

## **For and about Adult Children from LGBTQ Families**

### **The Assault of Laughter**

A moving memoir by an adult daughter of a lesbian mother.  
*Melissa Hart. ISBN 1-59092-149-6.*

### **Beloved Daughter**

A wonderful collection of letters written by Asian immigrants about their queer family member.  
*The Family Letter Project. MAPLBN. 1999*

### **The Boy with the Thorn in his Side**

Keith Fleming's story of how his gay uncle, the writer Edmund White, saved his life, when at sixteen, Fleming was committed to mental institute. A good memoir about adolescence, and one boy's relationship with his uncle.  
*K. Fleming. Morrow, William & Co. 2000*

### **Different Mothers: Sons and Daughters of Lesbians Talk About Their Lives**

*L. Rafkin (Ed.). Cleis Press, San Francisco. 1990*

### **Donorboy**

A comic novel sharing the story of Rosalind who develops a relationship with her sperm donor after the death of her lesbian moms.  
*B. Halpin, Villard, New York, 2004.*

### **Families Like Mine: Children of Gay Parents Tell It Like It Is.**

Based on eight years of activism, combined with interviews with more than fifty sons and daughters, this book provides a realistic and powerful account of the true experiences of adult children of LGBT parents.  
*Abigail Garner, 2004. Harper Collins.*

### **Families of Value**

Powerful stories of families with gay and lesbian parents who are at the forefront of social change in America. By turns hard-hitting and affecting, these stories portray the resistance these brave parents have faced, their views of the current cultural climate, and, most importantly, the intense passion and dedication that they have demonstrated in the course of raising sound, healthy, and well-adjusted children  
*Robert A. Bernstein.*

### **The Family of Woman: Lesbian Mothers, Their Children, and the Undoing of Gender**

Chronicles the experience of thirty-four families headed by lesbian mothers whose children were conceived by means of donor insemination. With its intimate perspective on the interior dynamics of these families and its penetrating view of their public lives, the book provides rare insight into the workings of emerging family forms and their significance for our understanding of "family"-and our culture itself.  
*Maureen Sullivan University of California Press September, 2004.*

### **Friends and Family; True Stories of America's Straight Allies**

Stories told by children, parents, and friends alike about how they advocate for queer people.  
*D. Woog. Alyson Books. New York, NY. 1999.*

### **Growing Up in a Lesbian Family**

An academic look at children raised by lesbians, sometimes in comparison with children in straight households.  
*S. Golombok, F. Tasker. Gilford Press, New York NY 1997*

### **Janet, My mother and Me**

A memoir by New Yorker writer William Murray about growing up in the 1940's and 50's with his mother, Natalia Danesi Murray, and her partner Janet Flanner.  
*W. Murray, Simon and Schuster. 2000*

### **Nobody's Children: Orphans of the HIV Epidemic**

This book incorporates statistics and facts with the personal experiences of children whose lives have been affected by the HIV epidemic.

*S. Dansky. Harrington Park Press, Binghamton, NY. 1997*

### **Other Side of the Closet: The Coming-Out Crisis for Straight Spouses and Families**

Based on five years of research, this book explores major issues that arise for straight spouses when their wives or husbands come out.

*A. Pierce-Buxton. John Wiley & Sons, New York. 1994*

### **Out of the Closet into Our Hearts: Celebrating our Gay/Lesbian Family Members**

Stories and poems written by families of gay and lesbians. Includes interesting accounts from children as well as a diversity of other family members

*L. Siegel, N. Olson, Leyland Publications, San Francisco, CA. 2001.*

### **Out of the Ordinary: Essays on Growing Up with Gay, Lesbian, and Transgender Parents.**

A truly unique anthology, a groundbreaking collection of essays by the grown children of lesbian, gay, and transgender parents.

*Edited by Noelle Howey and Ellen Samuels. 2000 St. Martin's Press.*

### **Trans Forming Families: Real Stories About Transgendered Loved Ones**

Thirty one stories by spouses, parents, children, and friends exploring the journey, struggle, and delight of having a transgendered loved one.

*M. Boenke. Waterford Press. 1999*

### **A Woman Like That**

A collection of coming out stories by popular lesbian and bisexual authors. Some tell the story of losing custody of children and others about being second generation.

*Ed. J. Larkin. Perennial harper Collins, New York, NY. 2000*

### **50 Ways to Support Gay and Lesbian Equality.**

A collection of essays including several by youth and adult with LGBT parents about affecting social change for the LGBT community.

*Meredith Maran. Inner Ocean Publishing, 2005.*

## **For and/or about Parents**

### **Detonating the Nuclear Family**

Lesbians talk about reconstructing the nuclear family and finding new ways to parent, love, care for and relate to one another.

*J. Brosnan. Scarlet Press. 1996*

### **Endangered Species**

A Novel about a gay man who becomes afraid that his family is "on the brink of extinction." So he begins a search to find a child.

*L. Bayard. Alyson Publications. 2001*

### **The Kid: What happened After Me and My Boyfriend Decided to Get Pregnant**

This is a hilarious account of how Dan Savage and his partner adopted their son.

*D. Savage. Penguin Group. 2000.*

### **A Legal Guide For Lesbian and Gay Couples, 10th Edition**

An excellent resource for all lesbian and gay couples: includes information on custody, parent's and partner's rights, and domestic partner benefits.

*H. Curry & D. Clifford. Nolo Press, Berkeley. 1999.*

## **Lesbian Motherhood in Europe**

Discusses the evolving place of the lesbian family. Mothers talk about how to conceive a child; the effects of children on lesbian relationships; lesbian identity; friends, family and colleagues; relationships with the father; role models; and lesbian motherhood as a political act.

*K. Griffin (ed) L. Mulholland (ed). Continuum International Publishing Group Inc. 1997*

## **Lesbian Parenting: Living with Pride and Prejudice**

An anthology that covers insemination, adoption, raising children, and the law. Has both personal and theoretical perspectives.

*K. Arnup. Genergy Books, Charlottetown, Canada 1995*

## **Lesbians Raising Sons**

A collection of essays on what it means to be a lesbian raising a son. Discusses things like feminism, coping with homophobia, and male role models.

*Ed. By J. Wells. Alyson Publications. New York. 1997*

## **My Husband is Gay**

About self-discovery and how women come to terms when their husbands come out of the closet.

*C. Grever. The crossing press, freedom CA.2001*

## **The other Mother: A lesbian's Fight for her Daughter (living out)**

This book begins when the author and her partner decide to conceive. After their child is born the two split up and Abrams is deemed "a biological stranger" and loses custody of her daughter.

*N. Abrams. University of Wisconsin Press. 1999*

## **Parents At Last**

A book telling the stories of 32 families and their struggles of building a family.

*A. Peck. Clarkson Potter. 1998*

## **Queer Parents Primer**

All sorts of information about raising a child in a queer household from choosing schools, to single parenting and gender awareness, great for any queer family.

*S. A. Brill. New Harbinger Publications. 2001*

## **Ultimate Guide to Pregnancy for Lesbians**

A resource book written specifically for lesbians on how to get pregnant, maintain your health, protect your legal rights, give birth, be a single parent, or be a co-parent.

*R. Pepper. Cleis Press, San Francisco. 1999*

## **Unexpected Child: A Novel**

Meg Krantz is a single and independent lesbian. After meeting a four and half year old orphan girl while volunteering at an AIDS service provider, she may change her mind.

*P. Grossman. Outbooks. 2000*

## **The Velveteen Father**

A moving memoir of a gay man's unexpected journey into fatherhood as he meets and falls in love with another gay man who has adopted children.

*J. Green. Villard, New York. 1999*

## **Waiting in the Wings: Portrait of Queer Motherhood**

A journal of being a lesbian mother, and a writer, during the first four years of her son's life.

*C. Moraga. Firebrand Books, Ithaca, NY. 1997*

## **Women Together: Portraits of Love, Commitment and Life**

A portrait of lesbian couples accompanied by stories. Not specifically about families but a beautiful book nonetheless.

*M. Holmund, C. Warwick, C. Gingrich. Running Press. 1999*

**There's Something I've Been Meaning to Tell You**

True life stories from 25 lesbians and gay parents who have come out to their children.

*L. MacPike. Naiad Press, Tallahassee. 1989*

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