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Salem Press Announces the Publication of *Notable Writers of LGBTQ+ Literature*

Notable Writers of LGBTQ+ Literature continues the Salem Press tradition of providing detailed analysis of the lives and works of major contributors to notable literary genres. This two-volume set features the work of both prominent and lesser-known authors in this ever-expanding field. Looking back at the writings of historical figures such as Sappho and William Shakespeare establishes the veiled roots of this literary genre, while exploring the work of award-winning contemporary writers like Danez Smith and Rafael Campo reveals how open and diverse this genre has become.

A detailed Introduction follows that sets out the scope of this work, grappling with the definition and briefly sketching the history of the LGBTQ+ literary genre. This is followed by a listing of the volume's Contributors.

Detailed analyses of selected works by an author follow the biography, illuminating the artistry that makes these writings not only important LGBTQ+ works but also simply works of art in themselves, reflecting society in a particular historical moment but also timeless. Entries conclude with a comprehensive list of works by an author, a bibliography, and suggested further reading. Incorporated throughout this volume are supplemental essays that help to place an author in context, either with another individual or with an important event. Many of these essays focus on writers who are at the start of their careers, or who have simply been neglected, sometimes for decades.

Each entry begins with a brief abstract describing how an author contributed to the recognition of LGBTQ+ writing and why they are included in this collection. Biographical details follow, addressing in particular where each artist falls on the spectrum—from secrecy to bold acknowledgment—of their connection to the LGBTQ+ community of their time.

Each essay is 1,000 to 2,000 words in length and includes the top matter information such as **Name**, by which the subject is best known; a **Description** of each author's contributions and the type of writing they are best known for; and **Birth and death dates** and **locations** when available.

The body of each article is organized as follows:

- **Biography** provides facts about upbringing and the environment that shaped each writer. When details are scarce, historical context is provided. These biographies often point to the source of a writer's particular "genius," showing how an individual's relationship with the world around them informs their work.
- **Analysis** considers the overall arc of a writer's career. The characters that inhabit their writings, the plots and themes they turn to, and their writing style is considered carefully.
- **Achievements** highlights the accomplishments of the writers featured, ranging from literary awards to social and environmental activism.
- Lists of **Selected Works** and **Selected Reading** are also included.

Back matter includes supporting features of particular interest to those studying LGBTQ+ writers:

- **Bibliography**
- **Author Awards**
- **Author Birth and Death Information**
- **Subject Index**
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Designed to introduce readers at the high school and university level to the rich and diverse world of LGBTQ+ literature, this two-volume collection will provide students with careful research and resources for further exploration into these accomplished and indispensable writers.

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