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Finalists for the 19th annual Lambda Literary Awards were announced on March 1 by the Lambda Literary Foundation. These awards, which honor books published during 2006, are presented in 25 categories. Readings by the finalists will take place in San Francisco on April 12 and in New York on April 17 (check www.lambdaliterary.org for additional readings). Winners will be announced on Thursday, May 31, at the Lambda Literary Awards Ceremony in New York City.

The Lambda Literary Foundation received a record number of nominations this year. LLF Executive Director Charles Flowers said that in all, 147 publishers nominated 381 titles for awards in 25 categories. "This is extraordinary," he observed, "that this number of books with LGBTQ content were published in a given year by such a large number of publishers." Under new guidelines this year, a book could be nominated only by its author or by its publisher. The complete list of nominees, now available on the [LLF website](#), is a great resource, showing many - if not most - of the LGBTQ books published during 2006. The finalists in each category are listed below.

Enjoy!
Suzanne Corson
Books To Watch Out For

The 2006 Finalists

Fiction - Lesbian

Punk Like Me, JD Glass (Bold Strokes)
Slipstream, Leslie Larson (Crown)
Outrageous, Sheila Ortiz Taylor (Spinsters Ink)
Rose of No Man's Land, Michelle Tea (MacAdam Cage)
The Night Watch, Sarah Waters (Riverhead Books)

Fiction - Gay

Every Visible Thing, Lisa Carey (HarperCollins)
Izzy and Eve, Neal Drinnan (Green Candy Press)
Alternatives to Sex, Stephen McCauley (Simon & Schuster)
Now is the Hour, Tom Spanbauer (Houghton Mifflin)
Suspension, Robert Westfield (HarperCollins)

Debut Fiction - Lesbian

The Teahouse Fire, Ellis Avery (Riverhead)
Black Marks, Kirsten Dinnall Hoyte (Akashic)
Erzulie's Skirt, Ana-Maurine Lara (Redbone Press)
Slipstream, Leslie Larson (Crown)
Origami Striptease, Peggy Munson (Suspect Thoughts)

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A. We think that any book that belongs to a lesbian is a lesbian book, just as any bike that belongs to a girl is "a girl's bike."

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**Debut Fiction - Gay**

A Scarecrow's Bible, Martin Hyatt (Suspect Thoughts)
Send Me, Patrick Ryan (Dial Press)
The Zookeeper, Alex MacLennan (Alyson)
Suspension, Robert Westfield (HarperCollins)
5 Minutes & 42 Seconds, Timothy Williams (HarperCollins)

Erotica - Lesbian

Walk Like a Man, Laurinda D. Brown (Q-Boro Books)
Glamour Girls, Rachel Kramer Bussel, editor (Harrington Park Press)
18th & Castro, Karin Kallmaker (Bella Books)
Master Han's Daughter, Midori (Circlet Press)
Best Lesbian Erotica 2007, Tristan Taromino & Emma Donoghue, editors (Cleis Press)

Erotica - Gay

Best Gay Erotica 2007, Richard Labonte & Timothy J. Lambert, editors (Cleis Press)
A History of Barbed Wire, Jeff Mann (Suspect Thoughts)
Hot On His Trail, Zavo (Alyson)

Mystery - Lesbian

Sleep of Reason, Rose Beecham (Bold Strokes)
Night Vision, Ellen Hart (St. Martin's)
The Art of Detection, Laurie R. King (Bantam)
Idaho Code, Joan Opyr (Bywater Books)
The Weekend Visitor, Jessica Thomas (Bella Books)

Mystery - Gay

Mardi Gras Mambo, Greg Herren (Kensington)
The Hell You Say, Josh Lanyon (I-Universe)
The Back Passage, James Lear (Cleis Press)
Provincetown Follies, Bangkok Blues, Randall Peffer (Bleak House Books)
The Lucky Elephant Restaurant, Garry Ryan (NeWest Press)

Poetry - Lesbian

Domain of Perfect Affection, Robin Becker (University of Pittsburgh)
Days of Good Looks, Cheryl Clarke (Carroll & Graf)
The Truant Lover, Juliet Patterson (Nightboat Books)
Lemon Hound, Sina Queyras (Coach House Books)
Touch to Affliction, Nathalie Stephens (Coach House Books)

Poetry - Gay

Gutted, Justin Chin (Manic D Press)
The Album That Changed My Life, Jeffrey Conway (Cold Calm Press)
A History of My Tattoo, Jim Elledge (Stonewall)
Other Fugitives & Other Strangers, Rigoberto Gonzalez (Tupelo Press)
When the Eye Forms, Dwaine Rieves (Tupelo)

Romance - Lesbian

Fresh Tracks, Georgia Beers (Bold Strokes)
Wild Abandon, Ronica Black (Bold Strokes)
Finders Keepers, Karin Kallmaker (Bella Books)
Chance, Grace Lennox (Bold Strokes)
Turn Back Time, Radclyffe (Bold Strokes)

Romance - Gay

Someone Like You, Timothy James Beck (Kensington)
When the Stars Come Out, Rob Byrnes (Kensington)
Two Boys in Love, Lawrence Schimel (Seventh Window)
Surf 'N Turf, Scott & Scott (Romantics)
Going Down in La-La Land, Andy Zeffler (Harrington Park Press)

Memoir/Biography - Lesbian

Intimate Politics, Bettina Aptheker (Seal Press)
Fun Home, Alison Bechdel (Houghton Mifflin)
Queen of the Oddballs, Hilary Carlip (HarperCollins)
Hit by a Farm, Catherine Friend (Carroll & Graf)
Incognito Street, Barbara Sjöholm (Seal Press)

Memoir/Biography - Gay

Untold Stories, Alan Bennett (FSG)
The Bill From My Father, Bernard Cooper (Simon & Schuster)
Tweaked, Patrick Moore (Kensington)
History of Swimming, Kim Powers (Carroll & Graf)
My Father's Keeper, Jonathan Silin (Beacon)

Anthology

Confessions of the Other Mother, Harlyn Aizley, editor (Beacon)
From Boys to Men, Ted Gideonse & Rob Williams, editors (Carroll & Graf)
Love, Bourbon Street, Greg Herren & Paul J. Willis, editors (Alyson)
Charmed Lives, Toby Johnson & Steve Berman, editors (Lethe Press)
No Margins: Writing Canadian Fiction in Lesbian, Catherine Lake & Nairne Holtz, editors (Insomniac)

Arts & Culture

Fun Home, Alison Bechdel (Houghton Mifflin)
Cinemachismo, Sergio de la Mora (University of Texas Press)
Sex Objects, Jennifer Doyle (University of Minnesota Press)
Gay L.A., Lillian Faderman & Stuart Timmons (Basic Books)
Blood Beats: Vol. 1, Ernest Hardy (Redbone Press)

Bisexual

Eros, Serena Anderlini-D'Onofrio (Harrington Park Press)
Affirmative Psychotherapy with Bisexual Women & Bisexual Men, Ronald C. Fox (Harrington Park Press)
Three Sides to Every Story, Clarence Nero (Harlem Moon/Doubleday)
Bi Guys, Ron Jackson Suresha, editor (Harrington Park Press)
Bi Men, Ron Jackson Suresha & Pete Chvany, editors (Harrington Park Press)
The Bisexual's Guide to the Universe, Michael Szymanski & Nicole Kristal (Alyson)

Childrens/Young Adult

The Manny Files, Christian Burch (Simon & Schuster)
Full Spectrum, David Levithan & Billy Merrell, editors (Random House Children's Books)
Between Mom & Jo, Julie Anne Peters (Little, Brown)
Tale of Two Summers, Brian Sloan (Simon & Schuster)
Erik & Isabelle's Junior Year at Foresthill High, Kim Wallace (Foglight Press)

Drama/Theater

Questa, Victor Bumbalo (Broadway Publishing, Inc.)
Confessions of a Mormon Boy, Stephen Fales (Alyson)
1001 Beds, Tim Miller (University of Wisconsin)

Humor

Queen of the Oddballs, Hilary Carlip (HarperCollins)
My Lucky Star, Joe Keenan (Little Brown)
Roy & Al, Ralf Konig (Arsenal Pulp Press)

LGBT Nonfiction

Hello, Cruel World, Kate Bornstein (Seven Stories)
Gay L.A., Lillian Faderman & Stuart Timmons (Basic Books)
Different Daughters, Marcia Gallo (Carroll & Graf)
Behind the Mask of the Mattachine, James T. Sears (Harrington Park Press)
Unspeakable Love, Brian Whitaker (University of California)

LGBT Studies

Every Inch a Man: Phallic Possession, etc., Carellin Brooks (UBC Press)
Gay Power: An American Revolution, David Eisenbach (Carroll & Graf)
Their Own Receive Them Not, Horace Griffin (Pilgrim Press)
Crip Theory, Robert McRuer (NYU Press)
Beautiful Bottom, Beautiful Shame, Kathryn Stockton (Duke University Press)

Sci-Fi/Fantasy/Horror

Carnival, Elizabeth Bear (Bantam Spectra)
Mordred, Bastard Son, Douglas Clegg (Alyson)
A Strong and Sudden Thaw, R.W. Day (Iris Print)
Izzy and Eve, Neal Drinnan (Green Candy Press)
Spin Control, Chris Moriarty (Bantam Spectra)

Spirituality

Sex & the Sacred, Daniel Helminiak (Harrington Park Press)
The After-Death Room, Michael McColly (Soft Skull Press)
Spirited, Lisa Moore & G. Winston James, editors (Redbone Press)
The Singing of Swans, Mary Saracino (Pearlsong Press)
Mobius Trip, Giti Thadani (Spinifex Press)

Transgender

Transgender Rights, Paisley Currah, Richard M. Juang, and Shannon Price Minter, editors (University of Minnesota Press)
Drag King Dreams, Leslie Feinberg (Carroll & Graf)
Supervillainz, Alicia E. Goranson (Suspect Thoughts)
The Transgender Studies Reader, Susan Stryker & Chris Whittle, editors (Routledge)
The Testosterone Files, Max Wolf Valerio (Seal Press)

Complete list of all the nominated titles:

www.lambdaliterary.org/awards/current_nominees.html.



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