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Sympathy for the Devil: Four Decades of Friendship with Gore Vidal by Michael Mewshaw (ISBN 9780374280482 \$24.00)

A generous, entertaining, intimate look at Gore Vidal, a man who prided himself on being difficult to know

Detached and ironic; a master of the pointed put-down, of the cutting quip; enigmatic, impossible to truly know: This is the calcified, public image of Gore Vidal—one the man himself was fond of reinforcing. “I’m exactly as I appear,” he once said of himself. “There is no warm, lovable person inside. Beneath my cold exterior, once you break the ice, you find cold water.”

Michael Mewshaw’s *Sympathy for the Devil*, a memoir of his friendship with the stubbornly iconoclastic public intellectual, is a welcome corrective to this tired received wisdom. A complex, nuanced portrait emerges in these pages—and while “Gore” can indeed be brusque, standoffish, even cruel, Mewshaw also catches him in more vulnerable moments. The Gore Vidal the reader comes to know here is generous and supportive to younger, less successful writers; he is also, especially toward the end of his life, disappointed, even lonely.

Sparkling, often hilarious, and filled with spicy anecdotes about expat life in Italy, *Sympathy for the Devil* is an irresistible inside account of a man who was himself—faults and all—impossible to resist. As enlightening as it is entertaining, it offers a unique look at a figure many only think they know.

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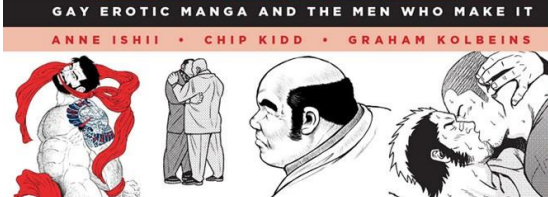
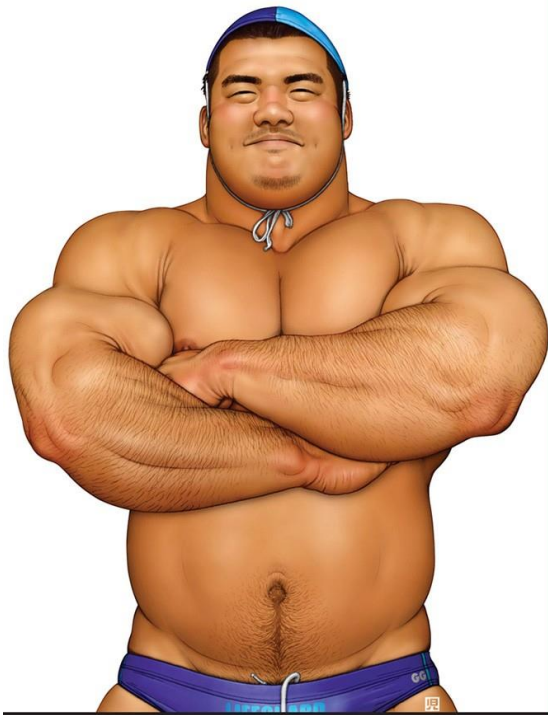
Michael Mewshaw



Back in Stock –

Massive: Gay Japanese Manga & the Men Who Make It Edited by Anne Ishii, Graham Kolbeins, & Chip Kidd (ISBN 9781606997857 \$35.00)

This is a groundbreaking manga (Japanese comics) anthology by and about gay men, put together by an award-winning team.



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Big, burly, lascivious, and soft around the edges: welcome to the hypermasculine world of Japanese gay manga. *Massive: Gay Erotic Manga and the Men Who Make It* is the first English-language anthology of its kind: an in-depth introduction to nine of the most exciting comic artists making work for a gay male audience in Japan. Jiraiya, Seizoh Ebisubashi, and Kazuhide Ichikawa are three of the irresistibly seductive, internationally renowned artists featured in *Massive*, as well as Gengoroh Tagame, the subject of *The Passion of Gengoroh Tagame: Master of Gay Erotic Manga*. Get to know each of these artists intimately, through candid interviews, photography, context-providing essays, illustrations, and manga. *Massive* also includes the groundbreaking, titillating work of gay manga luminaries Takeshi Matsu, Fumi Miyabi, Inu Yoshi, Gai Mizuki, and comic essayist Kumada

Poohsuke.

"Here's a book I want to give the highest recommendation to, but for very different reasons from those I would usually highlight for an amazingly effective collection of male-on-male erotic art - which this happens to be. But it is also fascinating and incredibly informative. The book's sections are not only beautiful, intelligent, sometimes humorous and always sexy as hell. They are also important, for what the artists have to say in the accompanying texts and essays about themselves and about the art they make. This is a wonderful collection that every reader and writer should read. It's a knockout on so many different levels!" - Samuel R. Delany, (author of Bread & Wine, Hogg, and Through the Valley of the Nest of Spiders)

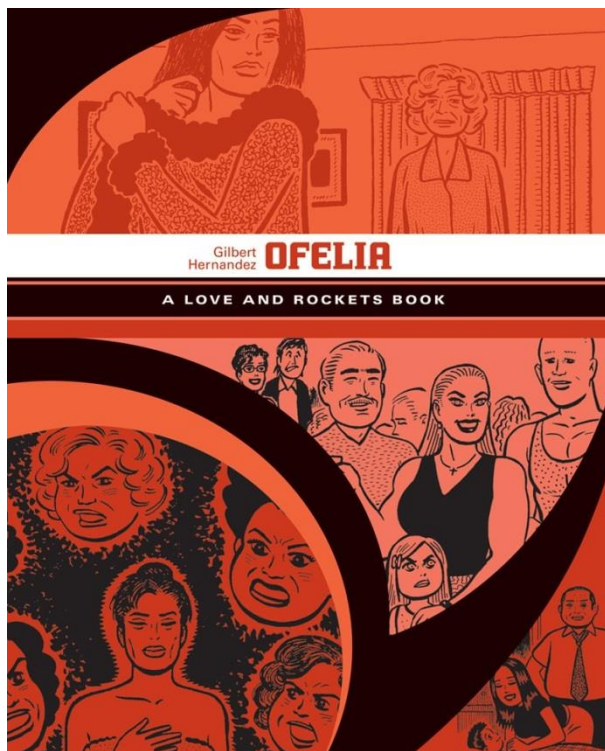
From Lambda Literary

New in January: Miranda July, Michelle Tea, Michael Mewshaw, Leo Bersani, and Sandip Roy

<http://www.lambdaliterary.org/features/news/01/06/new-in-january-miranda-july-michelle-tea-michael-mewshaw-leo-bersani-and-sandip-roy/>

Releasing January 28th

Ofelia: A Love and Rockets Book by Gilbert Hernandez (ISBN 9781606998069 \$19.99)



In *Ofelia*, the sisters, the kids, and the cousins are all settled comfortably in California after leaving Palomar in *Luba and Her Family*. Luba and her cousin Ofelia's relationship has always been fraught, but when Ofelia threatens to write a book about Luba, past memories, secrets, resentments, and pain resurface. Meanwhile, Luba's children-genius Socorro, recently out-and-proud Doralis, and prickly Maricela-show that a talent for trouble may be hereditary. Luba's sisters, Fritz and Petra, swap lovers (as usual), but . . . are Fritz and family friend Pipo sittin' in a tree?

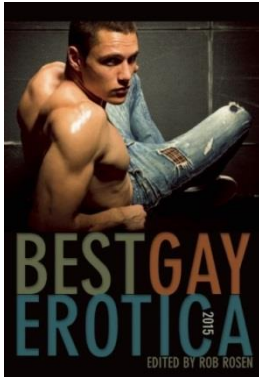
These vividly drawn characters are charged with Hernandez's trademark complexity; they live, love, age, fight-and die-in this sweeping, multi-generational saga.

Back in stock –

50 Shades of Kink by Tristan Taormino (ISBN 9781627780308 \$14.95)

"Everything You Need to Know to Get Your Kink On."

—Rachel Krame Bussel, editor of *The Big Book of Orgasms*



Coming Soon

Best Gay Erotica 2015 edited by Rob Rosen (ISBN 9781627780902 \$15.95)

Best Gay Erotica 2015 is filled to the page-turning brim with fantastic tales of fire dancers and TV repairmen, of hunky painters and electricians and magicians, solo sex, duo sex, and sweat-soaked triple onslaughts. Heck, throw in an alien and a priest, and you'll soon see why this anthology is head and shoulders - not to mention certain other body parts - above the rest, and always with the highest literary quality that readers have come to expect from this esteemed and steamy collection.

Also

Best Gay Romance 2015 edited by Felice Picano (ISBN 9781627780926 \$15.95)

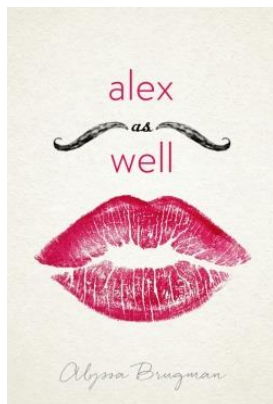
Gay romance is coming into full bloom in the wake of the Defense of Marriage Act's fall, and the literary world is giving this full expression. New series editor Felice Picano is one of the top gay writers in the world with many awards and much critical acclaim to his credit. Picano has written novels, plays, and major nonfiction works and he is at his finest when it comes to the subject of love. In Best Gay Romance 2015, he gathers a sweepingly romantic collection of short fiction that is long on love (and sex).



Releasing January 20th

Alex As Well by Alyssa Brugman (ISBN 9781627790147 \$16.99)

What do you do when everybody says you're someone you're not?



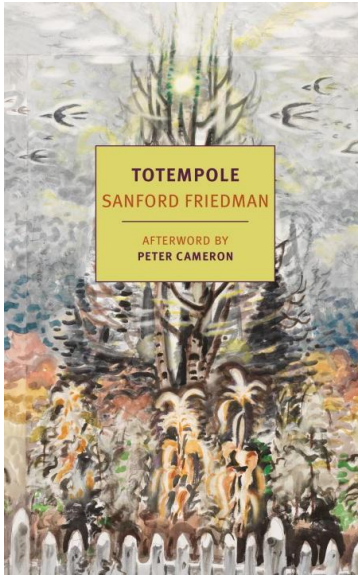
Alex is ready for things to change, in a big way. Everyone seems to think she's a boy, but for Alex the whole boy/girl thing isn't as simple as either/or, and when she decides girl is closer to the truth, no one knows how to react. Least of all her parents.

Undeterred, Alex begins to create a new identity for herself: ditching one school, enrolling in another, and throwing out most of her clothes. But the other Alex—the boy Alex—has a lot to say

about that.

Heartbreaking and droll in equal measures, Alex As Well is a brilliantly told story of exploring gender and sexuality, navigating friendships, and finding a place to belong.

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Totempole by Sanford Friedman, Afterword by Peter Cameron (ISBN 9781590177617 \$16.95)

Totempole is Sanford Friedman's radical coming-of-age novel, featuring Stephen Wolfe, a young Jewish boy growing up in New York City and its environs during the Depression and war years. In eight discrete chapters, which trace Stephen's evolution from a two-year-old boy to a twenty-four-year-old man, Friedman describes with psychological acuity and great empathy Stephen's intellectual, moral, and sexual maturation. Taught to abhor his body for the sake of his soul, Stephen finds salvation in the eventual unification of the two, the recognition that body and soul should not be partitioned but treated as one being, one complete man.

This was first published in 1965; it had been out of print for almost 20 yrs.

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The Life & Loves of a He Devil: A Memoir by Graham Norton (ISBN 9781444790269 \$23.95)

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