

Books, Cards & Records

The Christmas Collection

Currently Hot Stuff

A Boy's Own Story. Edmund White's big seller of spring is now out in paperback. ~~\$6.95~~ ^{5.95}

A Different Love. Two midwestern gay men pack up and head for San Francisco, then find it's not the heaven it was supposed to be. \$4.95

China House. Highly readable modern gothic about a haunted house, a pair of gay lovers, a successful young gay author and the author's dad. \$4.95

The Claiming of Sleeping Beauty. Every gay periodical's book reviewer is saying this supremely erotic gay/straight S&M novel will put *The Story of O* into the shadows forever. \$6.95

The Color Purple. Alice Walker's highly praised black lesbian epic. \$5.95

Cry To Heaven. Best book in the house? This is it. Anne Rice's story follows two boys in 18th Century Italy castrated to preserve their soprano voices (one too young to protest, the other against his will). An amazingly detailed book with remarkable characters and a plot to match. \$3.95

The Family of Max Desir. Reviews of Robert Ferro's just-out book say it's already a classic. About a gay boy and his confrontation with dad. \$13.95

Franny: The Queen of Provincetown. John Preston's delirious, delicious character is a faggot you'll never forget. \$3.95

Gaia's Guide. Latest edition of the lesbian traveler's guide that lists bars, coffee houses, periodicals, organizations, reference materials, mail order sources, films, etc., etc., etc. \$8.95

Madame Aurora. The newest from Sarah Aldridge, America's most popular writer of lesbian romances. This one takes place in the 1800s. \$7.95

Messer Rondo & Other Stories by Gay Men. This English import is one of the most delightful short story collections we've seen. \$6.50

Places of Interest: Map Guide to the USA and Canada. A must for gay/lesbian travelers. Easy-to-follow maps to bars and other mercantile establishments. \$8

Querelle. The Jean Genet book Fassbinder used as the base for his movie. \$3.95

The Simply Divine Cut-Out Doll Book. Cartoon cut-outs of the famed New York drag queen and outfits for every occasion. \$7.95

Sudden Death. by Rita Mae Brown. Still a hot seller, even in hardback. Rita Mae's look at the pro tennis circuit. \$13.95

Toothpick House. A lesbian romance that Naiad Press bills as the kind of book you can't resist passing from friend to friend. \$7.95

Torch Song Trilogy. Harvey Fierstein's blockbusting, award-gathering Broadway play. \$6.95

For Impressive Coffee Tables

Eye to Eye: Portraits of Lesbians. A gentle, loving photographic essay of lesbian women by JEB. \$8.95

For the Record. Picture after picture of famous feminist musicians. Compiled by Olivia Records. \$12.95

The Gay Book of Days. A must for every coffee table that tells who is, was and should have been gay. An entry for every day of the year. \$17.95

The Gay/Lesbian Almanac. The finest compilation of American gay/lesbian documentia from the earliest colonies to the present. By Jonathan Katz, who authored *Gay American History*. \$16.95

L'Amour Bleu. A magnificent book from Rizzoli, the art book publishers, of actual gay male erotic art through the ages, with commentary on the art and the artists by Cecile Beurdeley. Many, many color reproductions. \$35

Minor White: Lives I Never Lived. Photography buffs will dote on this loving tribute to one of America's finest interpreters of male photography. \$16.95

Calendars & Such

The 1984 Gay Engagement Calendar. Space to write your dates alongside juicy tidbits about people from the past. \$6.95

The Lesbian Coloring Book Calendar. The best lesbian calendar we've seen. \$7.95

The Bohica Calendar. Hot men from the company with the "bend-over-here-it-comes-again" acronym. ~~\$9.95~~ ^{7.95}

The State of Man Calendar. If you've ever seen the State of Man cards and stationery, you have an idea of what this one's like. \$12

For Leathermen . . .

The Leatherman's Handbook II. Larry Townsend's sequel to his original Leatherman's Handbook expounds on how to dress, how to act, what to expect, what to say. \$4.95

The Rose Exterminator. One of the best male S&M mystery/adventures ever written. By William Carney. \$14.95

Stanley and the Mask of Mystery. A big-format book that tells its gently-gently-into-S&M story in cartoon strip style. Great for leathermen's coffee tables. \$6.50

Stud. Phil Andros, of gaydom's finest writers, lays it on thick. \$6.95. Others in the same vein by the same author: **Below the Belt & Other Stories**, \$6.50; **Roman Conquests**, \$6.95; **My Brother, Myself**, \$6.95

. . . And Women

Coming To Power. The book published by the lesbian leather group SAMOIS that claims S&M enjoyment for lesbians, too. \$7.95

For Parents, Preachers And Other Christians

Christianity, Social Tolerance and Homosexuality. Yale history professor John Boswell's meticulously researched and written book that examines why gay men and lesbians are so maligned these days. \$9.95

Is The Homosexual My Neighbor? The best book to give to folks who say the Bible says being gay just isn't right. \$6.95

Gays Under Grace. Want to argue with the Religious Right? Read this first and you'll throw their claims back in their faces. \$15.95

Jonathan Loved David. By Tom Horner (who went to Elon, studied at Duke and now runs a gay/lesbian bookshop in New Orleans). Exactly how did that love "surpassing the love of women" come about? And what was it? \$7.95

For Lesbian Music Lovers

Come on up to the shop for the four hottest selling albums around: **Meg/Cris at Carnegie Hall**, \$12.95; **Gris Williamson's Blue Rider**, \$7.95; **Holly Near's Speed of Light**, \$7.95; **Holly Near & Ronnie Gilbert**, \$7.95. Ronnie was one of the Weavers in the '50s and '60s.

For History Buffs

Ariadne. Novel about the downfall of the last of the great matriarchies — Crete. \$5.95

Charmed Circle: Gertrude Stein and Company. James R. Mellow's penetrating, lively book about the world of Stein and Toklas in the early 1900s. \$3.95

Enemy. Robin Maugham's autobiographical novel about the hesitant, caring encounter between two enemy soldiers during World War II. \$7.95

Hidden Heritage: History and the Gay Imagination. Historic and contemporary writings from and about classical Greece, Biblical Judea, the Renaissance and 18th/19th Century England. \$9.95

Homosexuality in Renaissance England. Alan Bray's research shows the transition of homosexuality from a "sinful" behavior to a specifically gay identity. \$7.50

Julian. Gore Vidal's forceful novel about the Roman emperor who tried to restore worship of the old gods. \$4.95

The Men With the Pink Triangle. The horrifying story of gay men in Nazi concentration camps. \$4.95

My Brother's Image. Fanciful adventure story about gay twin boys in 18th Century Holland. \$2.50

The Passionate Shepherdess. Biography of Aphra Behn (1640-89), first woman in England to earn a living by writing. She was also a spy for the crown. \$3.50

Pharos and Pharillon. E.M. Forster's 1923 essays on Egypt past and (then) present. \$4.95

The Spartan. Brisk novel of rivalry and sensuality between teenaged participants in the ancient Olympics. \$5.95

Treasures on Earth. Excellent narrative set during the 1911 Machu Pichu expedition about the love between an American photographer and a native guide. \$3.95

The Unmentionable Vice: Homosexuality in the Later Medieval Period. Michael Goodich suggests that the church's repression of homosexuality beginning in the 11th Century was more representative of a struggle against the liberal Greco-Roman ethos than a true moralistic position. \$6.95

Woman, Church and State. Matilda Joslyn Gage's scathing 1893 expose of male collaboration against women. \$7.95