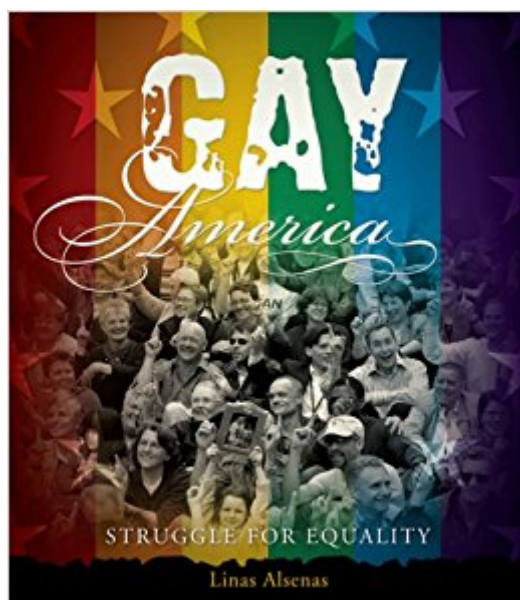


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This book is absolutely amazing! I don't read a lot but I have started reading books involving gay rights to further educate myself on the issues affecting my dearest friends. This book goes over everything! It answered so many questions I had. I will be sharing this book with many people and encourage everyone to read it gay or straight.

This book, *Gay America*, written by Alsenas is a wonderful history of our struggle with equality as well as noting the great accomplishments for our LGBT community. The book itself is put together very well with a very nice front cover that would make it look great on an teen, or adult's bookshelf, or coffeetable. Kudos to Alsenas for this book!!!!

I read this book almost right after high school, and was surprised to see how much my history classes left out. I read it cover to cover, and found all of it interesting. It's a fantastic addition to anyone's collection. I highly recommend it!

As someone who has been a gay activist for 30+ years, this is a welcome and engaging book. The design of the book, images, and white space is particularly suited to teenagers. The writing is accessible and neutral in tone. This is an excellent choice for libraries and for discussion groups. I recommend giving this book to your local libraries, youth centers, LGBT centers, anywhere that teens might be looking for LGBT information. I clearly remember the first LGBT reading list published by the American Library Association that was all of 1 page. Barbara Gittings was the editor and one of the hero's mentioned in this book. I hope to meet the author should he come to the SF Bay Area for a reading.

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