



Friends of Dorothy by Anthony Uzarowski

Illustrated by Alejandro Mogollo Díez

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BOOK SYNOPSIS

The ultimate celebration of LGBTQIA+ icons profiling 40 artists, entertainers, writers, and activists who inspired the queer community with their style, openness, and diversity.

This giftable collection of Instagram-worthy illustrated biographies takes you on a tour through LGBTQIA+ history from the 20th century through today, featuring profiles of Britney Spears, Judy Garland, RuPaul, Lady Gaga, Mae West, Freddie Mercury, and Lil Nas X.

What makes a gay icon? Free, uninhibited expression; an open mind; creativity; and bravery. *Friends of Dorothy* celebrates a wide range of people with the strength, vulnerability, charisma, and style that set them apart and gave them status with the queer community.

Queer icons include supporters of LGBTQIA+ rights such as Marsha P. Johnson, and others like Divine and RuPaul who shattered social barriers to become important cultural ambassadors of queerness, changing the world in the process. Other icons are timeless entertainers with unique appeal, from Judy Garland and Bette Midler to Grace Jones and Lady Gaga.

This collection welcomes readers into a flamboyant world populated by larger-than-life figures who inspired LGBTQIA+ people—over the decades—creating controversy, challenging conventions, and sometimes putting their own lives on the line in order for new generations to live in a more equal and accepting world.

With spectacular color portraits by artist Alejandro Mogollo Díez, the dramatic visual style perfectly captures the flair and panache of these figures.

REVIEWS AND PRAISE

“. . . readers will revel in this tribute to boundary-pushing luminaries. It’s a delight.”—*Publishers Weekly*

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MEDIA AND RESOURCES

- [Friends of Dorothy Author Interview | Robert Bellissimo at the Movies | YouTube](#)
- [Darlin' Who Doesn't Want Inspiration? | Cannonballread | Blog](#)
- [Review of Friends of Dorothy | Expendable Mudge Muses Aloud | Blog](#)

***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.

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