves that complicate their ideal romance. Both Darcy's controlling affection for the gentlemanlike Charles Bingley, and the intimacy between Elizabeth and her good friend, Charlotte Lucas, reveal the secret lives led behind closed doors.</p>



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	<p><b><u><a href="#">Jin Xing – Shanghai Tango</a></u></b></p> <p>Born into a male body, Jin Xing was always uncomfortable with her gender. Unable to understand her feelings, she immersed herself in ballet, becoming China's top male ballet dancer. At the age of 19, she underwent one of China's first sex-change operations, and went on to become the Shanghai Ballet's prima ballerina – this is her story.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Barbara Hammer – Hammer: Making Movies out of Sex and Life</a></u></b></p> <p>Barbara Hammer is known for creating groundbreaking experimental films dealing with women's issues such as gender roles and lesbian relationships. This book brings together personal reflections, beautifully reproduced photographs, and even a mini flip movie from one of her films. More than a memoir, it is a fascinating insight into Hammer's life and work.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Brian Kennedy – The Arrival of Fergal Flynn</a></u></b></p> <p>For Fergal Flynn, growing up isn't easy. He has no idea what he wants to do with his life and he fancies one of the boys in his class. When handsome young Father Mac arrives in the parish, Fergal embarks on a whirlwind romance, where he discovers the terrifying opportunities the world has to offer.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Daniel Allen Cox – Krakow Melt</a></u></b></p> <p>In 2005, Poland is grappling with its newfound role as a member of the European Union, while the country's new president is busy making homophobic declarations. When Radek, a bisexual artist, meets Dorota, a budding pyromaniac, they become convinced that fire is the only way to express their rage.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Jodi Picoult – Sing you Home</a></u></b></p> <p>In the aftermath of loss and divorce, Zoe throws herself into her career as a music therapist with Vanessa. Working together, she finds their relationship moving from business, to friendship, and then blossoming into love. But Zoe has always dreamed of having children – can she and Vanessa have it all?</p> <p><i>Also in LP and Audio CD</i></p>

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	<p><b><u><a href="#">Christopher Isherwood – A Single Man</a></u></b></p> <p>Alienated from his students by differences of age and experience, alienated from the rest of society by his sexuality, Professor George Falconer feels alone. Left devastated after the death of his partner, Jim, can he find the strength to carry on and still find beauty in life?</p> <p><i>Also on DVD</i></p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Cris Beam – I am J</a></u></b></p> <p>J always believed that one day people would realise who he really was – a boy mistakenly born into a girl’s body. Yet as he gets older he finds his body starting to betray him, and so does all he can to hide his physical self.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Stephanie Grant – Map of Ireland</a></u></b></p> <p>When Ann starts high school at age 16, she becomes infatuated with her French teacher, Mademoiselle Eugenie, a woman of African descent. Spurred by her adoration for Eugenie, she embarks on a journey that leads her beyond her home in South Boston, into love and ultimately to the truth about herself.</p>
	<p><b><u><a href="#">Philip Hensher – King of the Badgers</a></u></b></p> <p>The small town of Hanmouth becomes the centre of national attention when a young girl vanishes, shedding light onto the residents’ previously private lives. Here we meet David, facing middle age with a boyfriend whose loyalty may be in question. Will meeting the self-proclaimed ‘bears’ give him a sense on belonging, or leave him further estranged?</p> <p><i>Also on Audio CD</i></p>