20 Recommended LGBTQ+ Books for Pride Month 2021

For Pride Month 2021, this list brings together a tremendous breadth of LGBTQ+ readings in terms of topical, disciplinary and geographical scope. Most works included here are recent contributions from the social sciences and cultural critique that range from in-depth research-based monographs treating a particular question in great empirical detail (e.g. Carla A. Pfeffer, 2017) to compendia of shorter interventions offering plural insights onto LGBTQ+ lives, struggles and joys (e.g. Michael J. Bosnjia et al., 2020).

In their diversity, these 20 books also present methodological treatises for researchers as much as commentaries and in many cases critical introspections for the curious to consider. They do not shy away from difficult subjects, and many particularly excel at addressing important, albeit too-often-overlooked, intersectional perspectives, from queer perspectives on policing to EU expansion to social movements across the Global South. This list, even in its expansiveness, still cannot be exhaustive as there are as many queer stories to tell as there are queer people; and queer people, of course, are everywhere.


Read the LSE Review of Books review of this title.


This Pride Month reading list is a companion piece to the LSE community’s 2021 reading list that was compiled with Spectrum, LSE’s LGBTQ+ staff network, to celebrate International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. Discover more of our recommended reads here!

Note: This reading list gives the views of the author, and not the position of the LSE Review of Books blog, or of the London School of Economics and Political Science.

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