

## Explore More: Casey and Diana

### Explore More 2SLGBTQ+ History

*Out North: an archive of queer activism and kinship in Canada* by Craig Jennex and Nisha Eswaran. Dive into Canada's 2SLGBTQ+ history with the crème de la crème of resources. Filled with stunning archival materials sourced from The ArQuives: Canada's LGBTQ2+, the largest independent queer archives in the world, Jennex and Eswaran take you on a journey through intimate and powerful yet often silenced Canadian histories. 323.3264 JENNEX 2020

*Len & Cub: a queer history* by Meredith J. Batt and Dusty Green. Discover one of the oldest photographic records of a same-sex relationship in the rural Maritimes. Leonard "Len" Keith was an amateur photographer, automobile lover, WWI vet, garage, and pool hall owner, and Joseph "Cub" Coates, a lover of horses, butcher, contractor, and veteran. Len captures their affection and time together in this book that challenges the ideas about love and friendship, sex and gender expression in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. B KEITH 2022

*Fierce desires: a new history of sex and sexuality in America* by Rebecca L. Davis. Davis takes readers on a sweeping narrative across 400 years of the dramatic and changing history of sex and sexuality in America. From Two-Spirit Pueblo people in the 17<sup>th</sup> century to one of Martin Luther King Jr's aids and gay rights activist, Kiyoshi Kuromiya. Throughout Davis highlights gender nonconformity, queer love, abortion, and facts the Right have said are recent phenomena. 306.70973 DAVIS 2024

*Casa Susanna* directed by Sebastien Lifshitz. An underground community of transgender women and cross-dressing men find refuge in the Catskills Mountains, New York. This house, known as Casa Susanna, allowed space for true expression while the transphobic world of the 1950-60's raged. The film interviews those who visited and looks at the covert world that offered solace, safety, and freedom. Available through Hoopla and Kanopy.

### Explore More 2SLGBTQ+ Fiction

*The house of impossible beauties* by Joseph Cassara. Throwback to *Paris is burning* and take a trip to New York in the 1980s where the Harlem ball scene is beginning to flourish. Angel is seventeen and falls in love with Hector. They decide to form the first-ever all-Latino house in the Harlem circuit – the House of Xtravaganza. Recruiting a myriad of charismatic personalities to the house, the Xtravaganza's navigate their tough life of 1980s NYC at the beginning of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. FICTION CASSARA

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*The great believers* by Rebecca Makkai. At height of the AIDS crisis in Chicago, Yale works for an art gallery and is about to acquire a hoard of amazing 1920s paintings. As Yale's friends continue to die, soon the only person left is Fiona. Thirty years later Fiona is tracking down her daughter who joined a cult. Staying with a photographer friend who captured the crisis she confronts the devastating impact AIDS had on her life with her daughter. Reader's journey through the anguish of the 80s to the chaos of today's world as characters try to see the light amidst the darkness. FICTION MAKKAI

*An evening with Birdy O'Day* by Greg Kearney. Take a dive into this hilarious and moving novel about aging hairstylist Roland and his now estranged childhood best friend and first love, washed-up pop icon, Birdy. Roland shares a contented life with Tony until one day Birdy plays his first hometown concert in decades. Witness Roland and Birdy come to terms with their past in this novel about heartbreak and queer survival, filled with wit and boisterous laughs. FICTION KEARNEY