Diversify Your Reading  LGBTQ+ Experience

**Beautiful on the Outside by Adam Rippon**
Former Olympic figure skater Rippon showcases his inspiring personality in this entertaining memoir. Once so poor he could only afford to eat the free apples at his gym, Rippon got through it with a smile on his face and a ready quip.

**Becoming a Man by P. Carl**
A remarkable, deeply moving memoir of one man’s gender transition amid a pivotal political moment in America.

**IM by Isaac Mizrahi**
A memoir by the multifaceted pop culture icon and fashion designer includes coverage of his experiences as a gay youth in a Syrian Jewish Orthodox family and his education at the LaGuardia High School for the Performing Arts.

**In the Dream House by Carmen Maria Machado**
Machado considers her religious adolescence, unpacks the stereotype of lesbian relations as safe and utopian and widens the view with essays that explore the history and reality of abuse in queer relationships.

**The Man Who Ate Too Much: The Life of James Beard by John Birdsall**
Beard’s struggles as a closeted gay man directly influenced his creation of an American cuisine. In the 1920s, he escaped loneliness and banishment by traveling abroad to places where people ate for pleasure, and not utility.

**Mr. Know-it-All by John Waters**
The newest essay collection from The New York Times best-selling John Waters reflects on how to overcome newfound responsibility and rebel in the autumn of your years.
Officer Clemmons by Dr. Francois S. Clemmons

Clemmon’s incredible life story, marked by trauma and loss, led him to investigate and embrace his homosexuality while studying music at Oberlin College and the chance encounter with Fred Rogers that changed the course of both men’s lives.

Rainbow Warrior: My Life in Color by Gilbert Baker

The never-published memoir of the visual artist and social justice activist who created the Rainbow Flag, which became an international emblem of the modern LGBTQIA movement.

Sissy by Jacob Tobia

A heart-wrenching, eye-opening and giggle-inducing memoir about what it’s like to grow up not sure if you’re an (a) boy, (b) a girl, (c) something in between or (d) all of the above.

Something that May Shock and Discredit You by Daniel M. Lavery

This hilarious and emotionally exhilarating book mixes meditations on gender transition, family dynamics and the many meanings of faith to make you see yourself and others entirely anew.

Tomorrow Will be Different by Sarah McBride

Sarah McBride’s story of identity, love and loss serves as a powerful entry point for readers who want to gain a deeper understanding of gender identity and what it means to be openly transgender.

A Wild and Precious Life by Edie Windsor

A lively, intimate memoir from an icon of the gay rights movement, describing gay life in 1950s and 60s New York City and the author’s longtime activism which opened the door for marriage equality.