LGBTQ+
Graphic Novels
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This bibliography collects graphic novels that include a main character who identifies as LGBTQ+ that has been published since 2006. This can include both a sole main character or a member of an ensemble of main characters. Graphic novels with LGBTQ+ supporting characters were not included to keep the bibliography focused. Titles that were originally published prior to 2006, but were re-printed since 2006 have also been included.

This is not an exhaustive bibliography, nor is it meant to be. Rather, its purpose is to showcase and highlight a large, diverse number of titles in the realm of LGBTQ+ comics. Except for one exception, all the entries have a link to the title's corresponding Worldcat entry.

This bibliography has been compiled and annotated by Eric Hanshaw.
**Anthology**


A collection of works by comic artists and other graphic artists in honor of the Orlando Pulse Nightclub Mass Shooting. The proceeds from the sale of this graphic novel go to the survivors and families of the tragedy.

Christensen, Charles Zan (ed.); et al. (2013). *Anything that loves: Comics beyond “gay” and straight*. Seattle, WA: Northwest Press. [Worldcat](https://www.worldcat.org/)

An anthology of comics featuring bisexual characters.


A collection of comics from queer creators from the last forty years. Lambda Literary Award Winner.

Kirby, Robert (ed.); et al. (2014). *Qu33r: New comics from 33 creators*. Seattle, WA: Northwest Press. [Worldcat](https://www.worldcat.org/)

A collection of original queer comics by comic creators.

Leth, Kate et al. (2016). *Fresh Romance*. Portland, OR: Oni Press. [Worldcat](https://www.worldcat.org/)

A collection of short comics centered around romance. The stories include both heterosexual and queer romances.


An anthology of science-fiction and fantasy comics with queer themes.

**Fiction – Erotic**


Anthology erotic webcomic that satirizes tropes and storylines common to the fantasy genre. Features both straight and LGBTQ+ characters. [Link to the webcomic.](https://www.containsgraphiccontent.com/) (Contains graphic content).


An erotic romantic comedy about a mermaid and a young woman meeting for the first time.

A collection of manga shorts from a number gay erotic manga artists. Also includes interviews with the artists.


A collection of short erotic comics, told without dialogue, about encounters between men.


An erotic graphic novel that tells the story of Evan and Rick, childhood friends whose friendship becomes romantic as they grow older.


An erotic romantic comedy about two women who enter into a BDSM relationship.

Tom of Finland; Hanson, D. (2014). *Tom of Finland: The complete Kake comics.* Cologne, DE: Taschen. [Worldcat](http://worldcat.org)

A collection of Tom of Finland's erotic comics starring the character Kake.


Two young women develop a sexual relationship in this erotic comic collection.

**Fiction - General Fiction**


A collection of comics strips about the lives and loves of a group of friends, most of whom identify as lesbian.


Focuses on the the experiences of Mel during his transition.

Webcomic about the lives of two married gay men, and their family and friends. [Link to webcomic](http://www.worldcat.org)


Follows the life and loves of Hazel and her best friend Jamie. Part way through the series, Jamie enters into a romantic relationship with another woman, Erin, who identified as asexual. [Link to the webcomic](http://www.worldcat.org)


First volume collecting comics from the serialized webcomic. Follows David and Max, owners of a gay bookstore in Manchester, England, as well as the friends and employees. [Link to the webcomic](http://www.worldcat.org)


Serialized in The Advocate during the 1980's, this comic follows the life of Wendel Trupstock, his boyfriend Ollie, and his friends as they react to the changing world around them.


Set in the 1960's era American South, Toland Polk is a young man who is rejected by the army for being gay. He discovers a group of young, gay-friendly progressives and joins up with them.


A teenager's life of destructive behavior is changed when he meets a college student who moves into his family's basement.


Jay is a genderqueer individual living in Alberta, Canada. After Jay's fiance leaves xim for xir's Professor, Jay sinks into depression and sleeps for several months. Upon awaking, Jay discovers that xe is now famous, since xe wrote an apocalyptic prophecy that has proven to be true.


A collection of the serial comic about Kyle, a gay man who owns and runs his own bed & breakfast, and the other characters who live there.

The queen of a small country with a predilection for women with long black hair travels to Japan to search for women to become her new handmaidens.


The first collection of the serialized webcomic. Set in the 1950's, the story follows two rival teenage gangs. Most of the cast are LGBTQ+. [Link to the webcomic](http://webcomic.com).


Cherry is married to the wicked Jerome, but is having a secret affair with her maid Hero. Jerome makes a wager with his friend Manfred, that if Manfred can seduce Cherry in a hundred days, Manfred can have both Cherry and Jerome's castle. In order to distract Manfred, Hero tells him a different story every day during the hundred days.


Follows the life of Julio, a Mexican-American gay man, through his life from 1900 to his death in 2000.


Goes behind the scenes of a fictional drag queen beauty pageant, the Miss U.S. of Heya Pageant. Includes interviews and fashion advice from the drag queens.


Adrian is a young gay man in a Catholic high school who is suffering from bullies at school and a poor home life. His life seems to improve when the popular student Jeremy takes an interest in him, and they begin a secret romantic relationship.


Sumika and Ushio are two girls attending the same high school. Both are attracted to girls, but while Sumika has feelings for Ushio, the latter is attracted to girls of a type Sumika does not belong to.


The first volume of the serialized webcomic. Follows the life of twentysomething Marten and his group of friends. While the story initially focuses primarily on straight, cisgendered Marten, it eventually expands to an ensemble cast, many of whom identify as LGBTQ+. [Link to the webcomic](http://webcomic.com).

Collects the first three years of the webcomic of the same name. Lambda Literary Award Finalist. [Link to the webcomic](http://www.bandvsband.com).

Lim, Elisha. (2014). *100 Crushes*. Toronto, ON: Koyama Press. [Worldcat](http://worldcat.org)

A collection of the author's comics that have appeared in a number of different publications. Lambda literary award finalist.


Oaf is a large hirsute man who rescues cats and was once a wrestler under the pseudonym Goteblüd. He develops a crush on Eiffel, the lead singer of the band Ejaculoid, and tries his best to ask him out on a date. Lambda Literary Award Finalist.


A collection of short stories featuring the character Oaf.


First in a comic series by queer comics creator Steve MacIsaac. This issue tells the story of a gay couple adjusting to life in Japan.


Clementine is a young woman in high school. When she accompanies her gay best friend to a gay bar, she meets the alluring Emma, who causes Clementine to re-think her identity and sexuality.


A long-running series that explores the life of Katchoo, a young woman with a dark past who is in love with her best friend Francine, and who also has some romantic feelings toward her friend David as well.


Popular student Akko meets shy Mariko, and the two become friends. As they grow closer, the two develop romantic feelings for one another.

A collection of humorous comics by different artists that re-imagine metal rock musicians Henry Rollins and Glenn Danzig as a couple.


Set in Jamaica, Virgil is a gay cop who is in the closet. After he is outed, beaten, and his boyfriend is kidnapped, Virgil decides to get revenge and rescue his boyfriend.


Collection of the serialized print comic about the humorous everyday experiences of Ethan Greene.


Because of her mom's remarriage, Yuzu has to transfer to a all-girls high school. On her first day, she runs afoul of Mei, the student council president. When she goes home that same day, she discovers that Mei is her new step-sister. Yuzu is later shocked when out of the blue Mei kisses her.


Collection of the author's mini-comics, both published and unpublished. Lambda Literary finalist.


Shirotani begins a ten-step therapy with therapist Kurose to help him with his obsessive compulsive disorder. An attraction develops between the two men.


Follows Kimberly Keiko Cameron as she navigates life at a private girl's academy in the early 1990's while beginning a secret romance with her English teacher.


The first volume of the serialized webcomic that follows Eric “Bitty” Bittle, a first-year student at Samwell University as he joins the the school's hockey team.

One young woman's coming-of-age tale.


After a disastrous coming out to his parents, Amal runs away with the mysterious T.J. on a cross-country road trip to attend Amal's sister's graduation from college. Lambda Literary Award Winner. [Link to the webcomic](https://link-to-the-webcomic).


A collection of semi-autobiographical comics about the author's life. The comic re-imagines the author and his friends as anthropomorphc animals, and it focuses largely on the author's sex life and relationships with men.


Explores the everyday lives of a gay couple living in Tokyo, and the meals they have together.

### Fiction – Science-Fiction/Fantasy


Hazumu is a cis male, who finds himself reborn as a cis female after he is struck and killed by an alien spacecraft. Now a teenage girl, Hazumu finds herself in a love triangle with her childhood friend Tomari and Yasuna, a girl who physically cannot see males.


Aydis is a Viking woman on a quest with the Valkyrie Brynhildr to take down the God King Odin.

Bell, Brad et. al. (2015). *Husbands*. Milwaukie, OR: Dark Horse Books. [Worldcat](https://www.worldcat.org/)

Newlyweds Brady and Cheeks receive a magical book as a wedding gift that transports them into a series of different worlds where they forget who they are and fall in love all over again.


Set in the future, Teddy is a woman whose job is to fix time paradoxes. Things become complicated when she falls in love with Ano, a young woman who is herself a time paradox.

Tohru, a girl with dragon-like features, becomes the maid for an office worker named Kobayashi, after she rescues the injured Tohru.


After Mercy Barlowe's lover Sarah is burned alive by Sarah's father, Mercy discovers an evil cult wants to use Sarah's soul for their own nefarious plans. In order to stop them, Mercy becomes a werewolf.


Alastair Sterling is a famous inventor working with robotics, but one day he wakes up and finds out decades have passed, and discovers a world where robots are more ubiquitous. Further, he learns that he had died and his current self is actually a highly advanced android. Lambda Literary Award Finalist. [Link to the webcomic](https://o-humans-star.com/).


Fiona is an ordinary high school girl, but when the new girl Lia moves in next door, her life changes dramatically. She begins to fall for Lia, but soon she finds out that Lia harbors secrets, many of which involves Fiona's very world. [Link to the webcomic](http://www.yume-dream.com/).


Otra's life is changed forever when she meets the mysterious Winter, a woman who declares that Otra will be her sidekick. Originally a webcomic, this series was collected in several print volumes. [Link to the webcomic](http://www.girly-comics.com/).


After Princess Amira rescues Princess Sadie from her tower prison, the two join forces to take down the sorceress who imprisoned Sadie in the first place.


Set in the future, this graphic novel tells the story of Avery, a waiter who is trying to get over the end of his relationship with the sailor Christophe. Lambda Literary Award Finalist.
Lou is a bisexual street musician who gets attacked by a werewolf and becomes one herself. She is recruited into a military unit of other shapeshifters and sent to Afghanistan.

An adventurous princess known as Bold Riley travels beyond the walls of the city where she lives to see the outside world.

On his first mission, android soldier Deacon disobeys orders and kills the rest of his squad. After he is retrieved, a robopsychologist tries to find out what happened. Lambda Literary Award Finalist.

**Fiction – Superheroes**

Doyle, Ming et. al. (2016). *Constantine the Hellblazer Volume 1: Going down*. Burbank, CA: DC Comics. [Worldcat](http://worldcat.org)  
John Constantine is a magic-using detective who investigates supernatural and occult matters. In this volume, Constantine investigates the second deaths of the ghosts that haunt him, which denies them an afterlife. This volume also makes explicit Constantine's bisexuality.

The Young Avengers are a team of young superheroes. When Wiccan, one of their members, loses control of his powers, the team try to learn the reason. Wiccan and fellow team-member Hulking are in a relationship.

Midnighter is a vigilante superhero in the DC Comics universe. This first volume in Midnighter's stand-alone series sees the superhero hunt down stolen private information pertaining to his alter ego, Lucas Trent.

Six super-powered individuals from the DC Comics universe find themselves in a mysterious prison, and must work together to not only escape, but find their captor, the mysterious “Mockingbird.” Catman, one of the members of the group, is bisexual.

Selina Kyle is the titular Catwoman, an anti-hero thief in the DC Comics Universe. In volume 6 of the Catwoman series that began in 2012, it is revealed that Catwoman is bisexual.


Kyle is a young, closeted superhero part of a team of other young adults with super powers. Despite his status as a superhero, he begins a secret relationship with one of the world's most notorious supervillains: The Annihilator. [Link to the webcomic](http://www.theyoungprotectors.com/)

**Fiction – Juvenile/Young Adult**


Aoi Nagisa is a transfer student to an elite all-girl's school. She is asked by the popular Hanazono Shizuma to be her partner for the school's Etoile Competition.


Cael is a teenage boy coming to terms with being gay. Along the way, he learns the history of the battle for marriage equality, and after meeting a gay soldier, he learns about the rights of gay military members.


Because of his androgynous features, Asher is bullied at school. He strikes up a friendship with Eulalie, who is a lesbian. The story follows these two characters and their friendship and its complications.


An introduction to Kevin Keller, Archie Comics' first gay character.


Peony is a baker on Earth when she is recruited for the intergalactic competitive baking reality show, Space Battle Lunchtime.

Shuichi and Yoshino are two friends in fifth grade. They bond over the fact that Shuichi was assigned male at birth and wishes to be a girl, and Yoshino was assigned girl at birth and wishes to be a boy.


This series follows a group of five friends at a girls’ summer camp who go on a number of adventures and encounter strange, supernatural beings.


While at a summer camp for girls, Maggie discovers, much to her surprise, that she may be developing feeling for another girl: the camp counselor Erin. Lambda Literary Award Finalist.


Told in single-panel images, this graphic novel is about two girls falling in love for the first time, and with each other.

**Non-Fiction – General**


A graphic history of queer theory, activism, and culture.


The author explores her relationship with her father, a closeted gay man who died after being hit by a vehicle, and juxtaposes it with her life growing up and accepting her own queerness.


The story of how a group of friends and artists faced the AIDS crisis in the early 1980's. Lambda Literary Award Winner.


A collection of six portraits about trans men who are also queer.
Enos, P. Kristen; et al. (2016). *Active Voice the Comic Collection: The real life adventures of an asian-american, lesbian, feminist, activist and her friends!* Las Vegas, NV: Furia Press. No Worldcat Available

Collection of the author's comics from her time as a feminist and queer activist at University of California-Irvine.


A collection of sex toy reviews presented in a graphic novel format. Collected from serialized web comic. Features participants across the sexuality spectrum. Link to the webcomic (Contains explicit graphic content).


“A collection of comics taken from the website, kimchicuddles.com ; a comic about polyamory, queer, and genderqueer issues.” (Worldcat description). Link to the webcomic.

**Non-Fiction – Biographical and Memoirs**


An autobiographical account of science fiction author Samuel R. Delany's relationship with his partner Dennis.


A graphic biography about the trial of humanitarian Roger Casement, who was tried for treason in 1916.


A graphic memoir about the author's youth, adolescence, and young adulthood. The memoir also details her relationships and discovering her bisexual identity.


An autobiographical account of the author's life after she is diagnosed with bipolar disorder.

Georges, Nicole J. (2013). *Calling Dr. Laura.* Boston, MA: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Worldcat

A graphic memoir about when the author learned that the father is still alive, despite the fact that she was raised to believe he was dead. Lambda Literary Award Winner.

A graphic memoir about the artist’s time working in a department store in order to make ends meet, as well as his relationship with his partner during the same time.


A collection of autobiographical comics about the author’s life.


A graphic biography about the English computer scientist and codebreaker.


A collection of stories about when the author's friends and lovers realized that they are gay, and their first loves.


An autobiographical work about the author's adolescence as she struggles with being a closeted queer teenager along with her discovery and subsequent obsession with the band Green Day.


A graphic memoir about the author's coming-of-age, discovering her sexuality, coming out to her Turkish Islamic family, and the relationships in her life.


A graphic memoir about being pregnant while being a butch lesbian. Lambda Literary Award Finalist.


A re-issue of David Wajnarowicz's graphic memoir about his final years during the AIDS crisis before his death in 1992.
Web Resources


Review and news website that focuses on LGBTQ+ literature. Lambda Literary gives out the Lambda Literary Awards every year, and graphic novels have their own category. The website also reviews graphic novels.


News website that focuses exclusively on LGBTQ+ comics and creators.


News and review blog written by librarian Erica Friedman. Focuses mainly on Japanese *yuri* manga, which is manga that features romantic relationships between women.


LGBTQ+ comic and graphic novel news website. Also has a social networking side, where members can create profiles and interact with other members.


General comics and graphic novel news website that regularly discusses LGBTQ+ issues in comics.