

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence Resource Center
Annotated Bibliography
People Who Are Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender/Questioning

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BOOKS:

Chain Chain Change: For Black Women in Abusive Relationships

Evelyn C. White, 1994

This book offers supportive, practical information for African-American women who are or have been in a physically or emotionally abusive relationship. Written by a well-known writer and speaker on Black women's physical and emotional health, this book provides information on identifying the different aspects of abuse, the effects of domestic violence on the family, the impact of racism and sexism, and suggestions for how to reach out for help and get positive support from emergency agencies, shelter, the legal system, counselors, the church, family and friends. A new chapter addressing the experiences of Black lesbians who are battered by their partners is included in this expanded edition.

Community Activism & Feminist Politics: Organizing Across Race, Class, & Gender

Nancy A. Naples, 1998

Linking the theoretical with the practical, this collection of essays focuses on the complex ways that gender, race, ethnicity, culture, class, sexuality and region shape women's coalition building throughout the United States. Topics discussed include: homophobia, racism, civil rights, economic security, educational equity, and environmental justice for her self and for others.

Homophobia: A Weapon of Sexism

Suzanne Pharr- 1988

This book offers an analysis of why homophobia exists and the way it works. It explores the effect of homophobia on women's liberation and strategies for eliminating homophobia in our personal lives and in women's organizations. Pharr also examines the common elements of oppressions (sexism, racism, etc.), our own internalized homophobia, and strategies for setting ourselves free.

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(The) Last Time I Wore a Dress

Daphne Scholinski with Jane Meredith Adams, 1997

This is the true story of Daphne Scholinski who, at age fifteen, was committed to a mental hospital for what the doctors called “Gender Identity Disorder.” They described her treatment goals as becoming more obsessive about boys, learning more about make-up, dressing more like a girl, curling and styling hair, and spending quality time learning about “girl things” with peers. Thousands of teenagers are still institutionalized in the United States each year for being too sissyish or too much of a tomboy – this is just one of the stories of this shameful medical practice that has destroyed countless childhoods.

Men Who Beat the Men Who Love Them

David Island, Ph.D. & Patrick Letellier, MA, 1991

This book provides a needed step in discussing some controversial methods in the achievement of the eradication of domestic violence in the gay community. It explains why gay men’s domestic violence occurs, who the batterers are, and who the victims are at different stages of victimization. It also gives practical steps and suggestions for victims who want to leave and stay apart from their violent partners.

No More Secrets: Violence in Lesbian Relationships

Janice L. Ristock-2002

This book addresses the unspoken problem of domestic violence in lesbian relationships. Based on interviews with over one hundred lesbians who have suffered abuse and 80 domestic violence case workers, Janice Ristock reveals these untold stories.

Restricted Access: Lesbians on Disability

Victoria Brownworth, Susan Raffo, 1999

Lesbians and people with disabilities have long been marginalized by the dominate society that restricts access to the category labeled as “normal.” In this groundbreaking anthology, nearly thirty contributors, representing a broad range of disabilities—both physical and mental—explore the complicated issues of identity and community, and the realities of living with disability. In doing so, they shed light on their personal and political struggles as disabled lesbians, and offer an important contribution to social justice movements of all kinds.

Same-Sex Domestic Violence: Strategies for Change

Beth Leventhal & Sandra E. Lundy, Editors; 1999

This book examines a broad range of issues that confront same sex victims of domestic violence and those who offer them services. It covers such topics as HIV and DV;

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establishing safe places for battered gay men; courtroom advocacy; and, coalition building.

Taking Back Our Lives, A Call to Action For the Feminist Movement

Ann Russo-2001

In this book, Russo challenges feminists to address lesbian battering, the social implications of lesbian pornography, as well as racism and white privilege in feminist theories and politics.

Violence in Gay and Lesbian Domestic Partnerships

Clarie M. Renzetti & Charles H. Miley, 1996

This book addresses the growing recognition of domestic violence in gay and lesbian relationships while discussing the social service needs of victims and perpetrators.

Violent Betrayal: Partner Abuse in Lesbian Relationships

Claire M. Renzetti, 1992

The author addresses central issues in lesbian battering—the consequences for victims, batterers, and the community as a whole. Her research also examines the phenomenon of women using violence against their intimate partners, while making clear distinctions between battering and self-defense.

Woman-to-Woman Sexual Violence, Does She Call it Rape?

Lori B. Girshick

Northeastern University Press, 2002

This book offers much-needed insights on the subject of woman-to-woman sexual violence which is rarely discussed in the literature on domestic violence. It recommends how agencies can best provide services, outreach, and treatment to survivors of woman-to-woman rape and battering, using suggestions by the survivors themselves.

Women's Growth in Diversity

Judith V. Jordan, 1997

This book seeks to address the differences that exist among many women from different backgrounds, be they racial, cultural, socioeconomic, or involving sexual orientation. Topics discussed include: the centrality of connection in women's lives; empathy as an antidote to shame and silence; the role of ethnicity in women's sense of self; anger as a resource for change; building mutuality between men and women; and, finally, the special qualities of intimacy in lesbian relationships.

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MANUALS:

Anti-Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Violence in 2003

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs, 2004

This is a report about the bias-related incidents targeting lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals in the U.S.

Family Policy: Issues Affecting Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Families

Sean Cahill, Mitra Ellen, & Sarah Tobias, 2003

This report provides detailed information to state legislators and their staff, family policy advocates, GLBT activists and others on how public policies affect GLBT families. Included are sections on the following: partner and parent-child recognition; health care and end-of-life issues; youth and elder issues; and the legal status of GLBT families in all 50 states.

Leaving Our Children Behind: Welfare Reform and the GLBT Community

Sean Cahill & Kenneth T. Jones, 2001

This manual provides a comprehensive overview of welfare reform, and examines its particular impact on low-income Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual/Transgender (GLBT) parents.

Raising Our Voices: Queer Asian Women's Response to Relationship Violence

Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2002

This manual is based on the results of a focus group with Queer Asian Immigrant women and Asian American women from different backgrounds. Included are: major recommendations to service providers, community intervention strategies, and a National Directory for Queer Asian Resources.

Transgender Equality: A Handbook for Activists and Policymakers

Paisley Currah and Shannon Minter, 2000

This handbook provides activists and policymakers with the tools needed to pass transgender-inclusive non-discrimination and anti-violence legislation, and also provides an introduction to transgender issues, model language for legislation, talking points, and responses to frequently asked questions.

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Transitioning Our Shelters: A Guide to Making Homeless Shelters Safe for Transgender People

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Policy Institute, 2003

This manual provides ideas on the ways to provide safer shelter for transgender people by making a few changes in policy and procedures that will maintain personal privacy and safety for all shelter residents.

Violence Against Women: Focus Groups with Culturally Distinct and Underserved Communities

Jane Sadusky & Jennifer Obinna, 2002

Focus group representatives included women from traditionally under-represented groups: African American, Hmong, lesbian, Native American, older women, women with disabilities, and recently incarcerated women. This report explores the common themes present when women experience sexual assault or domestic violence, and addresses the aspects of their response that is distinctive to their culture, race, and identity.



VIDEOS:

LGBT Communities and Domestic Violence

National Resource Center on Domestic Violence, 2007

This collection of information packets has been designed for domestic violence advocates and activists working in lesbian, gay, bisexual and trans (LGBT) communities and those wishing to become allies. It explores the complexities and nuances of key issues faced by people in LGBT communities as they deal with domestic violence in their lives and gives additional direction and resources.

My Girlfriend Did It

Intermedia, Inc., 1995

42 minutes

This powerful and sensitive video defines the dynamics of women's same-sex abusive relationships, and examines the impact of oppression when addressing woman-to-woman battering. Women who have been in abusive relationships tell their stories, and offer testimony about the unique situations faced by women with same sex partners.

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Their fear of coming out, their particular difficulty finding resources in rural areas, and the harm done to family and friends, as well as the abused woman, are all discussed

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs/LGBT

National Coalition of Anti-Violence Programs (audio)

This disk contains reports on hate and violence crimes against LGBT people and domestic violence in the lives of LGBT populations.

Transgender Basics

by Rosa Juel Nordentoft, 2007

20 minutes

Transgender Basics is an educational film on the concepts of gender and transgender people. Two providers from the Gender Identity Project discuss basic concepts of gender-sex, identity and gender roles as three transgender community members share their personal experiences of being trans and genderqueer. The film targets service providers and others working with the LGBT community, but it also provides a fascinating glimpse into gender and identity for the general public.

Treading Water

Aquaries Media, 2001

90 minutes

This video is a documentary by Jamie A. Lee and Dawn Mikkelson. It explores the issues the GLBT community has to deal with in America today.

Voices Heard Sisters Unseen

Women Make Movies, 1994.

76 minutes

The survivors of domestic violence in this video are lesbians, deaf, undocumented/without immigration status, in prostitution, or women with disabilities or AIDS. *Voices Heard, Sisters Unseen* attempts to show how compartmentalizing women according to the services they need forces them to choose among their many identities in order to find support and safety. On another level, the video examines the role state and community systems play in defining safety for women in abusive relationships.