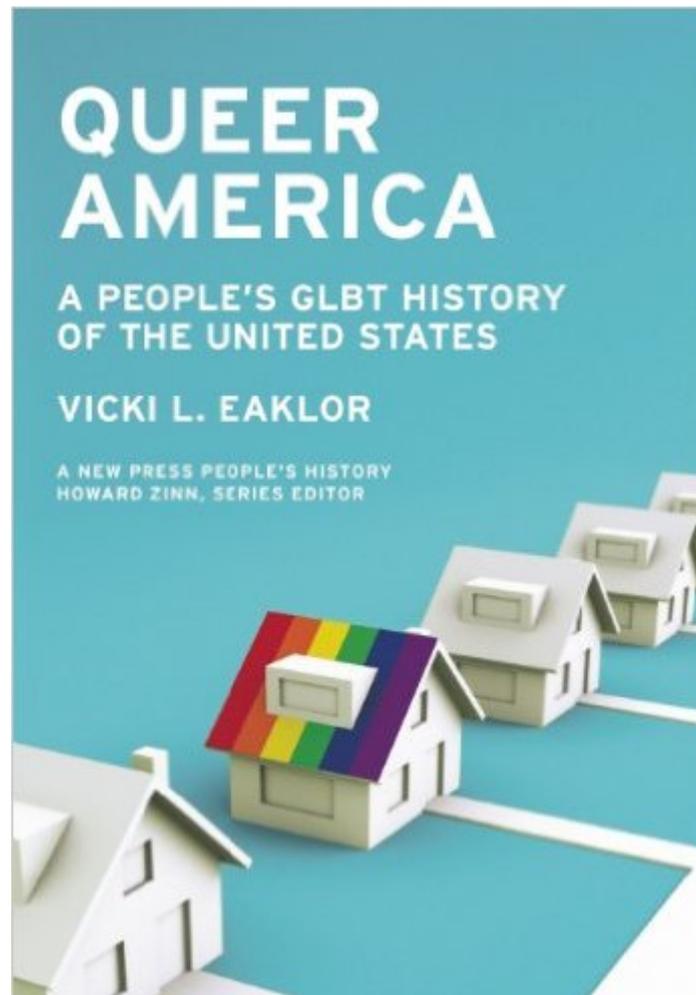


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Queer America: A People's GLBT History Of The United States (New Press People's History)



Synopsis

Placing GLBT people at the center of the history of the twentieth century, Vicki L. Eaklor's *Queer America: A People's GLBT History of the United States* is a major new effort to popularize a long-overlooked chapter in the American experience. Written in the tradition of Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States*, *Queer America*, provides a decade-by-decade overview of major issues and events in GLBT history including the Harlem Renaissance, changes in military policy, the Stonewall riots, organizations and alliances, AIDS, same-sex marriage, representation in the media, and legal battles. Eaklor brings the steady hand and perspective of an historian to the task of writing a sweeping work of narrative nonfiction that is both meaningful and relevant to all Americans. *Queer America* includes a rich array of visual materials, including sidebars highlighting major debates and vignettes focusing on key individuals. A timeline and further reading sections conclude each chapter; a full bibliography and black-and-white images enhance the text. *Queer America* is destined to become an indispensable resource for students, teachers, and general readers alike.

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Customer Reviews

Don't feed us the usual crap, that there are no sources to bi references in any of our history. In fact this text is a very non-queer, assimilationist gay history. The authors failed in their task of really taking on the people's history as befits Howard Zinn's various histories. A shame too, because clearly there was a plan and a map.. but the exclusion of bi and trans in any meaningful way is the

kind of blindness that can't see the possibilities outside one's own personal paradigm.

From an author who was known for teaching one of the first gay and lesbian history courses, back in 1991, comes an ambitious attempt to summarize the impact that GLBT people have had on American History, from the start of the 20th Century to the present. Chronologically taking us through writings of the early 1900's, the Harlem renaissance, the treatment of gay military in several wars, the Stonewall era and modern gay activism, Eaklor provides historical content along with a significant amount of commentary and analysis, interviews and debates related to the developments made. It's a daunting body of work to read completely through, and is best used more as a reference to learn background information about specific events and concepts, which are all well indexed and complete with bibliographies and suggested online and print sources. This softcover release is an update of the original hardcover edition released in 2008, which was titled as covering 20th Century developments only. The additional section, through 2009, doesn't blend particularly well with the rest of the book, and some of it is already outdated due to subsequent events, obviously a problem in attempting any kind of comprehensive history. Personally, I had a slight problem with a "history" of something having so much subjective content, and more often than not just showing one mindset. Otherwise, it is very well written, and I give it four stars out of five. - Bob Lind, Echo Magazine

While the book does a great job at giving an overview of G/L history, I find it dismaying that there is 5 pages about transfolks. Sometimes I wonder what the point is of having the T on the end there. It's almost an afterthought and allows people to act as though they are being inclusive. It's just disappointing. If you are looking for a book on G/L history, great, but you might want to check out other materials for the B & the T.

It was fantastic book, I couldn't put it down!

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