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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.

Morgan Boecher, *What's Normal Anyway?: A Comic about Being Trans Male* (Omaha: Scout Publishing, 2015).

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

Jane Caminos, *That's Ms. Bulldyke to You, Charlie!* (Northboro, MA: Madwoman Press, 1992).

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.

Samuel R. Delany, *Silent Interviews: On Language, Race, Sex, Science Fiction, and Some Comics* (Hanover, NH: Wesleyan University Press, 1994).

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

P. Kristen Enos and Heidi Ho, *Active Voice: The Comic Collection* (United States: Furia Press, 2016).

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

Justin Hall, ed., *No Straight Lines: Four Decades of Queer Comics* (Seattle: Fantagraphics Books, 2012).

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.

- Leanne Franson, *Assume Nothing* (Hove, UK: Slab-O-Concrete Publications, 1997).
A collection of semi-autobiographical comic strips about a “bi-dyke” named Liliane.
- Glen Hanson and Allan Neuwirth, *Chelsea Boys* (Los Angeles: Alyson Books, 2003).
A collection of a comic strip about three gay roommates in the Chelsea neighborhood of New York City.
- Robert Kirby and David Kelly, eds., *The Book of Boy Trouble: Gay Boy Comics with a New Attitude* (San Francisco: Green Candy Press, 2006).
An anthology of greatest hits from the comics zine’s first ten years.
- Paul Kupperberg, *Kevin* (New York: Grosset & Dunlap, 2013).
A graphic novel about Kevin Keller, the first gay character in the history of Archie Comics.
- Winston Leyland, *Meatmen: An Anthology of Gay Male Comics, Volume 7* (San Francisco: Gay Sunshine Press, 1990).
A collection of comics from the *Meatmen* franchise.
- Eric Liberge, *The Case of Alan Turing: The Extraordinary and Tragic Story of the Legendary Codebreaker* (Vancouver: Arsenal Pulp Press, 2016).
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.
- Dakota Mahkij, *Prism Comics: Your LGBT Guide to Comics* (Atlanta: Prisma, 2004).
The 2004 annual resource guide to LGBT creators working in comics.
- Rachel R. Martin, ed., *Alison Bechdel: Conversations* (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2018).
A collection of interviews with Bechdel from 1990 to 2017.
- Markus Pfalzgraf, *Stripped: A Story of Gay Comics* (Berlin: Bruno Gmuender, 2012).
An overview and a collection of gay comics.
- Beldan Sezen, *Snapshots of a Girl* (Vancouver: Arsenal Pulp Press, 2015).
An autobiographical graphic novel about coming out in both western and Islamic cultures.
- Howard Stangroom and Stephen Lowther, *Prime Cuts: All-Male Strips from Gay Comix, Meatmen and Elsewhere* (Berlin: Bruno Gmuender, 2005).
An anthology of gay erotic comics by these two pioneering creators.
- Maggie Thrash, *Honor Girl: A Memoir* (Somerville, MA: Candlewick Press, 2015).
An autobiographical coming-of-age graphic novel.

Vivek Tiwary, *The Fifth Beatle: The Brian Epstein Story* (Milwaukee: Dark Horse Comics, 2016).

A graphic novel about The Beatles' manager, who was gay.

Robert Triptow, ed., *Gay Comics* (New York: New American Library, 1989).

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

Janine Utell, ed., *The Comics of Alison Bechdel: From the Outside In* (Jackson: University Press of Mississippi, 2020).

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

Fernando Velez, *Class 6: Midseason Special* (San Francisco: Kraven Comics, 2020).

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