



[*From Gay to Z: A Queer Compendium*](#) by Justin Elizabeth Sayre

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

This illustrated compendium celebrates LGBTQIA+ history and culture, written by and according to culture icon Justin Elizabeth Sayre!

Based on Sayre's five-part show in New York City, *From Gay to Z* is a humorous collection of the rich legacy of gay culture, told through the letters of the alphabet. From ABBA to addiction, hair and makeup to HIV, Fannie Flag to fierce, Sayre offers their own perspective on the things that have influenced gay culture today, including iconic figures, historical moments, ongoing issues in the LGBTQIA+ community, and everything in between. As gay culture is always evolving and different for everyone, this book does not serve as a definitive guide—instead, Sayre encourages readers to use this knowledge to reflect on the things that have informed their personal identities. Engagingly written and beautifully designed, *From Gay to Z* is a distinctive and dynamic look at gay culture for LGBTQIA+ readers everywhere.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

"Their goal is to celebrate artists and activists who are gay or have a gay following "in a very queer way-to throw a little shade and make a little joy," and the book is wildly successful on both counts...Exuberant line drawings by Fredy Ralda are scattered throughout; the best of these juxtapose figures who share little other than an initial—Beyoncé with Leonard Bernstein, or Dan Levy with Liberace." —[*Booklist*](#)

"Sayre calls the book "a who's who of LGBTQ+" and organizes hundreds of entries on contemporary and historical figures, as well as some inanimate touchstones of queer culture (poppers, leather, piano bars), alphabetically. Sayre's canonization of their own "opinions" on which queers hold historical importance is exactly the kind of grassroots, chaotic fan fervor that energizes gay fame in the first place." —[*Slate*](#)

"In this rowdy celebration of queer culture, comedian and playwright Sayre (*Husky*) "throw[s] a little shade and make[s] a little joy" with a delicious "who's who of the LGBTQ+." Offering cheeky illustrations alongside a brisk and breezy cultural history, the guide-which focuses on "artists and activists who are gay, or have a gay following"-entertains and educates in equal measure." —[*Publishers Weekly*](#)

"Many readers will enjoy this breezy, wide-ranging, and at times opinionated look at LGBTQIA+ figures, trends, and influencers." —[*Library Journal*](#)

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"*From Gay to Z* can hold its own, whether as a cultural primer for a baby queer or as a library resource. The perfect resource to dip in and out of, *From Gay to Z*'s entries are enlightening and entertaining." —[Foreword Reviews](#)

***A NOTE ON AGE RANGES**

A publisher-suggested age range covers the gamut of readers that publishers envision using the book, whether for independent reading, family sharing, group study, or in other ways. Educators have the best sense of the appropriate age range for the diverse learners they work with and understand these ranges vary depending on a book's intended use.