Lesbian and Gay

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Introduction

The lesbian and gay press has shaped and reflected the rise of gay and lesbian liberation. The proliferation of gay and lesbian newspapers, newsletters, and magazines in the
United States has allowed us to weave a well-informed network of previously isolated individuals and communities, empowering and unifying gay and lesbian people.

In 1924, Chicago's Society for Human Rights published two issues of the journal Friendship and Freedom before organizers were arrested on obscenity charges. Sadly, no copies of this first U.S. gay publication are known to exist in any collection, but several earlier European gay and lesbian periodicals have survived. Lisa Ben's Vice Vera appeared in 1947 as a typewritten, carbon-copied, and retyped newsletter passed hand to hand—the first lesbian periodical in the United States.

In the 1950s, homophile groups—the Daughters of Bilitis, the Mattachine Society, and One—built themselves into national organizations by defying U.S. law that prohibited homosexual publications from being distributed by mail. Although the Comstock Act was changed with One, Inc. vs. Olesen in 1958, many gay and lesbian publications, especially those dealing directly with gay/lesbian sexuality, have continued to face censorship and harassment from the U.S. Postal Service, U.S. Customs, local government, and religious and political groups.

As a national gay and lesbian community became united, a gay liberation movement emerged, symbolized most often today by the New York City Stonewall riots in June 1969. The Los Angeles Advocate (now The Advocate), Gay Community News, and Fag Rag all date from these days of gay liberation. In the 1970s and 1980s, feminist publications began addressing lesbian concerns (also see the Women Section). During the 1980s and into the 1990s, gay and lesbian activism restructured to address the AIDS epidemic. Armed with a bold, life-affirming, sex-positive analysis, gay and lesbian publications promoted safer sex practices for "queers," countering homophobic mainstream admonitions to celibacy, blame, and self-loathing. With the rise of groups like ACT UP, a brazen sensibility ascended that changed the face of the gay/lesbian press, and also impacted the mainstream press as never before. The practice of "outing" homophobic public figures who are themselves gay or lesbian began with an article exposing entrepreneur Malcolm Forbes in New York's OutWeek magazine (which published from 1989 to 1991), prompting intense coverage in the mainstream media.

Another phenomenon in late-1980s/early-1990s gay/lesbian publishing is the fanzine craze. "Zines, as they are popularly known, are homemade, some desktop published, comics-like productions that are uniformly creative, irreverent, outrageous, and usually sexually explicit. Underground 'zine favorites, sold in bookstores and by subscription, include Thing, My Comrade/Sister, Land's World, BimBox, Pansy Beat, Homocore, JDs, and Taste of Latex.

Recent years have also seen the proliferation of newsletters and journals from gay and lesbian people of color within the United States, especially African Americans and Asian Americans. The airing of these voices of the previously silenced makes sure that the debate over gay and lesbian rights or liberation is no longer limited to whites.

Despite the growth of the computerized indexing industry, the gay and lesbian press is still routinely excluded from mainstream periodical indexes. While articles about outing from Newsweek, the Village Voice, and the National Review can be found online, on disc, and with paper indexes, the original OutWeek article is not included in any periodical index. Similarly, critiques of HIV drugs and treatment programs in community-based gay/lesbian publications are ignored entirely by indexers, despite their undeniable value to doctors, researchers, students, the pharmaceutical industry, and HIV-positive people. Only one current periodical index, the Alternative Press Index, regularly includes a significant number of gay/lesbian titles. Under pressure from the American Library Association's Gay and Lesbian Task Force, however, Gale Research and Information Access Company began in 1991 to include five previously unindexed gay periodicals. Sadly, other publishers have refused to correct the bias in their indexing.

Two independent gay/lesbian indexes should be noted. Clare Potter's The Lesbian Periodicals Index covers 42 defunct lesbian periodicals from 1947 to 1982, and Alan Greenberg's Integrity Indexing (2012 Queens Rd. W. No. 1, Charlotte, NC 28207) promises to index a number of current gay and lesbian titles.

### Basic Periodicals


### Basic Abstracts and Indexes

Alternative Press Index.


**Aud:** Hs, Ga, Ac.

Features fiction, poetry, and articles on politics, arts, spirituality, and culture written by and for lesbians of African descent. A recent issue offers commentary on the Persian Gulf war: poetry and interviews with vets and war resisters. An all-around excellent publication for all lesbians. For inclusion in both academic and public libraries. (P.T.)


**Aud:** Hs, Ga, Ac.

The journal of the Los Angeles chapter of the activist group AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT UP) is full of
reports of demonstrations across Southern California, and thus preserves the flavor of an underground publication. It also includes surveys of women with HIV, interviews with members, and analyses of new drugs. In tabloid format but not on newsprint, it is an indispensable source for the latest news on the group. Highly recommended. (D.C.T.)


After over 500 issues, the best-selling gay male newsmagazine continues to cover the national and international gay news and cultural scene. Its news coverage has improved with breaking stories on Andy Rooney and the outing of defense official Pete Williams. Arts coverage is excellent. Highly recommended. (D.C.T.)


AIDS news from a lesbian and gay legal advocacy group, including synopses of legal cases on treatment, criminal law, drug approval, blood, needle exchange, and access to care. For patrons seeking concise news on the legal front on AIDS. (D.C.T.)


This newsletter of Asian lesbians and gay men in Massachusetts pulls no punches, addressing the sexual exploitation of Asian youth by sex tourists in Asia, as well as the "rice queen" (attraction to Asians) phenomenon among white American gay men. Essays also cover lesbians in China and the advent of gay Asian video. For provocative writing on race, class, sex, and sexual orientation, subscribe to this newsletter. Recommended for ethnic and gay studies collections. (D.C.T.)


This exciting lesbian and gay teachers' and academic employees' newsletter manages to cover a lot of territory, from a gay high-school student support program (based at UCLA) to the texts of pro-gay resolutions approved at an American Federation of Teachers (AFT) annual convention. An aim of this AFT caucus is to "advance union philosophy within the Gay and Lesbian community," and to "provide an affirmative, positive, equitable, and safe educational environment for all adults and youth." Well worth supporting. (D.C.T.)


Aud: Ga.

Aimed at Black gay males, with a glossy cover and full-page photography of male models—although some articles cover Black lesbians. Because lesbian and gay African Americans are often invisible, any voice of an oppressed minority is welcome. Essays cover such topics as psychological research and whether Spike Lee is homophobic. Recommended for large collections. (D.C.T.)


Aud: Ac, Ga.

Founded by former Gay Community News editors Amy Hoffman and Cindy Patton with help from the Fag Rag men, Bad Attitude and On Our Backs fit well within the same genre, with Bad Attitude leaning a bit more heavily (yet unpretentiously) on the written word than on the visual image (a common East Coast-West Coast dichotomy?). Better known contributors to Bad Attitude's erotic array include Olga Broumas, Sarah Schuman, Joan Nestle, and a competent complement of others. B.A.'s editorials, opinions, and occasional feature articles discuss political aspects of "the lesbian sex movement" with intelligence and verve. Great pictures, too. Highly recommended. (P.T.)


Bk. rev: 5, 1,000-2,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

One of the best city papers with many pages of movement news, some empowering and others sobering, as in its obituaries of those struck down by AIDS. It also features cultural news from the San Francisco Bay Area. A definite acquisition for area libraries and recommended for larger collections elsewhere, since San Francisco remains the capital of gay liberation. (D.C.T.)


Aud: Ga, Ac.

A literary magazine written by Black lesbians, with poetry, erotic photography and graphics, an advice column, dyke horoscopes, political commentary, fiction, and "Hot Lace Letters"—reader-written erotica. From the folks who publish BLK (see entry in this section). Highly recommended. (D.C.T.)

This magazine is published by the National Coalition of sexism, class oppression, militarism, and all the barriers. Black Lesbians and Gays (NCBLG), an organization committed to ending “Lesbian and Gay oppression, racism, sexism, class oppression, militarism, and all the barriers which interfere with our right to live in peace and harmony.” BlackOut is a voice for NCBLG’s political and educational efforts to provide political advocacy and excellent and important. Contributors include Joseph Beam, the talented editor, who recently died, Barbara Smith, Audre Lorde, Michelle Parkerson, Essex Hemphill, and Gil Gerald, among preeminent others. Highly recommended. (D.C.T.)


The best magazine covering African-American lesbians and gays, with intelligent essays on Huey Newton and gay rights, James Baldwin’s gayness, and Audre Lorde’s writings. Especially useful for current news from a Black gay perspective. This publisher also puts out the annual BLK Guide to Southern California for Black Lesbians and Gay Men; Black Lace and Kuumba (see entries in this section). Highly recommended for all gay collections. (D.C.T.)


Like PWA Coalition Newsletter, The Body Positive is a community-based publication by and for HIV-positive people. The Body Positive runs articles and listings in Spanish, and it attends to HIV issues specific to women with good frequency. Distributed free around New York City, it includes a good resources list for HIV-positive services and information. For all public and academic libraries. (P.T.)


One of two popular London gay weeklies (the other is The Pink Paper), Capitol Gay includes all-important listings of events, clubs, exhibits, theater, television, restaurants, and sex lines. It also lists weather, horoscopes, and disco chart toppers. News articles run the gamut of subjects of interest to London gays—ACT UP London’s activities, gay bashing in Britain, Princess Di drag queens. Essential for international gay collections. (P.T.)


This Canadian publication consistently addresses race and sexual orientation from an Asian-Canadian perspective. It also covers gay developments in Asia, as well as Asians with AIDS, and addresses the issue of erotica as developed by Asian Canadians. It includes a regular column in Chinese. Recommended for special collections. (D.C.T.)


This well-established literary magazine continues to publish big-name writers, with interesting nonfiction articles on such topics as AIDS and the Ku Klux Klan, or interviews with writers (e.g., William Burroughs) and with a Soviet gay. Excerpts of forthcoming books are often included, as are poems and short stories. A glossy magazine, it also prints photographic studies, for example, of gay writers. Recommended for all libraries. (D.C.T.)


This journal publishes fiction, essays, poetry, photographs, and graphics born of the lesbian experience. In addition to publishing well-crafted writing and visual art, Common Lives provides a forum for lesbian social and political thought by encouraging women who have traditionally been denied visibility and who have never before thought of publishing to do so. The result is this important lesbian publication. For all lesbian and women’s collections. (P.T.)


Deneuve is the West Coast’s slick new lesbian publication (it is not French). Early issues reflect a focus on lesbian fashion, the club scene, and sex. This is an important addition for undergraduate collections and West Coast public libraries. (P.T.)

4037. DPN: diseased pariah news. Forge of God Press, P.O. Box 31431, San Francisco, CA 94131. Illus. Humor in the midst of an epidemic? This irreverent magazine by people with AIDS shows that laughter is still possible, and perhaps essential, if we are to survive this disease. Highly provocative essays and graphics. For the liberated collection. (D.C.T.)

From the Midwest comes one of the better city papers that manages to raise important national issues, for example, the Library of Congress's tardiness in adding user-friendly and nonproprietary subject headings. Articles have also covered gay librarianship, homophile magazines of the 1950s, and a profile of Naiad Press. A recommended purchase for larger collections. (D.C.T.)


A bilingual (English/Thai) newsletter aimed at providing safe-sex information, especially for sex workers (such as bar girls) in Thailand. The brainstorm of an American expatriate and a Thai gay activist, its publisher, the Fraternity for AIDS Cessation in Thailand, is an indispensable organization in a country whose sex industry is an obvious target of AIDS activism. (D.C.T.)


An intellectually provocative journal that documents the right-wing war on erotica as well as the resistance by sexual minorities, including lesbians and gays. News of obscenity trials and repressive legislation shares space on its pages with erotic graphics and essays by queer Nation and lesbian and gay novelists. Definitely stretching at the limits, and in many ways akin to Queer Nation. The oldest and best such area guide, it complements the advent of Queer Nation. The oldest and best such area guide, it complements GCN's News Section with wide coverage of events and news in the interest of gay and lesbian liberation. "GCN's News reporting, reviews, and commentary are consistently thoughtful, politically astute, and cogent. As the newspaper of record for the gay and lesbian activist community, GCN is widely read, discussed, and cited in activist and academic communities. Nothing but ignorance and bias can explain why only one periodicals index includes GCN. GCN is essential for all libraries. (P.T.)


Frontiers, one of many locally distributed gay periodicals in Los Angeles, also has a national edition and stands out for its consistent coverage of local events as well as national stories. It has featured cover stories on the LaRouche AIDS Initiative, on the People of Color Conference, and on gay Asian Americans. It also contains a hefty section of personals. Recommended for area libraries and larger collections. (D.C.T.)


Bk. rev: 5, 600–1,000 words, signed. Aud: Ga, Ac. Profusely illustrated, this major French gay male newsmagazine covers the French and global gay cultural and political scenes with wit, vitality, and sophistication. An example of its excellent reportage is its coverage of the political scandal over the assassination of Pastor Joseph Douceté, apparently by police agents. A brief digest of news in English is included. Highly recommended for major collections. (D.C.T.)


GCN is the national lesbian and gay weekly newspaper "dedicated to providing coverage of events and news in the interest of gay and lesbian liberation." GCN's news reporting, reviews, and commentary are consistently thoughtful, politically astute, and cogent. As the newspaper of record for the gay and lesbian activist community, GCN is widely read, discussed, and cited in activist and academic communities. Nothing but ignorance and bias can explain why only one periodicals index includes GCN. GCN is essential for all libraries. (P.T.)


More than a resource guide to the San Francisco Bay Area, this 168-page book-format periodical contains a magazine section with provocative essays on lesbian and gay community issues, such as domestic violence, coming out, and the advent of Queer Nation. The oldest and best such area guide, it complements Gay Yellow Pages. A recommended purchase for area libraries and major metropolitan libraries. Note: The title is likely to change to reflect the "diversity of the gay population." (D.C.T.)

4046. Gay's the Word Review: new lesbian and gay reading. 1981. bi-m. £3.50 (Domestic, £2.50). Lyndie Brimstone & Alison Dilly. Gay's the Word, 66 Marchmont St., London WC1N 1AB, England. Illus. Circ: 400. Bk. rev: 10, 400–800 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac. Published by the London bookstore that won a victory over government censors, this publication carries one-page reviews of many new British titles in each issue. In addition, briefer reviews are given for other new titles, divided by subject. Books reviewed can be ordered from Gay's the Word. A recommended title for larger collections, especially for gender studies bibliographers. (D.C.T.)

**Aud:** Ga.

This magazine for the sophisticated is profusely illustrated with male models wearing the latest fashions, and "out to explore the totality of what it means to be a gay man today." Surprisingly, it is not all puff, as a serious article on a sports club's ban on nudity in the first issue testifies. But ethnic minorities remain invisible. (D.C.T.)


**Aud:** Ga, Ac.

GLAAD is the lesbian and gay community's media watchdog agency, headquartered in Manhattan, with chapters across the United States, whose actions against homophobic depiction in the print and broadcast media and visual arts is profiled in its newsletter. A recent issue offers "The Andy Rooney Saga," which attributes the CBS commentator's suspension to GLAAD. It is supplemented by the **GLAAD Bulletin,** which comes out (almost) monthly. Another local newsletter, **LAADI/LA Reports** (from its Los Angeles chapter—P.O. Box 931763, Hollywood, CA 90093), covers Hollywood media atrocities. Worth supporting with your subscription. (D.C.T.)


**Aud:** Hs, Ga, Ac.

This newsletter of the lesbian and gay task force of the American Library Association contains important information on new publications and other resources, including materials available from its own clearinghouse. An indispensable resource for keeping abreast of publishing- and library-related developments in this area. (D.C.T.)


**Bk. rev:** 3–5, 300 words. **Aud:** Hs, Ga, Ac.

A monthly for gay males notable for its news features such as articles on government sting operations, Bush's war on pornography, and black gay men. There are informative travel essays as well. This title now circulates nationally. For incisive analysis, get this magazine. (P.T.)


**Bk. rev:** 9, 1,000–2,000 words, signed. **Aud:** Ac.

This Dutch scholarly and cultural publication on the emancipation of lesbians and gay males covers film, literature, and lesbian and gay studies. Its "Relevant" column, contributed by the staff of the Dokumentatiecentrum Homostudies in Amsterdam, is unrivaled for its bibliographic survey of lesbian and gay studies and is thus recommended for gay studies collections, even if one cannot read Dutch. (D.C.T.)


**Aud:** Ga, Ac.

Newsletter of the major U.S. gay archive, now housed in municipal quarters in West Hollywood. It is worth acquiring for curator Jim Kepner's insightful commentary and historical analyses. A recent issue includes a list of obituaries of activists, many fallen to AIDS, as well as a feature on gay liberation signs and symbols. Worth supporting. (D.C.T.)


**Aud:** Hs, Ga, Ac.

A lesbian bulletin with a true international focus, **ILIS Newsletter** contains information unavailable in most other gay, lesbian, or feminist publications. Most articles are in English, but a few are not—Spanish is the second most frequently used language. It contains information on conferences, organizations, projects, and politics. Appropriate for all libraries. (P.T.)


**Aud:** Hs, Ga, Ac.

This publication provides a wealth of information on the lesbian and gay struggle worldwide. Read about gay liberation in South Africa, Hong Kong, Hungary, and Poland. It provides a fascinating view of the global liberation struggle in progress. Recommended for major collections. (D.C.T.)


**Bk. rev:** 5, 1,000–1,500 words, signed. **Aud:** Hs, Ga, Ac.

Gay poets and writers have in this review a forum to express their views. Open to new as well as established authors, the journal is the major literary publication for gay males. Compared with the more established **Christopher Street** (see above in this section), this review exudes a liberationist perspective that is refreshingly open. Large photographs and art work often accompany the contributions. Recommended for literature collections everywhere. (D.C.T.)
Despite the removal of homosexuality from the manual of psychiatric disorders for almost two decades, lesbians and gay males continue to seek professional counseling in their effort to survive in a homophobic society. This journal contains useful research on gay parenting, alcoholism, and lesbian social networks. Case histories are regularly presented. Given the history of homophobia in the helping professions, the publication could be improved with essays that are more critical of the field, such as incorporating an antipsychiatric perspective. (D.C.T.)

The Journal of Homosexuality is a scholarly publication for the social-scientific study of homophobia. Issues often focus on particular themes in history, anthropology, or social work, accompanied by extensive bibliographies. In this refereed academic journal (as opposed to a community-based magazine such as OutLook), straight and gay academics contribute a range of views and studies dealing with homosexuality from a decidedly mainstream assimilationist to radical liberationist positions (though the latter are rare). The Journal of Homosexuality is the only gay/lesbian publication covered well by mainstream indexers. Essential for academic and research collections. (P.T.)

This is an attractive journal of an activist gay male Asian group. Topics include Asians and AIDS, coming out of the closet, building coalitions, and analysis of travel to Asia. Supplemented by a monthly bulletin of events and news, it deserves your support. (D.C.T.)

This national German lesbian publication contains a mix of feature articles; literary and performance reviews (Cultural); and local, national, and foreign reporting. LesbenStich regularly includes a calendar of events and a directory of German lesbian and gay organizations. Like the French Lesbia, this magazine is "slick"—not really a glossy, but definitely not a newspaper. It is usually 35 to 45 pages in length. The publication is well produced with graphics and photographs. Also of interest is the older lesbian publication UKZ (Unsere Kleine Zeitung). Although it is not as graphically interesting as LesbenStich, UKZ's politics are of interest to those studying international lesbian movements. (P.T.)

Although several gay/lesbian publications include book reviews, the new LBR is the only national, mass-circulation publication dedicated to this endeavor. Published by the Washington, D.C., bookstore Lambda Rising, this 50-page magazine features lengthy and brief reviews of new books relevant to gays and lesbians. The reviews, written by a range of writers, are superb. LBR also offers articles on authors and related literary topics. Regular departments include a best-sellers list, letters, and marginalia (notes of interest). The coverage is fairly evenly distributed between gay and lesbian issues. LBR is an excellent publication, important to librarians, scholars, and those in the gay publishing industry. (P.T.)
This French magazine is a potpourri of politics, fiction, photographs, reviews, and entertainment. It regularly features profiles of famous lesbians and favorite straight women as well as compelling opinion pieces. Each issue includes a calendar of events, a travel guide of sorts, and classifieds. Lesbia is an intelligent and carefully produced magazine. Essential for international collections. (P.T.)


Bk. rev: 2–4, 200–300 words, signed. Aud: Ga, Hs, Ac.

LC is sort of a national bulletin board for lesbian culture. Probably best known for its regular “Contact Dykes” listing of lesbian “welcome wagoners” in cities around the nation and the world, LC also features listings of conferences, festivals, merchants, resorts, restaurants, publications, jobs, and the like of interest to lesbians. Also included are newsy excerpts from other lesbian or feminist publications, and commentaries from LC subscribers. In keeping with its purpose, this newsletter is cheap and widely distributed, for example, at Women’s Music Festivals. LC is not only important from a practical public service standpoint, but it also provides a research source of considerable value. Highly recommended. (P.T.)


Indexed: API. Aud: Ga, Ac.

LesCon is a newspaper designed to cover topics debated and discussed within lesbian communities. It features testimony, commentary, and responses to social and political issues as they impact lesbian lives. Topics include separatism, drug abuse, lesbian parenting, classism, racism—to name just a few. LesCon also includes wonderful graphics and cartoons. Available on cassette from the Womyn’s Braille Press, Inc. (P.T.)


Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

L.E’s pages are filled with the kind of passionate political-ethical debate only radical lesbians can generate. It is a paper-bound journal, usually about 100 to 125 pages an issue, containing five to eight articles. Articles and arguments presented are constructed to convince, but true to L.E’s radical sensibility, authors need not adhere to traditional forms of “scholarly” academic presentation. L.E is important for its creative, in-depth exploration and articulation of a range of lesbian-feminist issues, for example, separatism, sadomasochistic sex, butch-fem identities, non-patriarchal spirituality. Highly recommended. (P.T.)


Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

The Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City is the largest and best-known lesbian archive in the United States. Founded in 1974, the archives contains over 1,000 subject files, 1,300 periodical titles, 6,000 books, 12,000 photographs/slides, 150 bibliographical files, and 200 special collections of letters, diaries, and founders papers. Archives co-founders Deb Edel and Joan Nestle, along with a slew of volunteers, form the nucleus of this widely supported, community-based lesbian organization, soon to be in a new building of its own. In addition to updating the archives’ collections, the LHA Newsletter includes accounts of lesbian history as it is acquired, discovered, or reinterpreted by archives researchers. The newsletter also includes reports, news, and bibliographies. A basic reference resource for lesbian studies. (P.T.)


Bk. rev: 7–10, 300–600 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.

The preeminent lesbian rag from the Los Angeles area, Lesbian News contains local news, views, announcements, and the ever-important calendar of events for a number of southern California communities (Los Angeles, San Diego, Santa Barbara/Ventura, Pomona Valley/Inland Empire, Orange County/Long Beach). It also includes national lesbian news along with film, theater, and book reviews. Varied columnists contribute pieces on business and health, religion, pets, and other topics. (P.T.)


Bk. rev: 1–2, 1,000–2,000 words, signed. Aud: Ga, Ac.

This publication raises important issues about age of consent, youth rights, and criminal justice as it explores how those men who violate the law and engage in relationships with teenage lovers stir up societal opprobrium. A regular theme is researching how the government entraps suspected child molesters by selling them child pornography in sting operations. For news no one else reports. (D.C.T.)

off our backs. See Women: Feminist and Special Interest/Feminist and Women’s Studies Section.


Aud: Ga, Ac.

Lesbian sex is at the crux of lesbian life, love, identity, and politics. On Our Backs is a daring, bold, lively publication that features lesbian pornography and/or erotica—stories,
poetry, and black-and-white photographs—created by lesbians. The articles are good, too. Columns and features in *On Our Backs* touch the pariah lesbian issues: lesbian safe-sex, butch-fem, and sadomasochism. Along with *Bad Attitude, Black Lace*, and *Quim* (see above and below in this section), *On Our Backs* is a forum for explicit talk about lesbian sex. Highly recommended. (P.T.)

*Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.*

A literary journal featuring the voices of Black gay males, this attractive publication celebrates the Black vision in America. This valiant effort at creating a literature to support and sustain gays of African heritage is worth supporting. A highly recommended acquisition for all libraries. (D.C.T.)

*Bk. rev:* 25, 30-50 words. *Aud: Ga, Ac.*

The historical society that publishes this newsletter is the most active movement group in the United States in collecting and preserving lesbian and gay publications and manuscripts. A community-based group, it successfully pushed to have the University of California microfilm Bay Area lesbian and gay periodicals. Its newsletter is thus an important source for anyone doing lesbian and gay historical research. Highly recommended. (D.C.T.)

*Aud: Ga.*

A magazine for the sophisticated lesbian and gay traveler, with essays on a lesbian and gay golfers association, Provincetown for women, and “naturally lush Tahiti,” and gay news from around the “gay globe.” Included are ads for gay lodgings. For popular collections. (D.C.T.)

Indexed: API. *Bk. rev:* 1, 2,000 words, signed. *Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.*

An impressive publication that provides a “national forum” for the diverse elements that make up the lesbian, gay, and bisexual communities. Attractively illustrated, its issues include thought-provoking essays on gay studies, gays in Thailand and Tokyo, Black lesbian “herstory,” and K. D. Lang. Out/Look Foundation has sponsored two highly successful national Outwrite conferences of lesbian and gay writers. An essential acquisition for public and academic libraries. (P.T.)

*Bk. rev:* 2-2, 1,000-3,000 words. *Aud: Ac, Ga.*

*Paidika* is a scholarly journal devoted to the issue of homosexual pedophilia. The editors, stating their intentions to “examine paedophilia within its cultural context, with emphasis on the humanities, history, and social sciences,” view pedophilia as a historically “legitimate and productive part of the totality of human experience.” *Paidika* is a journal intended for academics studying human sexuality as well as for pedophiles and pederasts discovering a history and an identity. This is not erotica. Articles speak to the social and political conditions of pedophiles, gays, lesbians, and other sex radicals. *Paidika* raises issues crucial to the mature consideration of pornography, censorship, consent, abuse, and incest. (P.T.)

*Aud: Ga, Ac.*

More than merely a contact magazine for whites and others seeking Asian partners (and vice versa), this profusely illustrated little magazine contains concise news items on lesbian and gay developments in Asia and elsewhere. While most patrons will peruse it for the personal ads (often with photos), or for ads advertising videos or publications distributed by the publisher, the serious reader will find news and analysis missing from most mainstream publications, such as a profile on the late progressive Filipino film director Lino Brocka that did not downplay his homosexuality or the homoeroticism of his films. (D.C.T.)

*Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.*

Among city papers, *PGN* is perhaps rightfully proud of its professional team of reporters who cover not only the local scene well but often national issues. A regular column covers the international gay liberation scene, often neglected in other publications. Recommended for large urban collections. (D.C.T.)

*Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.*

One of two London weekly gay newspapers, *The Pink Paper* does better than *Capital Gay* in covering lesbian issues. Also includes large listings and classified sections and news stories from the United States, for example, the demise of *OutWeek* and the reign of Madonna. Both titles are appropriate for large public and academic libraries. (P.T.)
Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
As Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) continues its path of devastation, HIV-positive individuals have organized to inform and empower persons with AIDS (PWAs) and HIV disease. One of the most active of these organizations is the PWA Coalition in New York. Its newsletter provides a compendium of news about clinical trials of new drugs, news of AIDS budgets, personal revelations, and an AIDS resource directory for the New York metropolitan area. Recommended for all collections. (P.T.)

Bk. rev: 1, 100 words, signed. Aud: Ga, Ac.
A literary magazine that provides a forum for lesbian and gay people of color, with poetry, essays, news items, and reviews. Well worth supporting. For literary collections. (D.C.T.)

Aud: Ga, Ac.
Quim is a lesbian sex magazine, sort of like Bad Attitude or On Our Backs, but British. As the state attempts to censor gay and lesbian sexual expression with Section 28, the Quim collective comes ahead full force, brave, bold, and defiant. Lesbian sex is at the crux of both lesbian oppression and liberation. Libraries contribute to the problem by failing to collect publications that say as much. (P.T.)

Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 9, 1,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
Escaping to the countryside may not be every urban or suburban resident’s dream, but for those who have made the transition, a support network exists through RFD. This unique publication addresses the needs and concerns of gay men living or aspiring to live in the country. With interesting graphics and thoughtful essays, the journal also provides space for those writing about spirituality and Mother Earth and for poets. A recommended purchase for rural libraries and for major collections. (D.C.T.)

Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 3, 1,000–2,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
This Canadian publication, on newsprint, outlived the lamented Body Politic and continues on a mission of lesbian and gay liberation “with a feminist bent.” It has covered gays in China as well as sexual politics in North America. Undaunted, it carries on the best tradition of the early gay liberation papers to challenge and to provoke. A recommended addition to major collections. (D.C.T.)

Bk. rev: 12, 500 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
This British gay and lesbian collaboration reflects activist sensibilities born in the age of AIDS. Articles are invariably sex-positive. Topics in recent issues include lesbian theater, the photos of Della Grace, transsexuality, and the church and the condom wars. Rouge features an international focus (strongest on Eastern and Western Europe) absent in U.S. gay/lesbian press. Recommended for all academic collections. (P.T.)

Bk. rev: 4, 1,000–2,000 words. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
Free if you pick up a copy in the San Francisco Bay Area, this tabloid stands out for its progressive political viewpoint. In addition to provocative essays and reviews, it includes as a supplement a huge monthly calendar of local events. A definite purchase for Bay Area libraries and recommended for major gay studies collections elsewhere. (D.C.T.)

4086. Sappho’s Isle: the tri-state lesbian newspaper. 1989. m.
Bk. rev: 3–4, 400 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
Sappho’s Isle is the only lesbian newspaper available free in the New York City area. It does not contain calendar listings, but features news articles of national interest—for example, on the collections of the Lesbian Herstory Archives and the Astrea Foundation “coming out” as a lesbian organization. Appropriate for public libraries. (P.T.)

Indexed: API. Bk. rev: 2–5, 500–1,000 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac.
Editorial responsibility for Sinister Wisdom has been passed among capable hands over the years. Far from being uneven and unpredictable, this publication consistently produces high-quality fiction, poetry, and essays by established and first-time authors. SW work is frequently cited as a primary journal for lesbian and women’s studies collections. Back issues are sold individually, notably No. 22/23 “A Gathering of Spirit: North American Indian Women’s Issue” and No. 29/30 “The Tribe of Dina: A Jewish Women’s Anthology.”
Issues sometimes focus on themes or topics, for example, women and work; sex fiction; death, healing, and mourning; visions fantasy; and science fiction. Available on tape from Womyn’s Braille Press. (P.T.)


This is the Sports Illustrated for the lesbian and gay community, “covering all leagues, tournaments and individuals.” Local, national, and even international coverage is provided, especially of the Gay Games (formerly Gay Olympics). In its premier issue, its editors note that “winning is great, but it’s only icing on the cake compared to the sheer joy of participation. So this magazine is for you. The participants.” A worthwhile addition to your popular collection. (D.C.T.)


A unique publication that includes reprints of essays translated from the Moscow gay and lesbian newspaper Tema, a product of glasnost in the Soviet Union. The premier issue includes news on lesbian and gay and AIDS activist movements in the Soviet Union, and translations of the first three issues of Tema. Published by a nonprofit human rights organization in the United States, this periodical is indispensable for information on the post-coup era. Highly recommended. (D.C.T.)


Titled after the purported percentage of homosexuals in America, this tabloid publication from UCLA contains college student writing on gay politics and culture. A recommended title for larger collections. (D.C.T.)


A publication of the Gay Men’s Health Crisis in New York, Treatment Issues covers experimental AIDS therapies. Edited by a physician, the newsletter warns that “describing an experimental therapy should not be construed as recommending it.” Recommended. (D.C.T.)


Bk. rev: 1, 800 words, signed. Aud: Hs, Ga, Ac. An important six-page newsletter for gays and lesbians from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burma, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet. It reaches lesbians and gays of South Asian heritage as well as those residing in those countries. Articles address self-oppression and the conflict between ethnicity and sexual orientation. The title derives from the Sanskrit for triangle. Recommended for ethnic and gay studies collections. (P.T.)


Bk. rev: 4, 500 words, signed. Aud: Ga. Visibilities contains feature articles, profiles, poetry, and reviews of theater, books, and art. Lesbians featured include Beth Brandt, Holly Near, Alix Dobkin, Kate Clinton, Audre Lorde, and others. Appropriate for undergraduate collections and public libraries. (P.T.)


For the latest in federal action affecting lesbians and gays, read the The Washington Blade. Beyond Washington, there is coverage of international conferences and of liberation activities in the rest of the United States and abroad. The paper for the lively gay community in the Washington, D.C., area. Recommended. (D.C.T.)


By the publishers of B&G, Winmin is a new publication focusing on lesbians of color. Issues are fairly slim, but contain good factual, feature and opinion articles. Published in New York City, Winmin favors issues of interest to the East Coast population. (P.T.)


Chicago’s large lesbian and gay community is covered in this tabloid publication. Articles address racism against Black gays as well as government inaction in the AIDS crisis. One of the better city gay papers. Recommended. (D.C.T.)