



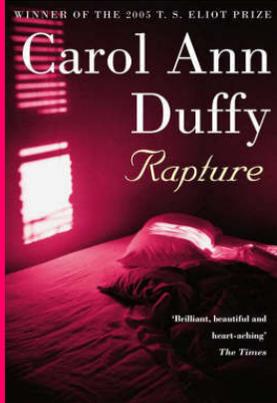
David Levithan Boy Meets Boy

Love meets love. Confusion meets clarity. Boy meets boy. "There isn't really a gay scene or a straight scene in our town. They all got mixed up a while back, which I think is for the best!" So says Paul, gay his whole life, and finding love as wonderful, confusing and heartbreaking as every other teenager in his high school.



Stella Duffy The Room of Lost Things

Humming with life, packed tight with detail, *The Room of Lost Things* is a hymn of love to a great and overflowing city, and a profoundly human story that holds us in its grip from the first sentence until the last. Stella Duffy is a writer who never lets you down, and this is her most ambitious, satisfying book yet



Carol Ann Duffy Rapture

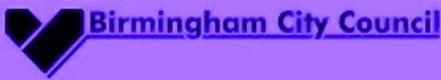
Rapture is a book-length poem that describes the infatuation, passion, joy and final agony of rupture of a love affair with an unnamed woman. *Rapture* is a map of real love, in all its churning complexity; simultaneously direct and subtle, with poems that will find deep resonance in the experience of most readers, it is a collection that can and does speak for us all.

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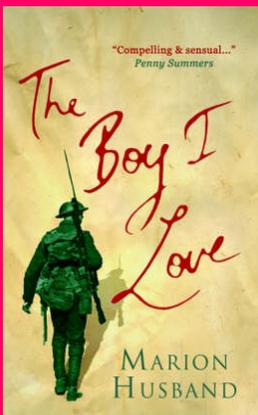
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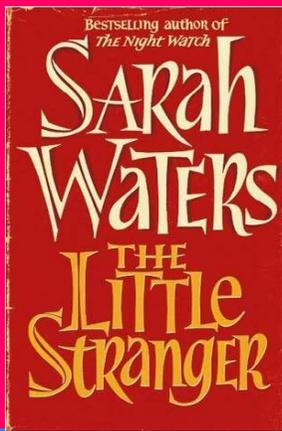
Gay and lesbian writing in Birmingham Libraries





**Marion Husband
The Boy I Love**

Set in the aftermath in WW1, this book follows the story of Paul, who marries his dead brother's fiancée out of a sense of loyalty. The story unfolds as Paul continues a relationship with Adam and deals with a wife. The book is a controversial but compulsive read and readers will find their sympathies tugged in unusual directions.



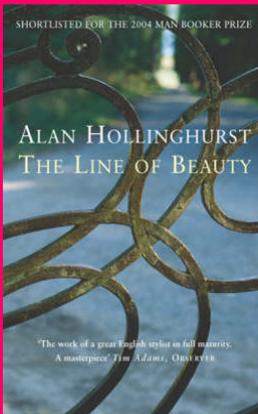
**Sarah Waters
The Little Stranger**

In a dusty post-war summer in rural Warwickshire, a doctor is called to a patient at lonely Hundreds Hall. Home to the Ayres family for over two centuries, the Georgian house, once grand and handsome, is now in decline. The Ayres are haunted by something more sinister than a dying way of life. Little does Dr Faraday know how closely, and how terrifyingly, their story is about to become entwined with his.



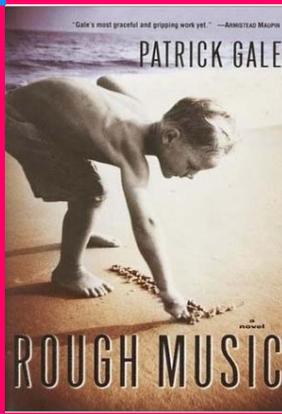
**Ben Summerskill
The Way We Are Now**

The Way We Are Now is a compelling account of the way the world has been transformed for millions of gay people. The book features gripping accounts from activists, politicians, actors, writers and top police officials, who discuss their lives and work with remarkable candour. This book is a must for anyone who wants an insight into the lives of established gays.



**Alan Hollinghurst
The Line of Beauty**

Set in the 80's, *The Line of Beauty* is about an era of endless possibility and a compelling read. Nick Guest (an innocent in the matters of politics and money) is the key character in the book, he finds himself able to pursue his own private obsession, with beauty – a prize as compelling to him as power and riches are to his friends.



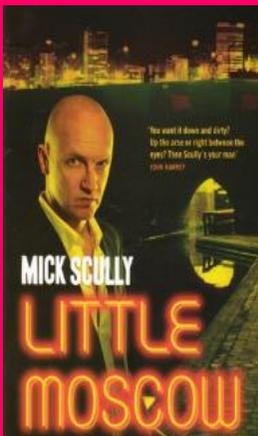
**Patrick Gale
Rough Music**

Rough Music is a subtle and entertaining tragicomic love story. Events that happen at a perfect childhood holiday come back to haunt Julian when he becomes a man (seemingly at ease with love, his sexuality, and his ghosts) that the traumatic effects of that distant summer rise up to challenge his defiant assertion that he is happy and always has been.



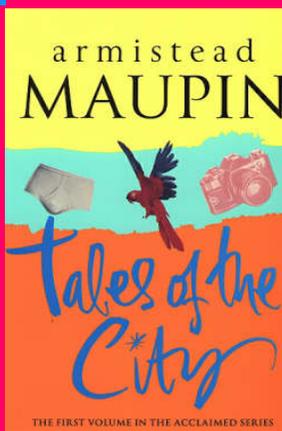
**Gino & Mike Meriano
Civil partnership: A guide to the perfect day**

In 2005, the Civil Partnership Act was ratified and same-sex couples were allowed to arrange Civil Partnership ceremonies for the first time. This is a great guide to understand what a Civil Partnership actually is and what it really means under the law. The authors are leading experts on Civil Partnerships.



**Mick Scully
Little Moscow**

Down at the Little Moscow, life is full of unexpected connections. Roles get reversed, debts claimed, scams thwarted & two would-be Andy Warhols escape with the evidence. *Little Moscow* is full of shocking stories with characters who are disturbingly familiar' and is about the margins of society and that includes gay people.



**Armistead Maupin
Tales of the City**

This international classic chronicles the story of a naive young secretary, fresh out of Cleveland, tumbling headlong into a brave new world of laundromat Lotharios, pot growing landladies, cut throat debutantes, and Jockey Shorts dance contests. The saga that ensues is manic, romantic, tawdry and touching.



**Annie Proulx
Brokeback Mountain**

Now a best selling film *Brokeback Mountain* starring Jake Gyllenhaal and the late Heath Ledger, is set in the beautiful, wild landscape of Wyoming. The book follows two ranch hands, who are 'drop-out country boys with no prospects'. They find each other's company, which leads to something else, something not looked for, something deadly...