

Pride Month Toolkit

June 2022

Why is Pride celebrated during the month of June?

- Stonewall Riots in Manhattan (1969)
- In the U.S., the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day"
- In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events
- Celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world
- Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS

Podcasts:

- Food 4 Thot
- Making Gay History
- Disability After Dark
- LGBTQ+A
- Spotify's *Pride Hub* features curated playlists from LGBTQ+ activists
- One from the Vaults
- Nancy

Film/TV:

- Milk (2008) directed by Gus Van Sant
- Pariah (2011) directed by Dee Rees
- Moonlight (2016) directed by Barry Jenkins
- Call Me By Your Name (2017) directed by Luca Guadagnino
- Booksmart (2019) directed by Olivia Wilde
- The Happiest Season (2020) directed by Clea DuVall
- Disclosure: Trans Lives On Screen (2020) directed by Sam Feder and Amy Scholder
- Everything Everywhere All At Once (2022) directed by Dan Kwan Andie Daniel Scheinert
- Crush (2022) directed by Sammi Cohen
- Heartstopper (2022) directed by Euros Lyn
- Queer Eye (2018) directed by ITV entertainment

Articles:

- PBS What to Watch:
 - <https://www.pbs.org/articles/what-to-watch-celebrate-lgbtqia-pride-month>
- Inclusive Brands
 - <https://www.wwd.com/fashion-news/fashion-scoops/brands-celebrating-2022-pride-month-1235191853/>
 - <https://www.pbs.org/articles/what-to-watch-celebrate-lgbtqia-pride-month>
- CNN Pride Month Explained:

- <https://amp.cnn.com/cnn/2022/06/01/health/pride-month-explainer/index.html>
- TikTok's List of LGBTQ+ Trailblazers
 - <https://www.lamag.com/culturefiles/tiktok-reveals-lgbtq-trailblazers-list-in-celebration-of-pride-month/>
- International Pride Calendar (gives dates/locations for pride celebrations worldwide as well as organizations to support)
 - <https://www.iglta.org/Events/LGBTQ-Pride-Calendar>
- Meet Brenda Howard, "The Mother of Pride"
 - <https://www.them.us/story/brenda-howard>

Books:

- *Detransitioning, Baby: A Novel* by Torrey Peters
 - In this bestselling novel that explores the idea of family, Reese, a trans woman, splits with Amy, who is detransitioning and becomes Ames. Reese wants a baby and when Ames impregnates his new lover, Katrina, who may not want to keep the child, Ames proposes the three raise the baby together.
- *Fairest* by Meredith Talusan
 - In this coming-of-age memoir, Talusan writes of her extraordinary life from being raised in the Philippines with albinism to immigrating to America, being seen as white, attending Harvard and transitioning to a woman. Gender, race, identity, love, art.
- *Giovanni's Room* by James Baldwin
 - Set in 1950s Paris, Baldwin's controversial 1956 novel follows American expat David who begins a relationship with Italian bartender Giovanni while his fiancée, Hella, is away. Sexuality, identity, masculinity and concealment are all themes that make this a gay literature classic.
- *Call Me by Your Name* by Andre Aciman
 - Aciman's novel traces the relationship between Elio, 17, a teenage musician, and Oliver, the 24-year-old summer houseguest of Elio's professor dad. Set along the Italian Riviera, it's passionate, romantic, complicated, tender, painful, erotic, melancholy — everything you want from a beautifully written love story.
- *Untamed* by Glennon Doyle
 - A No. 1 New York Times bestseller, Doyle's candid 2020 memoir explores her divorce, parenting, falling in love with soccer star Abby Wambach, body image, feminism and learning to love herself.
- *The Engagement: America's Quarter-Century Struggle Over Same-Sex Marriage* by Sasha Issenberg
 - An Amazon No. 1 new release, journalist Issenberg's exploration of the history of the conflict and controversy over same-sex marriage covers the debate that eventually led to two landmark US Supreme Court decisions that legalized the right for gay couples to wed. Part political history, civil rights struggle and legal drama, it's a comprehensive narrative on the LGBTQ rights battle.
- *Love That Story: Observations from a Gorgeously Queer Life* by Jonathan Van Ness

- An essay collection from *Queer Eye*'s Jonathan Van Ness discussing life experiences such as grief, body neutrality, being diagnosed with HIV, and white privilege.

Social Media Accounts:

- Laverne Cox ([@lavernecox](#)) – Actress and LGBTQ Rights Activist
 - Laverne Cox was the first openly transgender person to receive a primetime Emmy nomination, the first African-American transgender woman to produce and star in her own TV show, and the first openly transgender person to appear on the cover of TIME Magazine
- Matt Bernstein (@mattxiv) - LGBTQ activist/influencer
 - Matt is a queer Jewish man who posts LGBTQ+ resources, infographics, memes, and overall lifestyle posts
- Priyanka Paul (@artwhoring) - LGBTQ artist/influencer
 - Posts art centered around being a queer woman of color
- Joan Dominic Rai (@thewhitehairedguy) - LGBTQ model/influencer
 - Joan is a genderfluid fashion model who has been featured by Vogue, Gucci, and many other publications - Joan's posts focus on fashion, imagery, and storytelling without gendered fashion