
Consult also the updated lists: 1950-2000, 2001-2005, and 2006-2010. This selective book list indicates the large number and wide range of published viewpoints available to lesbians and gay men interested in exploring their lives as spiritual journeys.

Specifically excluded from the list of published resources are: novels and poetry; items written in languages other than English; brochures, study guides, and tracts; articles in periodicals; books exclusively addressing the spiritual dimensions of the AIDS epidemic or the experience of living with AIDS; doctrinal statements and position papers about gays and lesbians adopted by religious institutions; and blatantly homophobic treatments of the subject. Some of the books listed were produced by publishers affiliated with religious institutions, and many of the titles listed were not written by lesbians or gay men. Book titles are arranged alphabetically by title within the categories listed below. With a few exceptions, titles are listed in only one of the categories. Because not every title was examined, some titles may be inappropriately categorized, or could be categorized differently.

Note: Electronic books are not included. Printed items of less than 100 pages are counted as pamphlets or booklets, and are, generally, not included. A select few of these short items are included and the number of pages is indicated.

A book is available from major booksellers when it is added to the list. Some included books have one or two chapters on GLBT Religion and Spirituality, and may also contain discussions of other issues as well.

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At the Table: Words of Faith, Affirmation and Inspiration for LGBT Believers of Color by Susan Webley-Cox. Glover Lane Press, 2013.


But What If We’re Wrong?: One Evangelical’s Take on the LGBTQ Issue by Jacci Turner. 46 pages. CreateSpace, 2014.


Christology from the Margins by Thomas Bohache. SCM Press, 2011.


Coming Out, Coming to Faith, Coming to the Table: Stories We Told Across Enemy Lines by Peggy Green. Peggy Green, 2014.


Covenant and Calling: Towards a Theology of Same-Sex Relationships by Robert Song. SCM Press, 2014.


Didn’t Ask, Didn’t Tell: The Life of A Gay Christian Soldier by Tosha Nicole Meredith. Dr. Tosha Meredith Foundation, 2015.


Faithful Army of God by Chris Masterson. reateSpace, 2011.


Gay! and Born This Way by Michael Cornwall. CreateSpace, 2011.


God’s LGBT Children in Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, and Moldova: Homosexuality is Not Sinful, Demonic, or a Mental Illness by An Eastern Orthodox Bishop. CreateSpace, 2012.


Homosexuality in the Orthodox Church by Justin R. Cannon. CreateSpace, January 2011.

Hospitality to Strangers: Theology and Homosexuality by Thomas Kevin Higgs. CreateSpace, 2011.


I'm The Same Person: Loving God and Being Gay by Brooke Dozier. CreateSpace, 2015.

In a Southern Closet by J. Robin Whitley. Regal Crest Enterprises, 2011.

In This Day and Age?!: A Community at the Crossroads of Religion and Homosexuality by Isaac Namdar. CreateSpace, 2012.


Learning to Interpret Toward Love: Actually Embracing People of Different Sexuality (in the kinds of churches where they haven't been) by Peter Fitch. CreateSpace, 2013.


The Quackery of the Straight and Narrow by Skillman Hunt. CreateSpace, 2011.


Queer Religion (2 volumes) by Donald Boisvert and Jay E. Johnson. ABC-CLIO, 2011.


Ready to Answer: Why “Homophobic Church” is an Oxymoron by Marilyn Bowens. AuthorHouse, 2011.


Saved, Sanctified and Same-Gender Loving by D. Marcel. rinity Learning Community, 2011.


Stop The Judgment: Going After the Heart of Traditional Church Folk on Sexuality and Marriage Equality by Samuel Marcus Brown. Published by Bishop Richard Lee Brown, 2014.


Take Up This Welcome: Giving Church Another Chance by Bob Van Keuren. CreateSpace, 2011.


A Time to Build: Creating Sexually Healthy Faith Communities by Debra W. Haffner. Religious Institute, 2014. 2nd edition (74 pages)


**Transitional Belief: Christianity as Viewed through the Lens of a Transgender Believer** by Ashley Ford. CreateSpace, 2013.


**Walking the Bridgeless Canyon: Repairing the Breach between the Church and the LGBT Community** by Kathy Baldock. Canyonwalker Press, 2014.


Roman Catholic Traditions

Can We Save the Catholic Church by Hans Kung. William Collins, 2014.


The Seven Big Myths about the Catholic Church: Distinguishing Fact from Fiction about Catholicism by Christopher Kaczor. Ignatius Press, 2012.


That’s so Gay!: Homophobia in Canadian Catholic Schools by Tonya Callaghan. AV Akademikerverlag, 2012.

Personal Narratives


My Thinning Years: Starving the Gay Within by Jon Derek Croteau. Hazelden, 2014.


Protestant Traditions


We Shall Not Be Moved: Methodists Debate Race, Gender, and Homosexuality by Jane Ellen Nickell. Pickwick Publications, 2014.

Personal Narratives


How We Sleep at Night: A Mother’s Memoir by Sara Cunningham. CreateSpace, 2014.


The Journey of Two Hearts and Souls by Paul McCright. CreateSpace, 2013.


Listening to God’s Healing Love Song: As Heard by a Downhearted Transgender Woman in an Uplifting Major, (Heavenly) Key by Rhiannon M. Tibbetts. CreateSpace, 2013.


Neither Here Nor There by John Suddath. CreateSpace, 2013.


Bible Interpretation


Bible, Gender, Sexuality: Reframing the Church’s Debate on Same-Sex Relationships by James V. Brownson. William B. Eerdmans, 2013.


The Greatest Story Ever Retold: From the Forbidden Fruit’s Point of View by Barry Emanuel Zeve. CreateSpace, 2011.


A Name in Heaven Bible Revised by Rickie Bartlett. Rickie L. Bartlett, 2011.


The Queen James Bible. Queen James, 2012.


The Transsexual and the Cross: Disproving the Myth that Transsexuality is a Sin by Katie Leone. (58 pages) CreateSpace, 2013.


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As We Are by Don Clark. Lethe Press, 2013.


Pastoral Care & Counseling


Committed to Love: Pastoral Care for Same-Sex Couples by Brice A. Thomas. CreateSpace, 2011.


**Jewish Traditions**


Transgender and Jewish (60 pages) by Naomi Zeveloff. CreateSpace, 2014.

**Personal Narratives**


Free at Last by Ben Rothschild. CreateSpace, 2014.


**Mormon Traditions**

From Privilege to PRIDE: Love is the Road (Volume 1) by Candi Hood and Kristin Beasle. Clarity of Thought Consulting, 2012.


Gay Mormons?: Latter-day Saint Experiences of Same-Gender Attraction by Brent Kerby. CreateSpace, 2011.


Homosexuality: A Straight BYU Student’s Perspective by Brad Carmack. CreateSpace, 2011.


That They Might Have Joy: One Man’s Unplanned Journey from Mormonism to Spiritual Awakening by Fred Coyote. CreateSpace, 2012.

To the One: You Don’t Get to be Mormon and Lesbian, Even if You were Born Both by Marnie Freeman. Ollin Publishing, 2014.

**Eastern Religious Traditions**


**Alternative Viewpoints & Journeys**


The Boy in the Yellow Dress by Victor Marsh. 2014.


A Queer and Pleasant Danger: The True Story of a Nice Jewish Boy who Joins the Church of Scientology and Leaves Twelve Years Later to Become the Lovely Lady She is Today by Kate Bornstein. Beacon Press, 2012.


Personal Narratives


Stormy Whether by Dr. Martin H. S. Millette. S-Star LLC (Amazon.com), February 2011.

Ceremonies & Rituals


Secular Hymnal: 60 Famous Hymns Made Inclusive For All by Secretary Michael. Machinists Union Press, 2014.


Marriage


The Distinctive Wedding Ceremony: Planning Guide for Creating a Personalized, Unique Ceremony Supporting ALL Couples, Same Sex and Opposite Sex or How ... Ideal for Ministers and Online Officiants Officiants by Mary Calhoun. CreateSpace, 2014.


How to Write Your Own Wedding Vows: An Easy, Simple Formula to Create a Personalized, Memorable Ceremony (74 pages) by Elena Michaels. CreateSpace, 2013.


Same Sex Marriage and Church Law: A liberal Evangelical Call for Greater Inclusivity within Christianity According to Scripture by Kevin Mahoney. 2nd ed. (78 pages) Punked Books, 2014.


Historical Scholarship

Baby, You are my Religion: Women, Gay Bars, and Theology Before Stonewall (Gender, Theology and Spirituality) by Marie Cartier. Acumen Publishing, 2013.


I don’t want to be Tahirih by Hanna A. Langer. Tredition, 2015.


Men, Masculinities, and Religious Change in Twentieth-Century Britain (Genders and Sexualities in History) by Lucy Delap (ed.) and Sue Morgan (ed.). Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.


Outside the City Gate: The Spiritual Awakening of the LGBTQ Christian Church by Selma Selma. AuthorHouse, 2014.


There Is No Sex in the Church!: On the Problematics of Sexuality and Gender in Orthodoxy by Sergei Sveshnikov. CreateSpace, 2013.


**DVD 2011 – present**  Descriptions are those that are freely available to the general public, as provided by studios, producers, reviewers, or distributors. DVDs are not listed in the Title Index, which lists book titles only.

The Bible and Homosexuality: How the Scriptures Changed My Mind. Director: Justin Lee. (DVD). 83 minutes. The Gay Christian Network. DVD release Mar. 2012. Lecture. "What does God ask of me as a gay Christian? Am I called to lifelong celibacy? Or would God bless a same-sex romantic relationship?" These questions troubled Justin Lee, executive director of The Gay Christian Network. For him, it was all about the Bible, and he wasn't convinced by most of the Bible arguments he'd heard on both sides. In this 80-minute workshop, Justin explores not only the most commonly-cited Scripture passages on the issue, but also many other passages he believes offer a very different picture. Through it all, he says, our goal should be to see what God really has to say, not to make the Bible fit our own preconceptions. With plenty of humor and careful Bible analysis, Justin shows how Bible study took him on a journey to an unexpected conclusion—one that might surprise you.

Born Equal. (2012) (DVD) 64 minutes. Directed by Alan B. Smith and Tsvete Smith. Documentary. DVD U.S. release date: Feb. 2012. This film explores the varied perspectives on the human rights issues of lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans-gender people. Through a series of interviews with religious authorities, LGBT rights activists and medical doctors we learn new truths about the ongoing debate from legal, historical, cultural, and religious perspectives. We follow a day in the life of Christians, Rene Sugar and Kelly Smith, and their family and learn how they reconcile and live within a culture that is often
prejudiced towards them. We tell fascinating stories from various world and religious mythologies that are, more often than not, inclusive towards LGBT like characters because of the value they offered their respective culture and humanity as a whole. Discover why these people think they are born equal. Alan Smith was born and raised in Manahawkin, NJ, USA. Tsvete Smith was born and raised in Dimitrovgrad, Bulgaria. Alan and Tsvete currently live in New York City.

Bridegroom. (2013) (DVD) 82 minutes. Arts Alliance America. Directed by Linda Bloodworth. Documentary. DVD release date Nov. 19 2013. Filmmaker Linda Bloodworth-Thomason explores the injustices endured by same-sex couples through the case of Shane Crone, a man who was barred from attending the funeral of his committed partner Tom by Tom's disapproving family, and who had no legal recourse due to the marriage laws in America. Inspired by Shane's soul-baring video "It Could Happen to You," which has been viewed more than four million times on YouTube, the director aims to put a personal spin on a public debate that has become increasingly politicized while awaiting a Supreme Court ruling.

Bully: It's Time to Take a Stand. (2011) (DVD) 98 minutes. Studio: TWC. Directed by Lee Hirsch. Documentary. DVD release date: February 12, 2013. "Bully" (90 min.) is the self-explanatory title of this documentary, directed by Lee Hirsch (who he himself was a victim of bullying when growing up, reason for wanting to make this film). The movie basically follows 5 students in schools in Georgia, Iowa, Texas, Mississippi and Oklahoma as they deal with bullying in an almost daily basis, some with tragic results. There is a lot of footage from school buses, which appears to be ground zero for bullying. I assume Hirsch was able to mount some cameras in the bus unbeknowst to the kids. What we see is sometimes shocking. In the case of 12 yr. old Alex, the bullying becomes so violent that in the middle of the movie, we are informed that the film producers were so concerned with Alex's safety that they decided to share the school bus footage with Alex's parents and also with his school principal. Next we see the parents meeting with the school's Assistant Principal, who informs the parents that she is familiar with bus 54 (the bus Alex takes) and has done that route herself on occasion and "these kids are good as gold" (as you can imagine, the theatre audience I was watching this with let out a huge moan at that point). Indeed, throughout the film, school administrations seemingly do little or nothing, or are in complete denial, or both.

Call Me Kuchu. (2013) (DVD) 87 minutes. Studio: Docurama. Directed by Katherine Fairfax Wright, Malika Zouhali-Worrall. Documentary. DVD release date: September 24, 2013. With unprecedented access, CALL ME KUCHU depicts the last year in the life of a courageous, quick-witted and steadfast man whose wisdom and achievements were not fully recognized until after his death, and whose memory has inspired a new generation of human rights advocates.

Call Me Troy. By Scott Bloom. (DVD). 100 minutes. Frameline. Documentary. DVD release 2011. Profiling the life and times of one of the gay community's most visible and tenacious advocates for change, Rev. Troy Perry, Call Me Troy is a truly inspirational story about a remarkable and dynamic individual whose activism was decades ahead of its time.
The Case Against 8. (2014) (DVD) 109 minutes. Tripod Media. Documentary. DVD release date: January 18, 2014. A behind-the-scenes look inside the case to overturn California’s ban on same-sex marriage. Shot over five years, the film follows the unlikely team that took the first federal marriage equality lawsuit to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Choice of Love. (2012) (DVD) 35 minutes. Frameline. Directed by Erik Andreas Sandaker. Documentary. DVD release date: Nov. 6 2012. The Choice of Love is a narrative documentary where the filmmaker enters the topics of Islam and homosexuality. Through meetings with the first openly gay Muslim in Norway, Kaltham Alexander Lie, the leader of the Islamic Union of Oslo, Basim Ghozlan and an anonymous interview with a gay Muslim, the director tries to understand what it means to live without the freedom and to love whoever you want to love.

Coming Out – Coming In: Faith, Identity and Belonging. (2012?) (DVD) 30 minutes. Wildacres Leadership Initiative. Produced by Minnow Media. Documentary. DVD release date: ? This film is a 30-minute video documentary that presents personal stories from gay and lesbian Christians who live and worship in North Carolina. Produced and distributed by the Wildacres Leadership Initiative, the program gives voice to gay and lesbian Christians who have struggled to reconcile faith with sexual orientation. The interview subjects take viewers beyond the current debate in churches about homosexuality to reveal the everyday efforts of faithful people.


The Falls. (2012) (DVD) 89 minutes. Breaking Glass Pictures, QC Cinema. Directed by Jon Garcia. DVD release date: Dec. 11 2012. Actors: Nick Ferrucci, Benjamin Farmer. RJ and Chris are two teenage boys raised in Mormon communities. Though both are poster boys for their church with perfect academic records and pretty girlfriends, buried feelings soon rise to the surface when they are assigned to serve a mission together as part of their rite of passage. Now, they will have to make sense of the conflict between their desires and the rules that govern the only world they know.

The Gay Marriage Thing. (2011) (DVD) 47 minutes. SassyMedia. Directed by Stephanie Higgins. Documentary. DVD release date: Feb. 25 2011. Meet Lorre and Gayle, thirty-something college sweethearts marking their 15th anniversary by planning their wedding in the first US state to legalize same-sex marriage. Stephanie Higgins’ powerful documentary follows the couple through the chaos swirling around them, from pro- and anti-gay rallies to religious leaders and the chambers of the Massachusetts state house. The Gay Marriage Thing goes beyond the headlines exposing the emotions behind the civil rights struggle of a generation. Note: This 5th anniversary DVD edition of “The Gay Marriage Thing” contains extra feature videos with never before seen images and footage.

date: May 19, 2014. With God Loves Uganda, Academy Award-winning filmmaker Roger Ross Williams (Music by Prudence) explores the role of the American Evangelical movement in fueling Uganda's terrifying turn towards biblical law and the proposed death penalty for homosexuality. Thanks to charismatic religious leaders and a well-financed campaign, these draconian new laws and the politicians that peddle them are winning over the Ugandan public. But these dangerous policies and the money that fuels them aren't coming from Africa; they're being imported from some of America's largest megachurches. Using vérité, interviews, and hidden camera footage, the film allows American religious leaders and their young missionaries that make up the "front lines in a battle for billions of souls" to explain their positions in their own words. Shocking and enlightening, touching and horrifying, God Loves Uganda will leave you questioning just how closely this brand of Christianity resembles the one you think you know.

I Am Gay and Muslim. (2012) (DVD) 59 minutes. Frameline. Directed by Chris Belloni. Documentary. DVD release date in U.S.: June 21 2013. This intimate documentary follows a number of young Moroccan gay men in their exploration of their religious and sexual identity. The men portrayed in the film openly share their personal experiences and talk about the ambiguity and secretiveness of the life they feel condemned to live, although some have openly acknowledged their sexual orientation.

In the Name Of. (2014) (DVD) 101 minutes. Studio: Film Movement. Directed by Malgoska Szumowska. Movie. DVD release date: April 15, 2014. Catholic priest Adam lives in rural Poland, where he works with teenagers otherwise forgotten by their community. He succeeds in declining the advances of a local woman, as his embrace of the priesthood has become a flight from facing the truth of his own sexuality. When he meets the taciturn son of a simple rural family, his self-imposed abstinence becomes a heavy burden.

Love Free or Die. (2013) 83 minutes. Studio: Wolfe Video. DVD Release Date April 9, 2013. Actor: Gene Robinson. Directors: Macky Alston and Sandra Itkoff. (Special Jury Prize winner Sundance 2012). This film is about a man whose two defining passions the world cannot reconcile: his love for God and for his partner Mark. It is about church and state, love and marriage, faith and identity-and one man's struggle to dispel the notion that God's love has limits. In the film, Gene Robinson becomes the first openly gay person to be elected bishop in the high church traditions of Christendom. Bishop Robinson's elevation in the sleepy New Hampshire diocese in 2003 ignited a worldwide firestorm in the Anglican Communion, one that has become so heated that there is still a chance of a schism in the 80 million-member denomination. One year after being muzzled by the Archbishop of Canterbury, he finds himself speaking from the steps of the Lincoln Memorial at Barack Obama's Inauguration. Gene Robinson confronts those who use religion as an instrument of oppression, and claims a place in the church and society, not just for LGBT people, but for all.

The New Black. (2013) (DVD) 80 minutes. Directed by Yoruba Richen. Documentary. DVD release date: June 14 2013. The New Black is a documentary that tells the story of how the African-American community is grappling with the gay rights issue in light of the recent gay marriage movement and the fight over civil rights. The film documents activists, families and clergy on both sides of the campaign to
legalize gay marriage and examines homophobia in the black community’s institutional pillar—the black church and reveals the Christian right wing’s strategy of exploiting this phenomenon in order to pursue an anti-gay political agenda.

*An Ordinary Family*. (2012) (DVD) 93 minutes. Directed by Mike Akel. DVD release date: June 12, 2012. Actors: Troy Schremmer, Greg Wise, Janelle Schremmer, Chad Anthony Miller, Steven Schaefer. *An Ordinary Family* is an award winning dramatic comedy about one family, two brothers and a really big problem. Thomas Biederman is blindsided when his estranged brother, Seth, shows up unannounced to the annual family vacation… with his boyfriend. Despite a well meaning attempt to surprise everyone, things do not go as planned, throwing Thomas and the rest of the family into an awkward weeklong vacation where everyone has problems and no one wants to talk about them. The film was the winner of the Grand Jury award for Best Feature Film at the 2011 New Orleans International Film Festival, has delighted audiences at over 17 film festivals around the world and continues to garner critical praise.

*Out in the Dark*. (2013) (DVD) 96 minutes. Breaking Glass Pictures. Directed by Michael Mayer. DVD release date: November 5, 2013. Actors: Nicholas Jacob, Michael Aloni. *Out in the Dark* is as much of a political and societal commentary as it is an original romantic story. Compelling and intimate, Michael Mayer’s taut first feature follows a border-crossing relationship between an Israeli lawyer and an increasingly desperate Palestinian student. Nimer, an ambitious Palestinian student in the West Bank, dreams of a better life abroad. One fateful night in Tel Aviv, he meets Roy, an Israeli lawyer, and the two fall in love. As their relationship deepens, they are both confronted with the harsh realities of a Palestinian society that refuses to accept Nimer for his sexual identity, and an Israeli society that rejects him for his nationality. When Nimer’s close friend is caught hiding illegally in Tel Aviv and sent back to the West Bank, where he is brutally murdered, Nimer is forced to choose between the life he thought he wanted and his love for Roy.

*Out in the Open*. (2013) (DVD) 88 minutes. Breaking Glass Pictures, QC Cinema. Directed by Matthew Smith. DVD release date: Jan. 29 2013. Documentary. Actors: Eric Roberts, Eliza Roberts. *Out in the Open* will, once and for all, destroy the misconceptions, fears, and myths about the LGBTQ community. This uplifting documentary is geared towards at risk youth across the world, as well as their families, friends, and teachers. Featuring interviews with celebrities, politicians, and everyday allies who openly embrace the LGBTQ community, this feel-good film asserts that no single person is the same and that all people should be celebrated.

*Pariah*. (2012) (DVD) 87 minutes. Focus Features. Directed by Dee Rees. DVD release date: Apr. 24, 2012. Documentary. Actors: Adepero Oduye, Kim Wayans. Seventeen-year-old Alike (pronounced ah lee kay) lives with her parents and younger sister in Brooklyn’s Fort Greene neighborhood. She has a flair for poetry, and is quietly embracing her identity as a lesbian. But whenever Alike’s development becomes a topic of discussion at home, her parents’ already strained marriage is pushed to the breaking point. Wondering how much she can confide in her family, Alike strives to get through adolescence with grace, humor, and tenacity—sometimes succeeding, sometimes not, but always moving forward.
The Perfect Family. (2012) 84 minutes. Studio: Virgil Films and Entertainment. DVD Release Date June 26, 2012. Actors: Emily Deschanel, Kathleen Turner, Jason Ritter, Richard Chamberlain, Elizabeth Pena. Director: Anne Renton. Suburban supermom Eileen Cleary (Academy Award nominee Kathleen Turner) is the ultimate Catholic, and when she's nominated for the coveted Catholic Woman of the Year Award at her local parish, it looks like she's about to get the plaque to prove it. Only one final test remains - introducing her family to the church board for the seal of approval. Now, she must finally face the truth about her nonconformist family - a truth she has been glossing over for years. Her gay daughter, Shannon (Emily Deschanel), is about to marry her life partner. Her unhappily married son Frank Jr. (Jason Ritter) is having an affair with the local manicurist. And Eileen's own marriage to a recovered alcoholic is pulling at the seams... This heartfelt dysfunctional family comedy boasts a memorable performance from Academy Award nominee Turner as the conflicted and comical matriarch, alongside a bright ensemble cast including Richard Chamberlain and Michael McGrady. Newcomer director Anne Renton keeps the pacing taut and crafts an honest, modern family tale, and writers Claire V. Riley and Paula Goldberg infuse just the right amount of seriousness and levity into their script, reminding us that family is never truly perfect.

Queers in the Kingdom: Let Your Light Shine. (Oct 2014). (DVD 2015?) 74 minutes. Hancock Productions. Distributed by Outcast Films. Directed by Markie Hancock. Produced by Stephen Henderson. Actors: Randall Balmer, Anthea Butler, Darren Dochuk, Kathryn Lofton. Queers in the Kingdom exposes evangelical Christian culture in the U.S. as the underlying force that legalizes Bible-based homophobia. Nowhere is this more evident than in the 200+ well established Christian Colleges where LGBT students must remain closeted and celibate or risk being expelled and condemned as sinners. LGBT survivors of Wheaton College, IL reunite on campus as a protest to the discrimination they faced as students and now as alumni. There are (and always have been) Queers in the Kingdom and they are letting their lights shine!

The Right to Love: An American Family. (2012) (DVD) 88 minutes. Jaye Bird Productions. Directed by Cassie Jaye. Documentary. While the passionate debate over the legitimacy of Marriage Equality in the United States rages on, the LGBT community continues to fight for their slice of the American dream. Powered by media, religion and influential anti-gay organizations comprised of strange bedfellows, the civil right of marriage continues to be held just out of reach for many LGBT citizens. The Right to Love: An American Family chronicles one story of courage born out of the highly mediatised and controversial Prop 8 2008 election results in California. A private Californian married gay couple and their two adopted children fight back against discrimination, ignorance and hate through home videos posted on their You Tube channel called "Gay Family Values". As they pursue their American Dream, the opposing political, social and religious opinions that pervade society attempts to strip it from them.

The Seminarian. (2010) (DVD) 101 minutes. Breaking Glass Pictures. Directed by Joshua Lim. Movie. DVD release date: April 10, 2012. Ryan is a closeted gay student in his final semester of seminary studies. Despite his school's hostile stance towards homosexuality, Ryan has two gay classmates - Gerald and Anthony in whom he secretly confides. He is also close to his religiously devout mother who, as things stand, is unaware of his sexual orientation. Ryan needs to complete a solid theological thesis in order to
continue doctoral work at the university of his dreams. As he works on his thesis 'The Divine Gift of Love,' he begins a relationship with Bradley - a man he has met on the Internet who seems perpetually unable to commit himself. At the same time, Ryan learns that Gerald and Anthony have romantic struggles of their own. During this volatile time, with the pain of unrequited love and the inability to share his fears with his mother deepening, Ryan struggles with finishing his thesis and holding on to his faith.

Seventh-Gay Adventists. (2012) (DVD) 104 minutes. Watchfire Films. DVD release date: April 29, 2012. Documentary. Directed by Daneen Akers and Stephen Eyer. Caught in the collision of two worlds, three gay and lesbian Seventh-day Adventists wrestle with how to reconcile their faith, identity, and sexuality. One young man spent five years in "ex-gay" therapy trying to become straight, but now he's falling in love with another man and wondering if that can be okay. Another was an Adventist pastor in Brazil who was fired for being gay. Can he find his calling again? And a lesbian mom from the mid-west wants her daughters to grow up with her faith and beliefs, even though she knows her church might not accept their family.

Growing up Adventist means knowing you belong. And being Adventist is about much more than a set of beliefs--it's a close-knit community not easily left. Discovering you are gay in this community often means loss and exile from all that has been home. This feature-length documentary follows their raw and moving journeys as they wrestle with deep questions and struggle to find a place where they can integrate identity, love, and belief.

This Is What Love in Action Looks Like. (2012) 74 minutes. Studio: TLA Releasing. DVD Release Date: May 8, 2012. Documentary. A stirring documentary about a Christian fundamentalist conversion camp and the young people who fought against it. When 16-year-old Zach told his parents that he was gay, they sent him to Love In Action, a religious organization that promises to cure homosexuality. Originally for adults, Love in Action had recently begun a program for teens, many of whom were sent there involuntarily. The camp's draconian methods for 'sexual redemption'; prompted filmmaker Jon Morgan Fox to document the ensuing protest against the group. Including interviews with several youths who had been in the program, the then current director of Love in Action (himself a former gay) and many young protesters who were compelled to mobilize against the organization, this documentary is an important look at gay youth, intolerance and skewed religious beliefs.

Undressing Israel: Gay Men in the Promised Land. (2012) (DVD) 46 minutes. Studio: Lucas Entertainment. Directed by Michael Lucas. Documentary. DVD Release Date: November 26, 2013. When many people think of Israel, it is often in terms of modern war or ancient religion. But there is much more to the Jewish state than missiles and prayers. In his debut as a documentary filmmaker, adult-film entrepreneur and political columnist Michael Lucas examines a side of Israel that is too often overlooked: its thriving gay community. Undressing Israel features interviews with a diverse range of local men, including a gay member of Israel's parliament, a trainer who served openly in the army, a young Arab-Israeli journalist, and a pair of dads raising their kids. Lucas also visits Tel Aviv's vibrant
nightlife scene and even attends a same-sex wedding in this guided tour of a country that has emerged as a pioneer for gay integration and equality.

_The Wise Kids_. (2013) (DVD) 95 minutes. Studio: Wolfe Video. Directed by Stephen Cone. DVD release date: January 8, 2013. _The Wise Kids_, Cone's second feature film, focuses on three high school seniors in a conservative Christian community in Charleston who are wrestling with issues of faith and sexuality as they prepare to embark on their own lives and make their own choices. The film has won eight festival awards, including the Grand Jury Prize for Best U.S. Dramatic Feature and Outstanding Screenwriting at Outfest.

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