Queer Comics

From cartoon strips to graphic novels, comics have been essential vehicles for queer expression and storytelling, addressing topics such as coming out, activism, family, sex, and history. At the SNMA, there are over fifty books that either contain comics or are about comics, largely from the 1980s to the present. These works include graphic novels, anthologies, interview collections, and erotica.

Tim Barela, Domesticity Isn’t Pretty: A Leonard & Larry Collection (Minneapolis: Palliard Press, 1993).
An anthology of the acclaimed gay comic strip.

Bruce Billings, Between the Sheets: Castro Comics (San Francisco: Leyland Publications, 1989).
A collection of a gay comic strip that appeared in San Francisco publications in the 1970s and 1980s.

A cartoon about coming out as trans as well as transitioning.

A collection of hilarious cartoons that capture moments in lesbian life.

Howard Cruse, The Other Sides of Howard Cruse (Los Angeles: Boom! Town, 2012).
A collection of over forty years of cartoons by Cruse.

A collection of interviews with the influential writer on a variety of subjects, including comics.

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

A collection of comics and cartoons by LGBTQ creators.

Dian Hanson, ed., Tom of Finland: The Complete Kake Comics (Cologne: Taschen, 2014).
The full collection of Tom of Finland’s adventures featuring his character Kake, published originally from 1968 to 1986.
A collection of semi-autobiographical comic strips about a “bi-dyke” named Liliane.

A collection of a comic strip about three gay roommates in the Chelsea neighborhood of New York City.

An anthology of greatest hits from the comics zine’s first ten years.

A graphic novel about Kevin Keller, the first gay character in the history of Archie Comics.

A collection of comics from the *Meatmen* franchise.

A graphic novel exploring the life of the brilliant British mathematician.

Elisha Lim, *100 Crushes* (Toronto: Koyama Press, 2014).  
A compilation of five years of queer comics by Lim.

The 2004 annual resource guide to LGBT creators working in comics.

A collection of interviews with Bechdel from 1990 to 2017.

An overview and a collection of gay comics.

An autobiographical graphic novel about coming out in both western and Islamic cultures.

An anthology of gay erotic comics by these two pioneering creators.

An autobiographical coming-of-age graphic novel.
A graphic novel about The Beatles’ manager, who was gay.

An anthology of the best gay and lesbian cartoonists, compiled from *Gay Comix* and other periodicals.

The first collection of scholarly essays about the influential work of Bechdel.

Episodes 1 to 6 of a comic series with LGBTQ superheroes, created by Latinx artists.