

An Annotated Bibliography of Books, DVDs, and Internet Resources on Same-Sex Marriage Since 2007

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Introduction

There has been a lot of progress made on the road to marriage equality since the other GLBRT-approved annotated bibliography on same-sex marriage was created in 2007. In May 2008, California became the second state to legalize same-sex marriage (after Massachusetts in 2004) when the California Supreme Court held that laws restricting marriage to opposite-sex couples were unconstitutional. Connecticut followed suit in October 2008. In California, the Supreme Court decision was overturned by voter initiative (Proposition 8) in the November 2008 election. In 2009, same-sex marriage was legalized in Iowa by decision of its Supreme Court, in Vermont, New Hampshire, and the District of Columbia by legislation, and in Connecticut by both.

Many other states have legalized same-sex marriage since 2011, including New York, Maryland, Washington, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Minnesota, Rhode Island, Maine, New Jersey, New Mexico, Oregon, and Pennsylvania. In June 2013, the Supreme Court of the United States invalidated the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) as an unconstitutional infringement on personal liberty. The Supreme Court also let the court ruling against California's Proposition 8 stand, thereby legalizing same-sex marriage in California again, and since then, several other states have seen court rulings in favor of same-sex marriage placed on hold pending appeal. In July 2013, a Gallup Poll found that if given the opportunity to vote on a law legalizing gay marriage in all 50 states, 52% would vote yes and only 43% would vote no. Only a decade ago, most states had passed bans against recognition of same-sex marriage, but it appears that soon same-sex marriage will be legal in a majority of the states.

This bibliography includes a wide range of books, DVDs, and Internet resources related to same-sex marriage published since 2007. The books have all been published in print, although increasingly many of them may also be found as e-books. Separate sections contain books opposing same-sex marriage, memoirs, wedding planning guides, novels, plays, and children's books (including a couple picture books). There is also a separate section for the websites of organizations opposing same-sex marriage. We plan to update this resource in the future. If you have any suggestions or updates, please contact the GLBTRT Resources Committee.

SAME-SEX MARRIAGE BIBLIOGRAPHY

Achtemeier, Mark. The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage: An Evangelical's Change of Heart. Westminster John Knox Press, 2014.

A Presbyterian theologian explores what the Bible has to say about same-sex relationships and marriage.

Albertson, Jason V., editor. Same-Sex Issues. Nova Science, 2010. (Also available as e-book)
Discusses the Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA), which prohibits federal recognition of same-sex marriages; the effect of same-sex marriage on social security benefits and pensions; same-sex adoptions; and examines gay men and lesbians in the U.S. military.

Almond, Brenda, editor. The Meaning of Matrimony: Debating Same-Sex Marriage. Civitas, 2013.

Presents the key arguments for and against marriage for gay couples in England and Wales.

Andryszewski, Tricia. Same-Sex Marriage: Granting Equal Rights or Damaging the Status of Marriage? Twenty-First Century Books, 2011. (Also available as e-book)

Examines the history of the gay rights movement in the United States and the struggle for equal protection under the law, including the right for same-sex couples to marry, with opinions and perspectives on both sides of the issue.

Babst, Gordon A., Emily R. Gill, and Jason Pierceson, editors. Moral Argument, Religion, and Same-Sex Marriage: Advancing the Public Good. Lexington Books, 2009.

Diverse contributors use moral argumentation with respect to same-sex marriage, gay rights, and California's Proposition 8 to directly engage with the political and legal arguments of the gay community's critics on their own moral and ethical terms.

Badgett, M.V. Lee. When Gay People Get Married: What Happens When Societies Legalize Same-Sex Marriage. New York University Press, 2009. (Also available as e-book)

Looks at how gay marriage is actually working, both in the Netherlands (where it has been legal since 2001) and in the United States. Married gay couples, their families, and their work colleagues are interviewed, and it is shown that marriage changes gay people more than gay people change marriage.

Ball, Carlos A. Same-Sex Marriage and Children: A Tale of History, Social Science, and Law. Oxford University Press, 2014.

Responds to the objections of same-sex marriage opponents that are based on promoting "responsible procreation" and child welfare by examining historical, social science, and legal considerations. The author finds that social science studies do not support the contention that biological status and parental gender matter in parenting children, and that the constitutionality of same-sex marriage bans can't be defended on the basis of promoting the best interests of children.

Baumgardner, Jennifer, and Madeleine M. Kunin, editors. We Do!: American Leaders Who Believe in Marriage Equality. Akashic Books, 2013.

A collection of speeches, interviews, and commentary showing the increasing American acceptance of gay marriage and the roles that politicians have played in that history.

Baumle, Amanda K., D’Lane Compton, and Dudley L. Poston, Jr. Same-Sex Partners: The Social Demography of Sexual Orientation. State University of New York Press, 2010.

Examines the sociodemographic characteristics of gay men and lesbians who live together in committed relationships.

Becker, Jo. Forcing the Spring: Inside the Fight for Marriage Equality. Penguin Press, 2014.

Following the passage of California’s Proposition 8 ballot initiative removing the right of gays to marry, a small group of political and media insiders took the fight for marriage equality all the way to the Supreme Court.

Bernstein, Mary, and Verta Taylor, editors. The Marrying Kind?: Debating Same-Sex Marriage Within the Lesbian and Gay Movement. University of Minnesota Press, 2013.

Looks at the reasons that gay and lesbian activists have been so divided over the issue of same-sex marriage, how this has affected campaigns for it across the United States, and whether and how marriage has changed gay and lesbian communities, identity, and activism.

Bilger, Audrey, and Michele Kort, editors. Here Come the Brides!: Reflections on Lesbian Love and Marriage. Seal Press, 2012.

A collection of personal and political writings about lesbian weddings and marriages.

Bloodsworth-Lugo, Mary K., and Carmen R. Lugo-Lugo. Containing (Un)American Bodies: Race, Sexuality, and Post-9/11 Constructions of Citizenship. Rodopi, 2010. (Also available as e-book)

Post-9/11 political rhetoric was used to contain “(un)American bodies” by conflating gays and lesbians with terrorists and the War on Terror with same-sex marriage. The authors offer evidence to support the compatibility of the election of Barack Obama with the passage of California’s Proposition 8, and position it within a post-9/11 framework.

Boele-Woelki, Katharina, and Angelika Fuchs, editors. Legal Recognition of Same-Sex Relationships in Europe. 2nd rev. ed. Intersentia, 2012.

Provides an updated overview of registration schemes and same-sex marriages in Europe, as well as legal issues concerning same-sex parenting.

Boies, David, and Theodore B. Olson. Redeeming the Dream: The Case for Marriage Equality. Viking, 2014.

The two lawyers who argued the case trace the 2008 adoption of California’s Proposition 8 through its defeat at the Supreme Court five years later.

Brook, Heather. Conjugal Rites: Marriage and Marriage-Like Relationships Before the Law. Palgrave Macmillan, 2007.

Explores the regulation of intimate relationships, including same-sex marriage.

Caspers, Nona, and Joell Hallowell, editors. Lawfully Wedded Wives: Rethinking Marriage in the 21st Century. Triton Books, 2013. (Also available as e-book)

Collection of the first-person stories of lesbians who married during the months of 2008 that same-sex marriage was legal in California (before it was overturned by Proposition 8).

Chapman, Patrick M. Thou Shalt Not Love: What Evangelicals Really Say to Gays. Haiduk Press, 2008.

Provides a scholarly rebuttal to arguments Evangelicals use against lesbians, gay men, and same-sex marriage.

Cleves, Rachel Hope. Charity & Sylvia: A Same-Sex Marriage in Early America. Oxford University Press, 2014.

This book explores the lives of two ordinary, middle-class women and their same-sex partnership in the U.S. in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Corvino, John. What's Wrong With Homosexuality? Oxford University Press, 2013.

Presents a case for moral approval of same-sex marriage, so that gays can be fully included in the moral fabric of the larger community.

Corvino, John, and Maggie Gallagher. Debating Same-Sex Marriage. Oxford University Press, 2013. (Also available as e-book)

Two authors on opposing sides of the same-sex marriage controversy debate the issue, taking a "point/counterpoint" approach. One author is a philosopher and gay activist, the other is a nationally syndicated columnist and co-founder of the National Organization for Marriage.

DiQuinzio, Apsara, editor. The Air We Breathe: Artists and Poets Reflect on Marriage Equality. San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, 2011.

Brings together 30 visual artists and 8 poets with their contributions to the cause of marriage equality for same-sex couples, along with three accompanying essays.

Espejo, Roman, editor. Gay and Lesbian Families. Greenhaven Press, 2009.

A variety of perspectives (both pro- and con-) examine same-sex marriage and how homosexuality should be framed within the definition of family.

Feit, Mario. Democratic Anxieties: Same-Sex Marriage, Death, and Citizenship. Lexington Books, 2011. (Also available as e-book)

The author engages debates about same-sex marriage and queer families as a way into thinking about the existential dimension of democratic politics, and explores democracy's intertwining fears about sex and death.

Gallo, Daniele, Luca Paladini, and Pietro Pustorino, editors. Same-Sex Couples Before National, Supranational, and International Jurisdictions. Springer, 2013.

This book focuses on jurisprudence regarding the legal status of same-sex couples in different jurisdictions and how that has contributed to the strengthening of LGBTI rights and duties.

Galupo, M. Paz, editor. Bisexuality and Same-Sex Marriage. Routledge, 2009. Special issue of Journal of Bisexuality.

The issue of bisexual women and men and same-sex marriage is viewed through theoretical, research, and personal perspectives.

Gerstmann, Evan. Same-Sex Marriage and the Constitution. 2nd ed. Cambridge University Press, 2008. (Also available as e-book)

Makes the case that the Constitution protects same-sex marriage and it is the proper role of the courts to enforce this right.

Gill, Emily R. An Argument for Same-Sex Marriage: Religious Freedom, Sexual Freedom, and Public Expressions of Civic Equality. Georgetown University Press, 2012.

When the government recognizes the commitments of opposite-sex couples but ignores those of same-sex couples, it classifies same-sex couples as outsiders and regards their relationships as less valuable than those of traditional couples.

Glaser, Chris. As My Own Soul: The Blessing of Same-Gender Marriage. Seabury Books, 2009. Presents the present civil and religious contexts of the conflict over same-sex marriage, as well as the biblical and historical forms and meanings of marriage.

Gordon, Sarah Barringer. The Spirit of the Law: Religious Voices and the Constitution in Modern America. Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2010.

This book about the influence of religious views on constitutional law has a chapter on progressive Judaism, interfaith activism, and the movement for same-sex marriage.

Heaphy, Brian, Carol Smart, and Anna Einarsdottir. Same-Sex Marriages: New Generations, New Relationships. Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Argues that same sex marriages in everyday life need to be understood in terms of interlinked developments in lesbian and gay worlds, heterosexual relationships, and in personal life.

Hertz, Frederick, and Emily Doskow. A Legal Guide for Lesbian & Gay Couples. 17th ed. Nolo, 2014.

A practical guide with the latest legal information to help same-sex couples protect their rights and make sound decisions as a couple.

Hertz, Frederick, and Emily Doskow. Making It Legal: A Guide to Same-Sex Marriage, Domestic Partnerships & Civil Unions. 3rd ed. Nolo, 2014.

A comprehensive review of all the issues that influence the decision to marry and breaks down the complex and ever-changing rules of same-sex relationship laws.

Hollingsworth v. Perry. Supreme Court of the United States, 2013.

The Supreme Court opinions in the case concerning California's Proposition 8.

Hume, Robert J. Courthouse Democracy and Minority Rights: Same-Sex Marriage in the States. Oxford University Press, 2013. (Also available as e-book)

Examines the conditions under which state supreme courts are more likely to have an enduring impact on government policy, especially regarding the issue of same-sex marriage.

John, Jeffrey. Permanent, Faithful, Stable: Christian Same-Sex Marriage. New ed. Darton, Longman & Todd, 2012.

Written by a Church of England priest, this book offers guidance to same-sex couples on forming a lasting, covenanted, monogamous relationship.

Johnson, William Stacy. A Time to Embrace: Same-Sex Relationships in Religion, Law, and Politics. 2nd ed. Wm. B. Eerdmans, 2012. (Also available as e-book)

Analyzes the religious, legal, and political debates about same-sex marriage, civil unions, and committed gay couples.

Judge, Melanie, Anthony Manion, and Shaun de Waal, editors. To Have and to Hold: The Making of Same-Sex Marriage in South Africa. Fanele, 2008.

A collection of interviews, essays, and documents that illustrates different perspectives on the journey to same-sex marriage in South Africa.

Kimport, Katrina. Queering Marriage: Challenging Family Formation in the United States. Rutgers University Press, 2014.

The author uses in-depth interviews with participants in the 2004 same-sex weddings in San Francisco to investigate whether same-sex marriage challenges heterosexual privilege or preserves that privilege by assimilating queer couples.

Kindle, Steve. Marriage Equality: Why Same-Sex Marriage is Good for the Church and Nation. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2013.

A straight Christian pastor analyzes Bible passages and discusses scientific and psychological findings to show why he changed his mind away from opposition to same-sex marriage.

Klarman, Michael J. From the Closet to the Altar: Courts, Backlash, and the Struggle for Same-Sex Marriage. Oxford University Press, 2013.

Discusses the key legal cases involving gay marriage and the political backlashes they ignited, and assesses the costs and benefits of activists' pursuit of social reforms like gay marriage through the courts.

Kollman, Kelly. Same-Sex Unions Revolution in Western Democracies: International Norms and Domestic Policy Change. Manchester University Press, 2013.

Examines the development of same-sex unions policy in 18 Western democracies and argues that the dramatic wave of national laws recognizing gay and lesbian couples since 1989 is the product of international norm diffusion and socialization.

Lannutti, Pamela J. Experiencing Same-Sex Marriage: Individuals, Couples and Social Networks. Peter Lang, 2014.

Same-sex marriage experiences are examined using the communication concepts and theories based on a communications studies perspective on personal relationships.

Laycock, Douglas, Anthony R. Picarello, Jr., and Robin Fretwell Wilson. Same-Sex Marriage and Religious Liberty: Emerging Conflicts. Becket Fund for Religious Liberty/Rowman & Littlefield, 2008.

A scholarly appraisal of the church-state conflicts certain to arise when the legal recognition of same-sex marriage impacts religious institutions that embrace a different definition of marriage.

Lee, Man Yee Karen. Equality, Dignity, and Same-Sex Marriage: A Rights Disagreement in Democratic Societies. Martinus Nijhoff, 2010. (Also available as e-book)

Uses the legalization of same-sex marriage as a contemporary example of how reasonable people, who care about equality and dignity, can justify with each other on the contentious issues of rights.

Li, Anqi. Uses of History in the Press and in Court During California's Battle Over Proposition 8: Casting Same-Sex Marriage as a Civil Right. Edwin Mellen Press, 2012. (Also available as e-book)

Identifies how three newspapers and three court documents used history to discuss marriage during and after the *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (California's Proposition 8) trial, how those uses reflected or challenged ideas of marriage, and whether judicial uses of history contradicted or were consistent with the press' uses.

Miller, Debra A., editor. Gay Marriage. Greenhaven Press, 2012.

A collection of articles with a wide range of viewpoints on same-sex marriage examine the moral, religious, legal, and constitutional issues.

Moore, Mignon R. Invisible Families: Gay Identities, Relationships, and Motherhood Among Black Women. University of California Press, 2011.

Shows the ways in which Black cultures, ideologies, and the historical experiences of Black women structure lesbian identities, as well as how Black lesbians' participation in and enactment of their intersecting identities as Black, as women, and as gay people influence family formation, mate selection, expectations for partners in committed relationships, and other aspects of family life.

Moscowitz, Leigh. The Battle Over Marriage: Gay Rights Activism Through the Media. University of Illinois Press, 2013. (Also available as e-book)

Shows the complex ways that media coverage of the gay marriage debate both aided and undermined the cause, revealing both the progressive potential and the limitations of commercial media as a route to social change.

Mucciaroni, Gary. Same Sex, Different Politics: Success & Failure in the Struggles Over Gay Rights. University of Chicago Press, 2008.

Explains why gay rights advocates have achieved very different levels of success among different policy areas, including marriage and partner recognition, adoption, military service, sexual conduct, and hate crimes.

Murray, Heather. Not in This Family: Gays and the Meaning of Kinship in Postwar North America. University of Pennsylvania Press, 2010.

California's Proposition 8 outlawing gay marriage is one of the examples discussed in this analysis of gays and their families and the progress and challenges that have been facing them in recent years.

Nagle, Jeanne. Same-Sex Marriage: The Debate. Rosen Publishing, 2010.

Explores same-sex marriage with an overview of the history of marriage, arguments for and against same-sex marriage, and an examination of related legal issues.

Newton, David E. Same-Sex Marriage: A Reference Handbook. ABC-CLIO, 2010. (Also available as e-book)

Reviews the current status of same-sex marriage and similar institutions in the United States and other parts of the world.

Nicolas, Peter, and Mike Strong. The Geography of Love: Same-Sex Marriage & Relationship Recognition in America. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2014.

The authors show the history and current state of marriage and relationship recognition rights for same-sex couples in the United States with both text and maps.

Perry, Donna J. Catholic Supporters of Same-Gender Marriage: A Case Study of Human Dignity in a Multicultural Society. Edwin Mellen Press, 2008.

Using Jesuit priest and philosopher Bernard Lonergan's "transcendental method", the author investigates the cognitive processes used by individuals grounded in the Catholic faith to reach a favorable decision about same-gender marriage.

Perry, Michael J. Constitutional Rights, Moral Controversy, and the Supreme Court. Cambridge University Press, 2011. (Also available as e-book)

Uses a Thayerian perspective to examine the constitutional rights that affect moral controversies such as same-sex marriage.

Petersen, Hanne, Jose Maria Lorenzo Villaverde, and Ingrid Lund-Andersen, editors. Contemporary Gender Relations and Changes in Legal Cultures. DJOF Publishing, 2013.

Contains articles addressing the issues surrounding registration schemes for same-sex couples, including marriage, in many countries since Denmark first introduced legal recognition for same-sex couples.

Pierceson, Jason. Same-Sex Marriage in the United States: The Road to the Supreme Court. Rowman & Littlefield, 2013.

Explores the legal, political, and cultural factors behind the movement for marriage equality in the United States and the opposition to that movement, as well as its progress towards eventual action by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Pierceson, Jason, Adriana Piatti-Crocker, and Shawn Schulenberg, editors. Same-Sex Marriage in Latin America: Promise and Resistance. Lexington Books, 2013.

This follow-up to Same-Sex Marriage in the Americas (below) sheds light on regional, national, and individual-level factors that have led to major developments for same-sex relationship equality in Latin America and explores institutional, political, and social barriers for same-sex couples in the region.

Pierceson, Jason, Adriana Piatti-Crocker, and Shawn Schulenberg, editors. Same-Sex Marriage in the Americas: Policy Innovation for Same-Sex Relationships. Lexington Books, 2010.

Explores policy innovation for same-sex couples throughout the Americas, including same-sex marriage legislation, civil unions, and other new developments at both national and sub-national levels.

Polikoff, Nancy D. Beyond Straight and Gay Marriage: Valuing All Families Under the Law. Beacon Press, 2008. (Also available as e-book)

Argues that all family relationships and households need the economic stability and emotional support that married couples receive as special rights denied to other families.

Powell, Brian, Catherine Bolzendahl, Claudia Geist, and Lala Carr Steelman. Counted Out: Same-Sex Relations and Americans' Definitions of Family. Russell Sage Foundation, 2010.

This study uses data from survey conducted in 2003 and 2006 to explore how Americans define and understand what constitutes a family.

Puar, Jasbir K. Terrorist Assemblages: Homonationalism in Queer Times. Duke University Press, 2007.

Explores the linkages between sexuality and anti-terrorism, including gay marriage as an example of homonormative ideology.

Rayside, David, and Clyde Wilcox, editors. Faith, Politics, and Sexual Diversity in Canada and the United States. University of British Columbia Press, 2011. (Also available as e-book)

Discusses and compares the political intersection of sexuality and religion in Canada and the United States and how it affects the issue of same-sex marriage.

Richman, Kimberly D. License to Wed: What Legal Marriage Means to Same-Sex Couples. New York University Press, 2014.

Examines the meanings of marriage for same-sex couples in California and Massachusetts.

Rickard, Judy. Torn Apart: United by Love, Divided by Law. Findhorn Press, 2011.

Profiles of gay couples fighting for legal residency for their immigrant partners in the United States.

Rimmerman, Craig A. The Lesbian and Gay Movements: Assimilation or Liberation? Westview Press, 2008.

Same-sex marriage, one of three major concerns in this book, is discussed in light of the two prevailing strategies in the movement, assimilation and liberation.

Robinson, Gene. God Believes in Love: Straight Talk About Gay Marriage. Knopf, 2012.

An Episcopal bishop uses the Bible to argue for gay marriage, looking at 10 significant questions about it.

Rydstrom, Jens. Odd Couples: A History of Gay Marriage in Scandinavia. Aksant, 2011. (Also available as e-book)

Explores the ways that the gay and lesbian communities in Scandinavia discussed the issue of gay marriage since the 1970s and how mainstream politicians responded to their demands, leading up to the legal regulation of same-sex relationships.

Sanger, Tam, and Yvette Taylor, editors. Mapping Intimacies: Relations, Exchanges, Affects. Palgrave Macmillan, 2013.

Explores the shifting terrain of intimate life through diverse contemporary studies, covering topics that include polyamory, trans partnerships, and same-sex recognition.

Smith, Miriam. Political Institutions and Lesbian and Gay Rights in the United States and Canada. Routledge, 2008.

Examines the differences between Canada and the United States in their public policies toward lesbians and gay men, including in the area of same-sex relationship recognition.

Stacey, Judith. Unhitched: Love, Marriage, and Family Values from West Hollywood to Western China. New York University Press, 2011. (Also available as e-book)

Discusses both sides of the debate over same-sex marriage, as well as other marriage-related topics in various cultures, including polygamy and the rejection of marriage.

Stone, Carrie, and John G. Culhane. Same-Sex Legal Kit for Dummies. For Dummies, 2012.

A practical guide to the legal information gay and lesbian couples need.

Strasser, Mark. Same-Sex Unions Across the United States. Carolina Academic Press, 2011.

Discusses the legal recognitions and protections for same-sex couples and their families in different states, and how that affects LGBT partners and their families when they move or travel across state lines.

Streitmatter, Rodger. Outlaw Marriages: The Hidden Histories of Fifteen Extraordinary Same-Sex Couples. Beacon Press, 2012.

Profiles fifteen couples who contributed to this country in several fields, including music, education, journalism, and art.

Walters, Suzanna Danuta. The Tolerance Trap: How God, Genes, and Good Intentions Are Sabotaging Gay Equality. NYU Press, 2014.

The author says that the GLBT community has settled for a watered-down goal of tolerance and acceptance instead of a robust claim to full civil rights.

Wardle, Lynn D., editor. What's the Harm?: Does Legalizing Same-Sex Marriage Really Harm Individuals, Families, or Society? University Press of America, 2008.

Several contributors with an interdisciplinary collection of perspectives explore the societal, familial, individual, and jurisprudential harms of the legalization or prohibition of same-sex marriage.

Whitehead, Jaye Cee. The Nuptial Deal: Same-Sex Marriage and Neo-Liberal Governance. University of Chicago Press, 2012.

Combines participant observation, in-depth interviews, and a content analysis of the marriage equality movement in the United States to explain how individuals can find themselves fighting for a model of neo-liberal governance that they ideologically oppose.

Young, Pamela Dickey. Religion, Sex and Politics: Christian Churches and Same-Sex Marriage in Canada. Fernwood Publishing, 2012.

Analyzes the same-sex marriage debate in Canada by examining the intersections between religion, sexuality, and public policy.

OPPOSITION

Barker, Nicola. Not the Marrying Kind: A Feminist Critique of Same-Sex Marriage. Palgrave Macmillan, 2012.

Begins with a critical analysis of the institution of marriage itself (including alternate forms such as civil unions), and then asks whether and how feminist critiques of marriage might be applied specifically to same-sex marriage.

Blankenhorn, David. The Future of Marriage. Encounter Books, 2007. (Also available as e-book) Argues that altering marriage to accommodate same-sex couples would weaken in culture and eliminate in law the idea that children need both their mother and their father, and offers scientific evidence that support for marriage is weakest in the countries where support for gay marriage is strongest.

Conrad, Ryan, editor. Against Equality: Queer Critiques of Gay Marriage. Against Equality Publishing Collective, 2010.

Queer and trans critiques of the neoliberal mainstream gay and lesbian politics of inclusion, with a focus on gay marriage, gays in the military, and hate crimes legislation.

Fox-Genovese, Elizabeth ; edited by Sheila O'Connor-Ambrose. Marriage: The Dream That Refuses to Die. ISI Books, 2008.

Argues that the sexual liberation movements, including for same-sex marriage, have seriously undermined marriage, as an institution that is supposed to limit individual rights is now claimed as an individual right.

Kydd, Roseanne. Same Sex Marriage: Is There a Leg to Stand On? Essence Publishing, 2013.

A member of the Anglican Church of Canada argues against same-sex marriage because it violates the religious meaning of the sacrament of marriage.

Lutzer, Erwin W. The Truth About Same-Sex Marriage: 6 Things You Must Know About What's Really at Stake. Rev. and expanded ed. Moody Publishers, 2010.

Explains that the majority of Americans oppose same-sex marriage because it violates God's intended plan for marriage and the family.

O'Leary, Dale. One Man, One Woman: A Catholic's Guide to Defending Marriage. Sophia Institute Press, 2007.

Defends marriage against "radical activists intent on rewriting its age-old definition" through examination of how people become gay, the nature of same-sex relationships, childrearing, and how the redefinition of marriage in Europe and Canada has already harmed marriage rates, family stability, religious freedom, and children's well-being.

Turek, Frank. Correct, Not Politically Correct: How Same-Sex Marriage Hurts Everyone. CrossExamined, 2008.

The author uses statistical evidence to demonstrate the detrimental effects of same-sex marriage on children, the nation, and on gay men and lesbians themselves.

Viefhues-Bailey, Ludger H. Between a Man and a Woman?: Why Conservatives Oppose Same-Sex Marriage. Columbia University Press, 2010. (Also available as e-book)

A gay author analyzes the theological reasons that conservative Christians oppose same-sex marriage.

MEMOIRS

DeMotier, Beren. The Brides of March: Memoir of a Same-Sex Marriage. iUniverse, 2007.

A lesbian mother writes a memoir of her wedding to her wife in Multnomah County, Oregon, in 2004 and the political controversy that it engendered there.

Derfner, Joel. Lawfully Wedded Husband: How My Gay Marriage Will Save the American Family. 2013. (Also available as e-book)

Humorous account of the author's same-sex wedding on a reality TV show and what led up to it.

Dicinoski, Michelle. Ghost Wife: A Memoir of Love and Defiance. Black, 2013.

An Australian woman took a trip to Canada to marry her American girlfriend, although neither Australia nor the United States recognizes the marriage.

Greenwood, David Valdes. Homo Domesticus: Notes from a Same-Sex Marriage. Da Capo Life Long, 2007.

The author describes his sweet, funny, and very tame relationship as he and his partner get married and start a family.

Harvey, Ken. A Passionate Engagement: A Memoir. Pleasure Boat Studio, 2010.

The author writes a memoir about coming out as a gay man, falling in love with his future husband, and becoming a political activist for same-sex marriage in Massachusetts.

Littlefield, Bruce. Moving In: Tales of an Unlicensed Marriage. B. Littlefield, 2013.

The author describes his first year of living with his partner in a new house.

McNaught, Brian. Are You Guys Brothers? AuthorHouse, 2008.

A longtime gay activist discusses his 32-year relationship with his Wall Street investment broker husband.

Shayne, Alan, and Norman Sunshine. Double Life: A Love Story from Broadway to Hollywood. Magnus Books, 2011.

A dual memoir by a gay couple, prominent in the fields of entertainment, advertising, and art, who have been in a relationship for over 50 years.

WEDDING PLANNING

Ayers, Tess, and Paul Brown. The Essential Guide to Gay and Lesbian Weddings. 3rd ed. Experiment, 2012.

Guide to planning weddings for gay and lesbian couples.

Hamm, Kathryn, and Thea Dodds. The New Art of Capturing Love: The Essential Guide to Lesbian and Gay Wedding Photography. Amphoto Books, 2014. Earlier edition published as: Capturing Love: The Art of Lesbian & Gay Wedding Photography. Authentic Weddings, 2013. Guide to posing and sensitively capturing same-sex couples on their wedding days for same-sex wedding photographers.

Smith, Bernadette Coveney. The Lesbian Couple's Guide to Wedding Planning: Everything You Need to Know About Planning Your Dream Wedding. Sellers Publishing, 2013.

In a 12-month wedding-countdown format, the author shows how to plan for a wide range of lesbian weddings.

Toussaint, David. The Gay Couple's Guide to Wedding Planning: Everything Gay Men Need to Know to Create a Fun, Romantic, and Memorable Ceremony. Sellers Publishing, 2012.

A 12-month guide for male couples planning a wedding.

FICTION

Brockmann, Suzanne. All Through the Night: A Troubleshooter Christmas. Ballantine Books, 2007.

In this twelfth book in the Troubleshooter series, a gay FBI agent proposes to his movie star lover, but a stalker, a nosy reporter, and various calamities create a romantic and suspenseful comedy of errors.

Calmes, Mary. But for You. Dreamspinner Press, 2012. Sequel to: Bulletproof.

Jory Harcourt and his husband U.S. Marshal Sam Kage are settled in the suburbs with two kids, but then trouble shows up again.

Davy, V.T. A Very Civil Wedding. Liberation Publishing, 2013.

A novel in which the eldest daughter of the Prince of Wales wishes to marry her same-sex partner in the Church of England.

Donovan, Taylor V. Hearsay. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2014.

Two gay lawyers try to start a relationship (possibly leading to marriage and kids) after one of them disappeared for a year after they first met. This novel is supposed to be the start of a trilogy.

Enna, Stephen A., and Dennis J. Wootten. Aloha! Authorhouse, 2011.

Political novel about a new young Republican President trying to deal with the issue of gay marriage while also dramatically reducing the national debt. The first in a trilogy.

Gregg, Kari. I Don't: A Christmas Wish. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2012.

In this novel, Seth campaigned for marriage equality in Maryland, but now his live-in older boyfriend, a divorce attorney, refuses to get married to him yet. When they visit Seth's family for Christmas, their holiday turns into a circus.

Gregg, Kari. Pretty Poison. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2013.

A gay werewolf romance novel in which Wade, the new alpha wolf, chooses Noah, a person with a disability, as his mate, even though some of the pack want to kill Noah.

Hayes, Lane. Better Than Friends. Dreamspinner Press, 2014.

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A gay romance about a wealthy oil baron's son who blackmails the son of his father's archrival into marrying him to spite his father. Several sequels have already been published: Texas Winter, Texas Heat, Texas Family, and Texas Christmas, and eventually the couple become parents.

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Stevenson, Richard. Death Vows. MLR Press, 2008.
In this volume of a gay detective series, Donald Strachey investigates the murder of a man about to marry a friend of his in Massachusetts.

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A gay couple's Hawaiian honeymoon is interrupted by a Mob hit man.

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George Clooney, Brad Pitt, and Martin Sheen perform live in this play about the U.S. District Court trial to overturn Proposition 8.

Gaffney, Mo [and 7 others]. Standing on Ceremony: The Gay Marriage Plays. Dramatists Play Service, 2013.

Several writers offer unique takes on the moments before, during and after “I do”.

Healey, Michael. Courageous. Playwrights Canada Press, 2010. Dora Mavor Moore Award for Outstanding New Play.

Several characters discuss and comment about same-sex marriage when a gay couple attempts to get married at Toronto’s City Hall.

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Children's picture book tells the humorous story of two stubborn kids in the San Francisco Bay Area who try to get their lesbian mothers to become legally married before Proposition 8 passes in California.

Miles, Jeffrey A. The Princes and the Treasure. Handsome Prince Publishing, 2014.

Children's adventure picture book in which two princes go on a quest to find a treasure and save a princess, but fall in love with each other instead.

Ross, Eric. My Uncle's Wedding. CreateSpace Independent Publishing, 2011.

Children's book that shows Andy talking about his uncle's wedding and how he gets to prepare for the wedding ceremony.

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Presents arguments about whether gay marriage should be legal or not, and on the effects of gay marriage on families and society.

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Cloudburst. Sidney Kimmel Entertainment ; Thom Fitzgerald, director. Wolfe Video, 2013. When a granddaughter tries to place one of them in a nursing home, a lesbian couple in their seventies (played by Olympia Dukakis and Brenda Fricker) flee from Maine to Canada, where same-sex marriage is legal.

Crafty. Erik Garnand, director. Frameline, 2008. A short film about a lesbian trying to get a conservative, craft-loving housewife to sign a gay marriage petition.

Edie & Thea: A Very Long Engagement. QC Cinema ; Susan Muska and Gréta Olafsdóttir, directors. 2009. Documentary about Edith Windsor and Thea Spyer's 40 year relationship and 2007 marriage. After Spyer's death, Windsor was the plaintiff in the Supreme Court case that struck down Section 3 of DOMA.

8: The Mormon Proposition. David V. Goliath Film Productions ; Reed Cowan, director. Wolfe Video, 2010. Documentary film about the Mormon Church's secretive, decades-long campaign against gay rights and their involvement in the promotion and passage of California's Proposition 8.

Escape to Canada. Documentary Channel ; Albert Nerenberg, director. Disinformation Company, 2007. Documentary film looking at the legalization of marijuana and same-sex marriage in Canada in 2003 and then the later re-criminalization of marijuana and attempts to repeal same-sex marriage.

Fish Out of Water. Ky Dickens, director. First Run Features, 2009. Documentary that explores the contentious issues of faith, gay and lesbian sexuality, and same-sex marriage.

For My Wife--: The Making of an Activist for Marriage Equality. Trick Dog Films production ; David Rothmiller, director. Cinema Libre Studio, 2010. Charlene Strong became an advocate for LGBT equality after facing tragedy and discrimination at her partner's deathbed.

Hold Your Peace. Pointed Films ; Wade McDonald, director. Breaking Glass Pictures, 2011. Aiden is asked to be the best man at his ex-boyfriend Max's commitment ceremony, and has to spend the wedding weekend with the new couple at their lake house.

Homotopia. Eric Stanley and Chris Vargas, directors. 2007.

Short film about a radical queer group that tries to fight homonormativity and gay marriage.

I Want to Get Married. Just Fine Productions ; Billy Clift, director. Breaking Glass Pictures, 2011.

Paul wants to find a man and get married to him, while he is working for a conservative client campaigning against gay marriage.

In Sickness and in Health. Redstar Productions ; Pilar Prassas, director. Women Make Movies, 2007.

Documentary following the experiences of seven couples from New Jersey who filed lawsuits in the hopes of securing same-sex marriages.

In the Family: Marriage Equality and LGBT Families. Frameline, 2008.

Two short films: In My Shoes: Stories of Youth With LGBT Parents (Jennifer Gilomen, director) shows five young people who are children of LGBT parents; Out in the Heartland (Gretchen Hildebran, director) explores the human impact of a campaign to ban gay marriage in Kentucky.

Inlaws & Outlaws. Drew Emery, director. True Stories Project, 2007.

Documentary film that weaves together the true stories of couples and singles, both gay and straight.

Noah's Arc: Jumping the Broom. Logo Features ; Patrik-Ian Polk, director. Paramount Home Entertainment, 2008.

A group of African American gay men prepare for their friend's wedding.

One Wedding and a ... Revolution/Celebrating the Life of Del Martin 1921-2008. Women's Educational Media ; Debra Chasnoff, director. New Day Films, 2012.

A documentary about the first same-sex couple married in San Francisco in 2004, Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon, pioneering lesbian activists, followed by a film of the memorial service for Del, who passed away in 2008.

Out in the Silence. QWaves Documentaries ; Joe Wilson and Dean Hamer, directors. Garden Thieves Pictures, 2010.

Filmmaker Joe Wilson returns to his hometown of Oil City, Pa., after his wedding announcement in his hometown newspaper causes controversy, and tries to help a gay teen being tormented in school.

Pursuit of Equality: The Unfinished Work of American Freedom. Emmett Brooks Productions ; Geoff Callan and Mike Shaw, directors. Prerogatives, 2008.

Documents the compelling human rights struggles surrounding same-sex marriage and shows several couples and families fighting for equal rights.

Rick and Steve, the Happiest Gay Couple in All the World. The Complete First Season.
Paramount Home Entertainment, 2007.

Animated television comedy series about husbands Rick and Steve, who love their lifestyle until Rick's lesbian friend Kristen asks him to be the father of her child.

Saving Marriage. Here! Films/Regent ; Mike Roth and John Henning, directors. E1
Entertainment, 2010.

Captures the struggle to make Massachusetts the first state to recognize same-sex marriage.

Wedding Wars. A & E Network ; Jim Fall, director. Sony Pictures Home Entertainment, 2007.

Made-for-TV movie comedy in which a gay party planner leads a strike after his straight brother asks him to plan his wedding but writes a speech against gay marriage.

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