Queer Asian and Asian American Writing

As double minorities, LGBTQ Asians and Asian Americans have represented their lives and experiences by making important contributions to literature and scholarship. The SNMA has over 50 English-language books, largely from the 1990s to the present, that are by authors of Asian descent and related to queer life in Asia and across its diasporas, with a focus on the Asian American experience. These works include coming-of-age novels, literary anthologies, memoirs, short story collections, poetry books, historical studies, and erotica.

An anthology of literary, visual, and performance works by queer Asian Pacific Americans.

A novel about a gay Korean American twelve-year-old’s encounter with sexual abuse.

A collection of performance art texts, documents, and scripts related to the queer Asian American experience.

Chin’s first poetry collection, focused on his experience as an Asian, gay man, artist, and lover.

A memoir by the iconic queer comedian.

A book about the intersections of gay and Asian identity.

A novel about an Indian woman whose husband is in love with another man.

An anthology of essays and fiction focused on the queer Asian American experience.

A collection of comics from an Asian-American lesbian feminist activist.

A collection of short stories about Canadian-Asian lesbians and their families.

Twenty first-person accounts of LGBTQ Asian-Pacific American community activists.

A journalistic exploration of LGBTQ life in Asia.

An anthology of personal essays, cultural criticism, roundtables, and works of fiction and poetry.

A ground-breaking anthology with contributions from more than 80 Asian American women.

A short story collection about queer Indian American men.

A novel about a gay Filipino hustler.

A collection of South Asian lesbian and gay stories about coming out and challenging prejudice.


Set in contemporary Mumbai, a novel broaching the topic of homosexuality.

Erotica in which the focus of desire is queer Asian men.

A collection of academic essays about gay and lesbian life in India.
Ocean Vuong, *On Earth We’re Briefly Gorgeous* (New York: Penguin, 2019).
A novel about a queer Vietnamese American teenager’s relationship with his mother.

A chronicle of the development of the first gay Asian organization in Southern California, Asian/Pacific Lesbians & Gays.

Erotic gay photographs of models from across Asia and its diasporas.