

# GCLS 17TH ANNUAL GOLDIE AWARDS

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## WELCOME

Non-Fiction

Romantic Blend

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Young Adult Fiction

Contemporary Romance: Mid-Length Novels

Humorous Novels

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General Fiction

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Historical Fiction

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Science Fiction / Fantasy

Debut Novel

## RECOGNITION OF LOST SISTERS

Ann Bannon Popular Choice Award

Tee Corinne Outstanding Cover Design

## Directors' Award

### Lee Lynch Classic Award

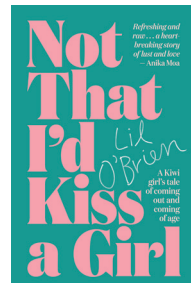
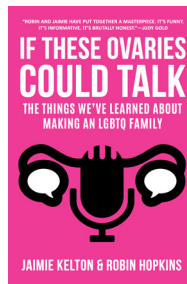
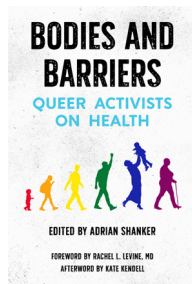
Presented to Audre Lorde

*Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*

### Trailblazer Award

Presented to Pat Parker

# 2021 GOLDIE FINALISTS



## Non-Fiction

[Bodies and Barriers: Queer Activists on Health](#)

**Adrian Shanker (ed.)**  
PM Press

[If These Ovaries Could Talk: The Things We've Learned About Making an LGBTQ Family](#)

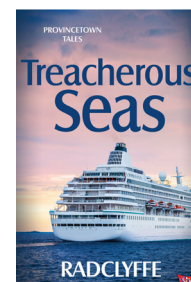
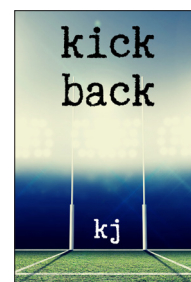
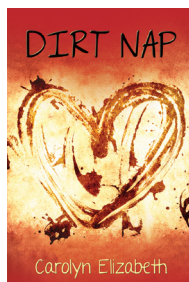
**Robin Hopkins & Jaimie Kelton**  
Lit Riot Press, LLC

[Olivia on the Record: A Radical Experiment in Women's Music](#)

**Ginny Z Berson**  
Aunt Lute Books

[Not That I'd Kiss a Girl](#)

**Lil O'Brien**  
Allen & Unwin



## Romantic Blend

[Dirt Nap](#)  
**Carolyn Elizabeth**  
Bella Books

[Heart of the Storm](#)  
**Nicole Stiling**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Hotel Queens](#)  
**Lee Winter**  
Ylva Publishing

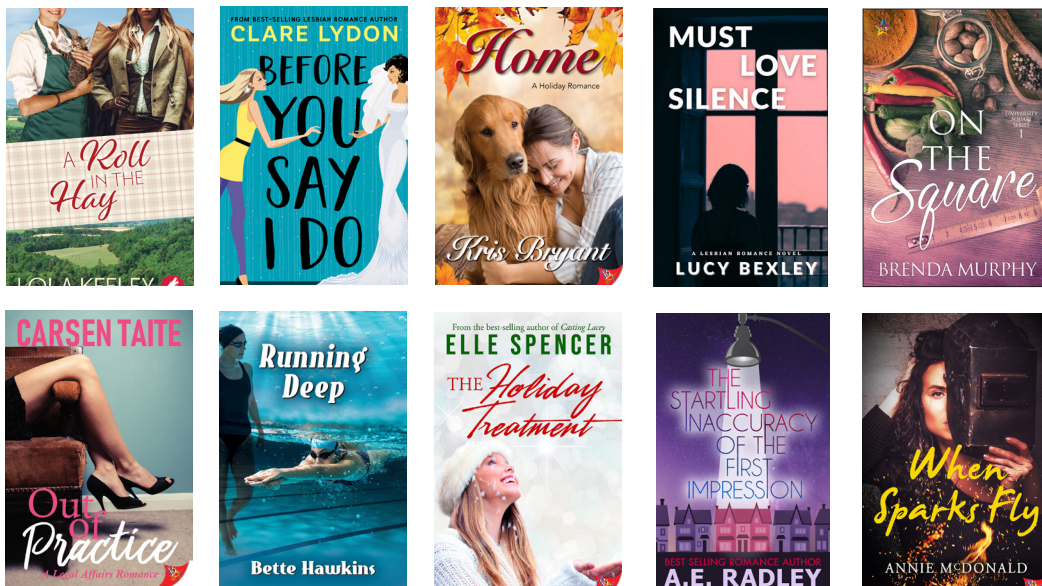
[Kick Back](#)  
KJ  
Self-Published

[Nottingham: The True Story of Robyn Hood](#)

**Anna Burke**  
Bywater Books

[Sylver and Gold](#)  
**Michelle Larkin**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Treacherous Seas](#)  
**Radclyffe**  
Bold Strokes Books



## Contemporary Romance: Short Novels

[A Roll in the Hay](#)

**Lola Keeley**

Ylva Publishing

[Before You Say I Do](#)

**Clare Lydon**

Custard Books

[Home](#)

**Kris Bryant**

Bold Strokes Books

[Must Love Silence](#)

**Lucy Bexley**

Self-Published

[On the Square](#)

**Brenda Murphy**

Ninestar Press

[Out of Practice](#)

**Carсен Taite**

Bold Strokes Books

[Running Deep](#)

**Bette Hawkins**

Bella Books

[The Holiday Treatment](#)

**Elle Spencer**

Bold Strokes Books

[The Startling Inaccuracy of the](#)

[First Impression](#)

**A.E. Radley**

Heartsome Publishing

[When Sparks Fly](#)

**Annie McDonald**

Bold Strokes Books



## Fiction Anthologies/Collections

[All I Want for Christmas](#)

**Georgia Beers, Maggie Cummings, Fiona Riley**

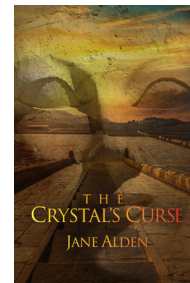
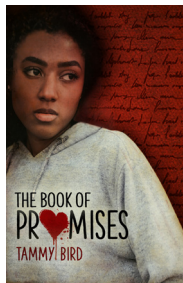
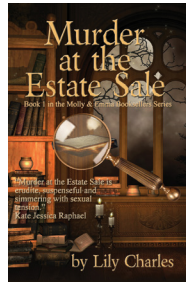
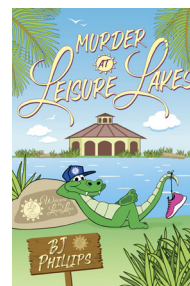
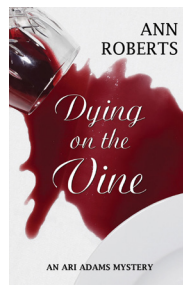
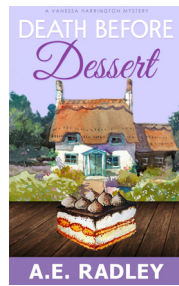
Bold Strokes Books

[Three Alarm Response](#)

**Erin Dutton**

Bold Strokes Books





## Mystery/Thriller/Crime

[Death Before Dessert](#)  
**A.E. Radley**  
Heartsome Publishing

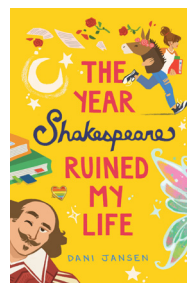
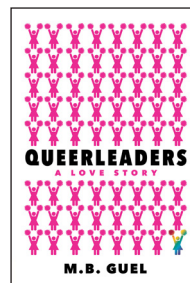
[Dying on the Vine](#)  
**Ann Roberts**  
Bella Books

[Murder at Leisure Lakes](#)  
**BJ Phillips**  
Desert Palm Press

[Murder at the Estate Sale](#)  
**Lily Charles**  
Black Opal Books

[The Book of Promises](#)  
**Tammy Bird**  
Flashpoint Publications

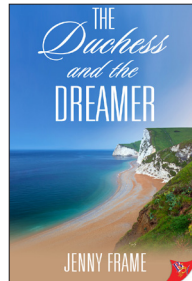
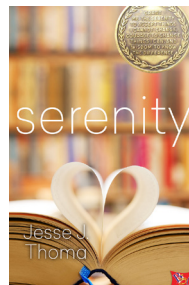
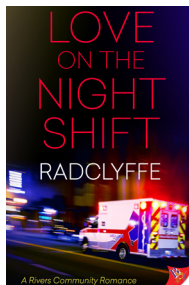
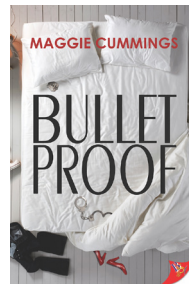
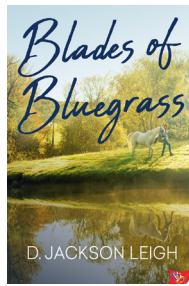
[The Crystal's Curse](#)  
**Jane Alden**  
Desert Palm Press



## Young Adult Fiction

[Queerleaders](#)  
**M.B. Guel**  
Bella Books

[The Year Shakespeare  
Ruined My Life](#)  
**Dani Jansen**  
Second Story Press



## Contemporary Romance: Mid-Length Novels

[Aurora](#)  
**Emma L. McGeown**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Blades of Bluegrass](#)  
**D. Jackson Leigh**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Bulletproof](#)  
**Maggie Cummings**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Don't Cry for Me](#)  
**Rachel Lacey**  
Self-Published

[Hopeless Romantic](#)  
**Georgia Beers**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Love on the Night Shift](#)  
**Radclyffe**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Serenity](#)  
**Jesse J. Thoma**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Temptation](#)  
**Kris Bryant**  
Bold Strokes Books

[The Duchess and the Dreamer](#)  
**Jenny Frame**  
Bold Strokes Books

[The Love Factor](#)  
**Quinn Ivins**  
Ylva Publishing

[Twice Shy](#)  
**Aurora Rey**  
Bold Strokes Books



## Humorous Novels

[Mutual Benefits](#)

**HP Munro**

Red Besom Books

[The Big Tow](#)

**Ann McMan**

Bywater Books



## Paranormal/Occult/Horror

[Coyote Blues](#)

**Karen F. Williams**

Bold Strokes Books

[Jamis Bachman, Ghost Hunter](#)

**Jen Jensen**

Bold Strokes Books

[White Horse Point](#)

**Austin & Andrews**

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[Gillette Park](#)

**Gerri Hill**

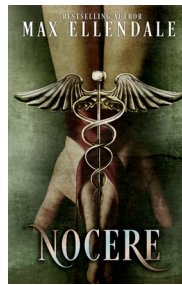
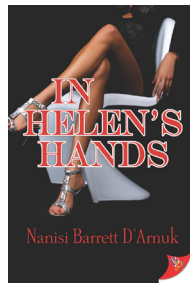
Bella Books

[The Other Side of Forestland](#)

[Lakes](#)

**Carolyn Elizabeth**

Bella Books



## Erotic Novels

[In Helen's Hands](#)

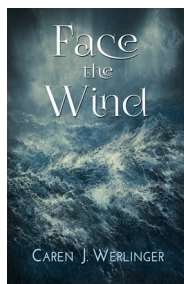
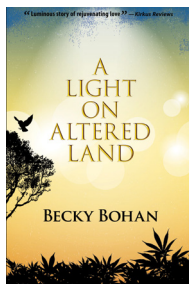
**Nanisi Barrett D'Arnuik**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Nocere](#)

**Max Ellendale**  
Self-Published

[Online](#)

**Madeleine Taylor**  
Lise Gold Books



## General Fiction

[A Light on Altered Land](#)

**Becky Bohan**  
NanBec Books

[Face the Wind](#)

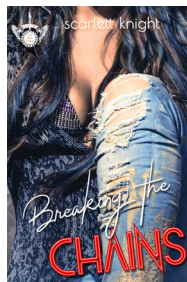
**Caren J. Werlinger**  
Corgyn Publishing

[The Feasting Virgin](#)

**Georgia Kolias**  
Bywater Books

[The Companion](#)

**Kim Taylor Blakemore**  
Lake Union Publishing



## New Adult Fiction

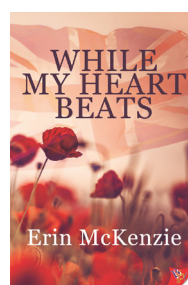
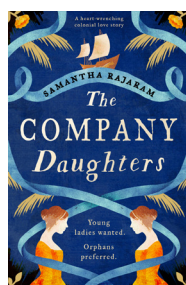
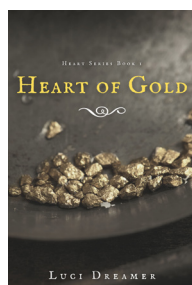
[Breaking the Chains](#)

**Scarlett Knight**  
Painted Hearts Publishing

[The Adventurers](#)

**Bryce Oakley**  
Self-Published





## Historical Fiction

[Heart of Gold](#)

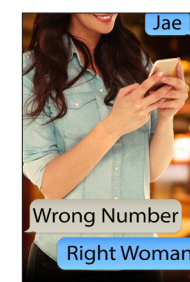
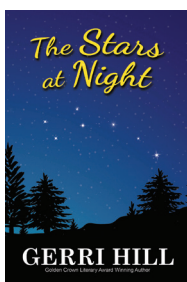
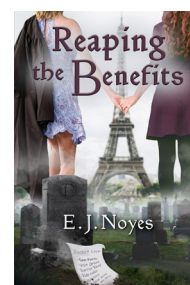
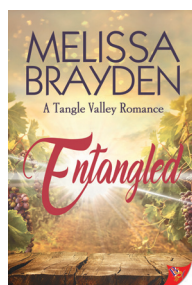
**Luci Dreamer**  
Self-Published

[The Company Daughters](#)

**Samantha Rajaram**  
Bookouture (Hachette)

[While My Heart Beats](#)

**Erin McKenzie**  
Bold Strokes Books



## Contemporary Romance: Long Novels

[Bet Against Me](#)

**Fiona Riley**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Entangled](#)

**Melissa Brayden**  
Bold Strokes Books

[Finding Jessica Lambert](#)

**Clare Ashton**  
Self-Published

[Just One Reason](#)

**Jaime Clevenger**  
Bella Books

[Reaping the Benefits](#)

**E.J. Noyes**  
Bella Books

[Spindrift](#)

**Anna Burke**  
Bywater Books

[The Found Jar](#)

**Jaycie Morrison**  
Bold Strokes Books

[The Stars at Night](#)

**Gerri Hill**  
Bella Books

[Then & Now](#)

**Monica McCallan**  
Self-Published

[Wrong Number, Right Woman](#)

**Jae**  
Ylva Publishing



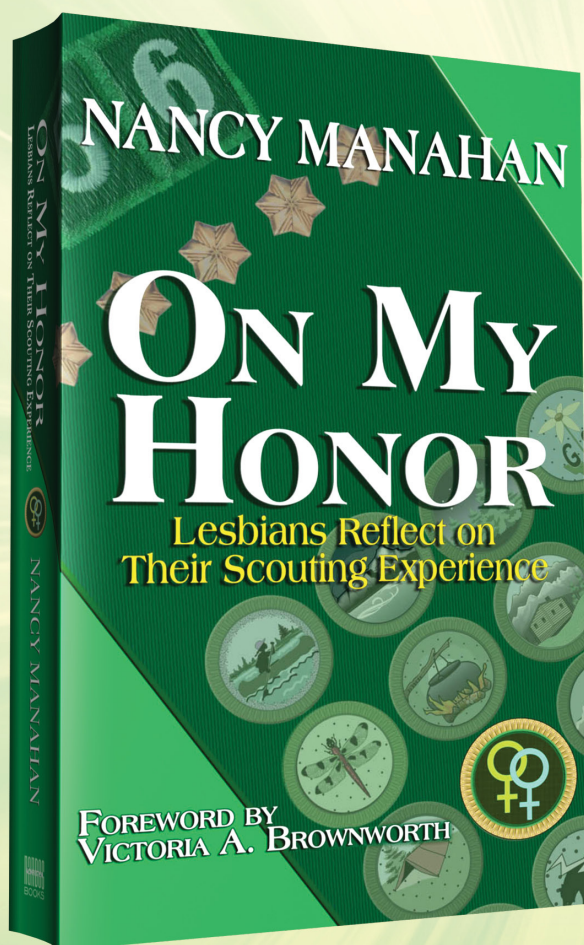


# *Lesbians, Lightning, and Bears...oh my!* On My Honor

Lesbians Reflect on Their Scouting Experience

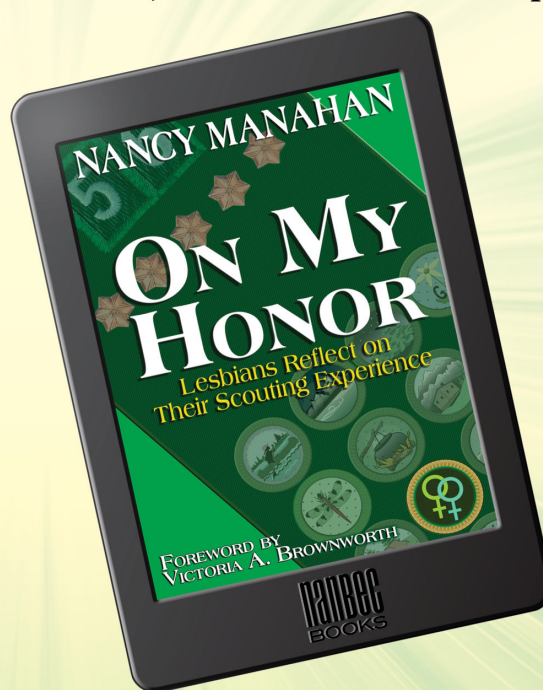


Nancy Manahan and Rosemary Keefe Curb shattered centuries of silence with their international bestseller, *Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence*. Now, in this re-released classic, Manahan explores another taboo topic through hilarious, heartbreaking, and inspiring stories by lesbian Girl Scouts from the US and abroad.



*"These stories of strong, independent women reveal nuggets of the history of how Girl Scouts shaped lesbians' lives and how lesbians shaped Girl Scouts."*

**Jill Cruse, Girl Scout Camp Director;  
Olivia Travel, Vice President of Guest Experience**



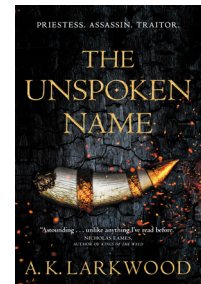
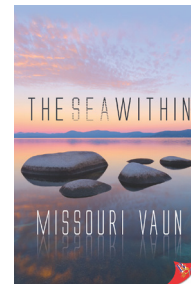
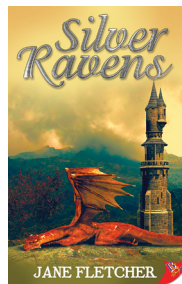
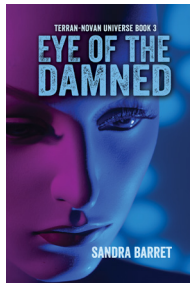
www.nanbec.com **nanbec BOOKS**

*"Once again [Manahan] has taken on the examination of lesbian experience within a community of women that is as American as apple pie (or Girl Scout cookies). As she touched on our spiritual center in Lesbian Nuns: Breaking Silence, so she touches on our cultural center in this book."*

**Victoria A. Brownworth, Pulitzer Prize-nominated journalist and author**

**Available from  
Amazon.com and Bella Books**





## Science Fiction/Fantasy

### [Eye of the Damned](#)

**Sandra Barret**

Bedazzled Ink Publishing

### [Lady of Stone](#)

**Barbara Ann Wright**

Bold Strokes Books

### [Silver Ravens](#)

**Jane Fletcher**

Bold Strokes Books

### [The Lost Temple of Psiere](#)

**K. Aten**

Flashpoint Publications

### [The Sea Within](#)

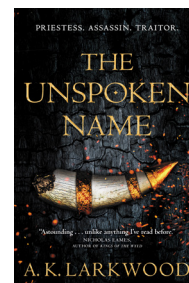
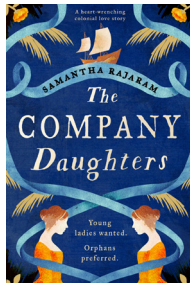
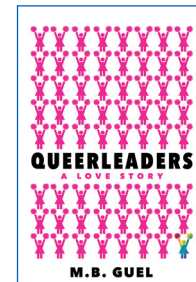
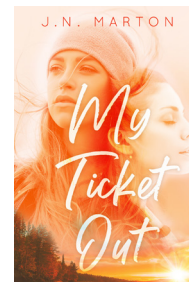
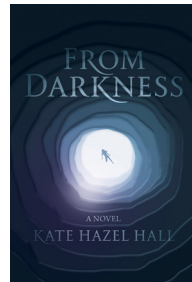
**Missouri Vaun**

Bold Strokes Books

### [The Unspoken Name](#)

**A. K. Larkwood**

Tor Books



## Debut Novel

### [Aurora](#)

**Emma L. McGeown**

Bold Strokes Books

### [From Darkness](#)

**Kate Hazel Hall**

Duet Books

### [Must Love Silence](#)

**Lucy Bexley**

Self-Published

### [My Ticket Out](#)

**J.N. Marton**

Self-Published

### [Queerleaders](#)

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**Samantha Rajaram**

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**Dani Jansen**

Second Story Press

# LOST SISTERS



Marti Babbitt



Ivy Bottini



Madeline Davis



Alix Dobkin



Joan Drury

## Marti Babbitt

**April 4, 1946 – March 21, 2021**

Marti Babbitt was a long-standing GCLS member. An avid reader of WLW novels, Marti always had an eye for continuity or its lack. That trait served her well when she began proofing audiobooks for Bold Strokes Books about six years ago. Later, she evaluated narrator voices, determining if the voice was a good match for the content. She also reviewed covers. She enjoyed her work immensely and was proud to be a part of the Bold Strokes Books production team. She loved meeting and communicating with the authors. She completed her last assignment in November of 2020. She loved attending GCLS events and regularly participated in the Dallas Women With Pride book club.

In June of 2020, after a fall resulting in broken ribs, Marti was diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer that had metastasized to her brain and elsewhere. Nine months later, she died peacefully at home, surrounded by her loved ones.

Source: Linda Parks, Marti's wife and GCLS Member

## Ivy Bottini

**August 15, 1926 – February 25, 2021**

Ivy Bottini was a founder of the first chapter of the National Organization for Women (NOW) formed in 1966 as well as designing their national logo. As she fought for women's rights in New York City, she conceived and led the takeover of the Statue of Liberty in 1970 when Ivy's New York Chapter of NOW, hung a large banner over the top of Statue's pedestal which read, "Women of the Word Unite." In 1970 she was forced out of NOW due to her desire for equality and inclusion of lesbians in the struggle for women's

rights. She fought to get funding and services for the sick and dying during the AIDS epidemic. She founded the first AIDS organization in Los Angeles, AIDS Network LA, which served as a clearing house for early disease information and in 1983 she co-founded AIDS Project L.A. Ivy originally conceived the idea of providing affordable housing for Gay & Lesbian Seniors. Many years of hard work culminated with the founding of the non-profit Gay & Lesbian Elder Housing, Inc. in 1993.

[Source: Ten More Good Years](#)

## Madeline Davis

**July 7, 1940 – April 28, 2021**

A longtime activist for gay rights, she blazed a trail for the understanding and acceptance of the LGBTQ community as a teacher, stage performer, author and historian.

She was a founding member and president of the first gay liberation organization in Western New York, the Mattachine Society of the Niagara Frontier.

The following year...she became the first openly gay delegate to a major political party convention and advocated for a gay rights plank in the platform. She taught the first course on lesbianism in the nation at the University at Buffalo.

She and UB professor Dr. Elizabeth L. Kennedy researched and authored a landmark account of the lives of gay working women in Buffalo, *Boots of Leather, Slippers of Gold: The History of a Lesbian Community*.

Published in 1994, "Boots of Leather" received the Lambda Literary Award, the Ruth Benedict Award for urban anthropology and the Jessie Bernard Award from the American Sociological Association.

[Source: The Buffalo News](#)

## Alix Dobkin

**August 16, 1940 – May 19, 2021**

Our community lost a beloved lesbian warrior and radical wordsmith on May 19, 2021, when folksinger and activist-author Alix Dobkin died at age 80 from a brain aneurysm and stroke. Surrounded by loved ones during final days in her Woodstock, New York home, Alix drew an outpouring of memories, tributes, and lengthy letters of gratitude. Her 1973 album *Lavender Jane Loves Women*, the first fully lesbian-themed LP in history, helped millions of women come out into open and outspoken lesbian identity, and as the "head lesbian" (a designation she accepted proudly), Alix delighted in performing original songs with lively and political lyrics emphasizing the word LESBIAN as much as possible. Her concerts addressed male violence, global lesbian community, class issues, Jewish women's history, and language, with songs such as "Amazon ABC" and "Lesbian Codes." Out and unapologetic, Alix broke the mold, touring from the mid-1970s well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Source: Bonnie J. Morris

## Joan Drury

**February 2, 1945 – November 9, 2020**

Joan worked for the Loft in Minneapolis for many years. She owned, was the publisher and chief editor of a feminist publishing company, Spinsters Ink, in Minnesota for eight years. During the period, the company published about 40 books, 26 of which earned awards. She created and ran, with her friend Marilyn Crawford, a women's foundation, Harmony Women's Fund, which funded over 100 women's non-profit organizations in the state of Minnesota and created the National Lesbian Writers Awards which aided lesbian



# LOST SISTERS



Kay (Tobin) Lahusen



Virginia Mollenkott



Deb Price



Joan Schenkar

writers financially to focus on their writing.

In 2002, she bought a small building on the shoreline of Lake Superior in Grand Marais and created and developed Drury Lane Books which has thrived into the present day with a devoted and loyal following of customers.

Over the course of her life, Joan also wrote six books of her own, four of which were published and earned a total of 11 awards.

[Source: Drury Lane Books](#)

## Kay (Tobin) Lahusen

**January 5, 1930 – May 26, 2021**

With her partner, the late activist Barbara Gittings, Lahusen advocated for gay civil rights years before the 1969 Stonewall uprising in New York. She captured widely published images of some of the nation's first protests.

Lahusen photographed a series of gay rights demonstrations held in front of Philadelphia's Independence Hall each July 4 from 1965 to 1969 — and was a marcher herself....She documented gay rights protests at the White House and the Pentagon.

Lahusen's life partner, Gittings, was one of the nation's most prominent lesbian activists....

They had met in 1961 at a picnic held by Daughters of Bilitis. Lahusen was arts editor and shot groundbreaking cover photos of gay women for the group's national publication, *The Ladder*.

Under the pseudonym Kay Tobin, she co-wrote a 1972 book, "The Gay Crusaders," which profiled the movement's early leaders.

[Source: The Washington Post](#)

## Dr. Virginia Mollenkott

**January 28, 1932 - September 25, 2020**

Dr. Virginia Ramey Mollenkott, a Christian feminist, is the author of thirteen books, including the groundbreaking work, *Is The Homosexual My Neighbor? A Positive Christian View*. Dr. Mollenkott devoted her life to teaching at various colleges and lecturing around the world. She found a new understanding of the Bible, which allowed her to reconcile feminism and her lesbian identity with Biblical teachings.

Dr. Mollenkott was a guest lecturer at hundreds of universities, church conferences, and seminaries. She served as a board member for numerous organizations and was a founding member of the GLBT-inclusive Evangelical and Ecumenical Women's Caucus. In 2002, she won the Lambda Literary Award for *Omnigender: A TransReligious Approach*.

[Source: The New York Times](#)

[Source: LGBTQ Religious Archives](#)

## Deb Price

**February 27, 1958 – November 20, 2020**

Deb Price rose to notoriety in her debut column for the *Detroit News* when she asked the question, "America, how do I introduce Joyce?" Joyce was Joyce Murdoch, Price's partner for the previous six years.

Price authored the first column of its kind in mainstream media, writing about gay life and its nuances. She blew the closet door open at a time when gay journalists were struggling to be out and successful. She told the *Washington Post*, "It's an asset for a newspaper to have openly gay journalists in the same way that having African Americans or Hispanics or people with disabilities is an asset."

[Source: The Washington Post](#)

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## Joan Schenkar

**August 15, 1942 – May 5, 2021**

Joan Schenkar started her career as a playwright but switched to biography, producing an especially well-regarded take on a complex literary figure in 2009 with her book *The Talented Miss Highsmith: The Secret Life and Serious Art of Patricia Highsmith*.

Ms. Schenkar began writing plays, experimental works built on absurdity and out-there humor. She used the phrase "a Comedy of Menace" as a subtitle for many of them.

*Signs of Life* involved an imagined P.T. Barnum attraction named Elephant Woman; a gynecologist partial to an instrument called the uterine guillotine; and the author Henry James.

The plays were produced in theaters in the United States and beyond, but the critical reception was sometimes harsh. That was one of the things that drove Ms. Schenkar to try biography.

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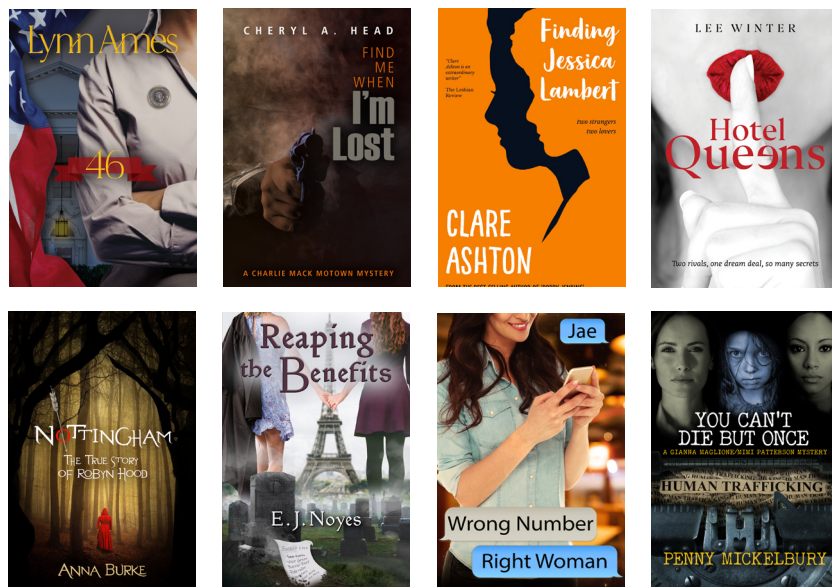
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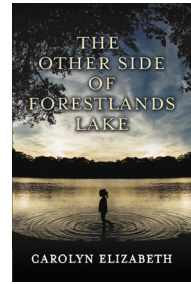
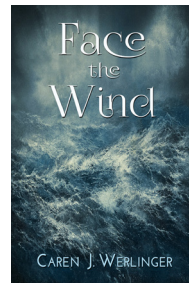
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