

SNMA Library
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Sports

Sports both reflect and contribute to cultural understandings of gender and sexuality. Though many LGBTQ people have faced discrimination and prejudice in professional and organized sports, athletic activities have also strengthened queer communities in important ways. The SNMA has a wide selection of nearly 100 books about queer issues and LGBTQ participation in sports. Dating from the 1970s to the present, these books consist of academic studies, works of cultural criticism, novels, erotica, memoirs, biographies, and photo books.

Clyde Abbot, *Son of the Wind: Fight to Survive* (Albion, NY: MLR Press, 2013).
An erotic novel about a boxer in Thailand.

Eric Anderson, *In the Game: Gay Athletes and the Cult of Masculinity* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 2005).
An academic study of homophobia in sports, gay male athletes, and changing notions of masculinity.

Jim Buzinksi and Cyd Zeigler, *The Outsports Revolution: Truth & Myth in the World of Gay Sports* (New York: Alyson Books, 2007).
A chronicle of the development of the Outsports brand.

Susan K. Cahn, *Coming on Strong: Gender and Sexuality in Twentieth-Century Women's Sports* (New York: Macmillan, 1994).
A history of women's sports, with a focus on questions of gender and sexuality.

Frank Deford, *Big Bill Tilden: The Triumphs and the Tragedy* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 1976).
The life story of gay tennis great William T. Tilden II.

Gina Duncan and David Whitley, *Attraversiamo, "Let's Cross Over": A Story of Gender Transition* (Charleston, SC: CreateSpace, 2012).
A personal account of a trans woman who was once a football star.

Jesse Grant, ed., *Men for All Seasons: Stories of Sports and Sex* (Los Angeles: Alyson Books, 2000).
An erotic collection of short stories revolving around sports.

Richard Greenberg, *Take Me Out* (New York: Stage and Screen, 2002).
A play about a professional baseball player coming out as gay to his team.

Pat Griffin, *Strong Women, Deep Closets: Lesbians and Homophobia in Sport* (Champaign, IL: Human Kinetics, 1998).
A critical analysis of discrimination and prejudice against lesbians in sport.

- Allen Guttmann, *Women's Sports: A History* (New York: Columbia University Press, 1991).
An overview of women in sports from ancient civilizations to the present.
- E. Lynn Harris, *And This Too Shall Pass: A Novel* (New York: Doubleday, 1996).
A gay novel that engages with the worlds of football and sports journalism.
- Johnette Howard, *The Rivals: Chris Evert vs. Martina Navratilova* (New York: Broadway Books, 2005).
An account of the epic duel and extraordinary friendship of these talented tennis players.
- Alan M. Klein, *Little Big Men: Bodybuilding Subculture and Gender Construction* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1993).
An ethnographic study of bodybuilding and masculinity.
- Peter Kuhnst, ed., *Physique: Classic Photographs of Naked Athletes* (New York: Thames and Hudson, 2004).
A consideration of the history of sports via the history of nude photography.
- Robert W. Littlefield, *And It Was Full of Light!* (Bloomington, IN: Authorhouse, 2010).
A gay coming-of-age novel about the world of high school sports.
- Michael A. Messner, *Power at Play: Sports and the Problem of Masculinity* (Boston: Beacon Press, 1992).
A study of how sports contribute to ideas about masculinity.
- Stephan Niederwieser, ed., *Turnon: Sports* (Berlin: Bruno Gmuender, 2011).
A collection of gay erotic sports photography.
- Brian Pronger, *The Arena of Masculinity: Sports, Homosexuality, and the Meaning of Sex* (New York: St. Martin's, 1990).
A critical analysis of the homoeroticism of sports and the position of gay athletes.
- Byrd Roberts, *Between Trash and Tramp* (San Francisco: GLB, 1999).
An erotic novel about a boxer and hustler.
- Susan Fox Rogers, ed., *Sportsdykes: Stories from on and off the Field* (New York: St. Martin's Press, 1994).
An exploration and celebration of lesbian sports experience.
- Patricia Nell Warren, *The Front Runner* (New York: Morrow, 1974).
A classic gay novel featuring a love story between a running coach and his star athlete.
- Patricia Nell Warren, *The Lavender Locker Room: 3000 Years of Great Athletes Whose Sexual Orientation Was Different* (Beverly Hills: Wildcat Press, 2006).
A collection of stories about LGBTQ athletes.

Dan Woog, *Jocks: True Stories of America's Gay Male Athletes* (Los Angeles: Alyson Books, 1996).

Profiles of gay athletes confronting homophobia.

Perry Deane Young, *Lesbians and Gays and Sports* (New York: Chelsea House Publishers, 1995).

A consideration of gay and lesbian participation in sports.

Cyd Zeigler, *Fair Play: How LGBT Athletes Are Claiming Their Rightful Place in Sports* (Brooklyn: Edge of Sports, 2016).

A study about the evolving treatment of LGBTQ athletes in organized sports.