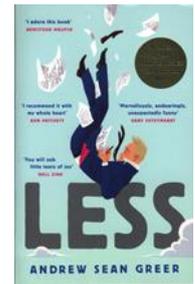
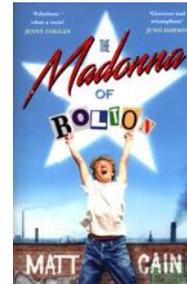
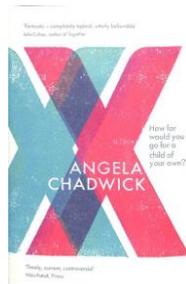
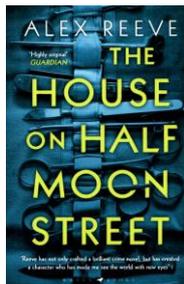
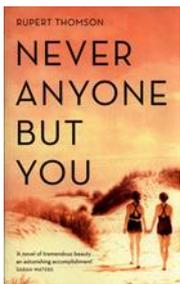


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Adult Fiction

Rupert Thompson – *Never anyone but you*

A small city in France, the early 1900s. Suzanne, a shy 17-year-old with a talent for drawing, is entranced by brilliant but troubled Lucie, the daughter of a Jewish newspaper magnate, and the two young women embark on a clandestine love affair. Suffocated by provincial convention and the restrictions of their gender, Lucie and Suzanne reinvent themselves as Claude and Marcel and move to Paris.

Alex Reeve – *The house on Half Moon Street*

Leo Stanhope; assistant to a London coroner; in love with Maria; and hiding a very big secret. For Leo was born Charlotte, the daughter of a reverend. But knowing he was meant to be a man and unable to cope with living a lie any longer, he fled his family home at 15 and has been living as Leo: his secret known to only a few trusted people. But then Maria is found dead and Leo is accused of her murder.

Angela Chadwick – *XX*

When Rosie and Jules discover a ground-breaking clinical trial that enables two women to have a female baby, they jump at the chance to make history. Fear-mongering politicians and right-wing movements are quick to latch on to the controversies surrounding Ovum-to-Ovum technology and stoke the fears of the public. What will happen to the numbers of little boys born? Is there a sinister conspiracy to eradicate men at play? In this toxic political climate, Jules and Rosie try to hide their baby from scrutiny.

Matthew Crow – *Baxter's requiem*

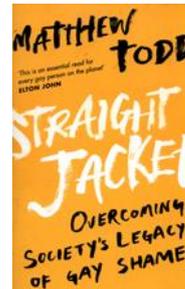
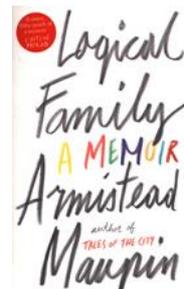
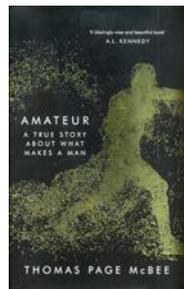
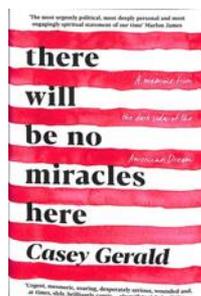
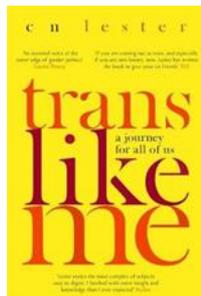
Mr Baxter is 94 when he falls down his staircase and grudgingly finds himself resident at a retirement home. Baxter is many things - raconteur, retired music teacher, rabble-rouser, bon viveur - but 'good patient' he is not. He had every intention of living his twilight years with wine, music and revelry; not tea, telly and Tramadol. Indeed, Melrose Gardens is his worst nightmare - until he meets Gregory.

Matt Cain – *The Madonna of Bolton*

Charlie Matthews' love story begins in a pebble-dashed house in suburban Bolton, at a time when most little boys want to grow up to be Michael Jackson, and girls want to be Princess Di. On his 9th birthday, Charlie discovers Madonna, and falls in love. And his obsession sees him through some tough times in life: being persecuted at school; fitting in at a posh university; a glamorous career in London; finding boyfriends; getting rid of boyfriends; growing up; and family heartbreak.

Andrew Sean Greer – *Less*

49-year-old writer, Arthur Less, learns that his former boyfriend is about to get married. To avoid the wedding and heartbreak, he decides to embark on a trip around the world, accepting invitations to a series of half-baked lectures and literary events. 'Less' is a novel about missteps, misunderstanding and mistakes.



Justin Myers – The Last Romeo

James is 34 and fed up. His 6-year relationship with Adam has imploded, he hates his job making up celebrity gossip, and his best friend Bella has just announced she's moving to Russia. Adrift and single in loved-up London, James needs to break out of his lonely, drunken comfort zone. Encouraged by Bella, he throws himself headlong into online dating, blogging each encounter anonymously as the mysterious Romeo.

Non-Fiction

C.N. Lester – Trans like me

CN Lester takes the reader through the most pressing questions in the transgender debate, combined with a charged personal narrative of what it means to be a transgender person today. 'Trans Like Me' shows us how we are all defined by ideas of gender, whether we live our lives as he, she or they, and how we can strive for authenticity in a world which often seeks to limit us by way of labels.

Gerald Casey – There will be no miracles here

Growing up gay in an ordinary black neighbourhood in Dallas, his parents struggling with mental health problems and addiction, Casey finds himself on a remarkable path to a prestigious Ivy League college, to the inner sanctums of power on Wall Street and in Washington DC. But even as he attains everything the American Dream promised him, Casey comes to see that salvation stories like his own are part of the plan to keep others from rising.

Thomas Page McBee - Amateur

In this volume, Thomas Page McBee, a trans man, trains to fight in a charity match at Madison Square Garden while struggling to untangle the vexed relationship between masculinity and violence. Through his experience of boxing McBee examines the weight of male violence, the pervasiveness of gender stereotypes and the limitations of conventional masculinity.

Armistead Maupin – Logical family: a memoir

Born in the mid-20th century and raised in the heart of conservative North Carolina, Armistead Maupin lost his virginity to another man 'on the very spot where the first shots of the Civil War were fired'. Realising that the South was too small for him, this son of a traditional lawyer packed his earthly belongings into his Opel GT and took to the road in search of adventure.

Matthew Todd – Straightjacket

Part memoir, part ground-breaking polemic, this book looks beneath the shiny facade of contemporary gay culture and asks if gay people are as happy as they could be - and if not, why not? Meticulously researched, courageous and life-affirming, it offers invaluable practical advice on how to overcome a range of difficult issues

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