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.

   An erotic novel about a boxer in Thailand.

   An academic study of homophobia in sports, gay male athletes, and changing notions of masculinity.

   A chronicle of the development of the Outsports brand.

   A history of women’s sports, with a focus on questions of gender and sexuality.

   The life story of gay tennis great William T. Tilden II.

   A personal account of a trans woman who was once a football star.

   An erotic collection of short stories revolving around sports.

   A play about a professional baseball player coming out as gay to his team.

   A critical analysis of discrimination and prejudice against lesbians in sport.
An overview of women in sports from ancient civilizations to the present.

A gay novel that engages with the worlds of football and sports journalism.

An account of the epic duel and extraordinary friendship of these talented tennis players.

An ethnographic study of bodybuilding and masculinity.

A consideration of the history of sports via the history of nude photography.

A gay coming-of-age novel about the world of high school sports.

A study of how sports contribute to ideas about masculinity.

A collection of gay erotic sports photography.

A critical analysis of the homoeroticism of sports and the position of gay athletes.

An erotic novel about a boxer and hustler.

An exploration and celebration of lesbian sports experience.

A classic gay novel featuring a love story between a running coach and his star athlete.

A collection of stories about LGBTQ athletes.
Profiles of gay athletes confronting homophobia.

A consideration of gay and lesbian participation in sports.

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