

## **Books About LGBTQIA (Compiled by Dave Perry)**

**L: Lesbian; G: Gay; B: Bisexual; T: Transgender; Q: Queer; I: Intersex; A: Asexual and Ally**

**Alan Chambers:** *Leaving Homosexuality: A Practical Guide for Men and Women Looking for a Way Out.* - Alan Chambers started Exodus International.

**Mark A. Yarhouse, PsyD:** *Homosexuality and the Christian* - copyright 2010  
Well respected traditional author that calls us to treat homosexual Christians as Christians first that just happen to be same-sex attracted (SSA). He documents his research showing that even repeated participation in reparative ministries has little to no impact on SSA. He calls evangelicals to not divide on this issue.

**Janelle Haliman:** *The Heart of Female Same-Sex Attraction* - My daughter-in-law who is also a licensed councilor recommended this book to me. I have discussed this topic with Janelle who is a Christian by phone. She helps her clients pursue their goals. For some that means a lasting same-sex relationship. For others that means living a successful celibate life.

## **Books by Evangelicals Desiring the Church to Change**

**James V. Brownson:** *Bible, Gender, Sexuality - Reframing the Church's Debate on Same-Sex Relationships* - copyright 2013

**Ken Wilson:** *A Letter to my Congregation ... An evangelical pastor's path to embracing people who are gay, lesbian, and transgender into the company of Jesus* - copyright 2014

I found the interview of Ken Wilson in this link very interesting.

<http://www.evangelicalsforsocialaction.org/faith-and-public-life/ken-wilson-its-time-for-pastors-to-step-up/>

At the end is a link to a book review of the book that led to this interview.

(note that some reviewers and public statements by some critics of this book miss- label his position as affirming. He is accepting, but not affirming. He suggests the application of Romans 14 to allow civil unity with both sides and not splitting congregations over this issue.)

**Andrew Marin:** *Love Is an Orientation - Elevating the*

*Conversation with the Gay Community* - copyright 2009 - Andrew and his wife live in Boystown, a predominantly LGBT neighborhood in Chicago. Andrew tries hard to be fair to both sides. His goal is building bridges. The Foreword by Brian McLaren would indicate he succeeds.

**Mark Achtemeier:** *The Bible's Yes to Same-Sex Marriage - An Evangelicals Change of heart* - copyright 2014

**Tim Otto:** *Oriented to Faith - Transforming the Conflict over Gay Relationships* - copyright 2014 - Tim is a gay Christian living in an Acts 3 like affirming evangelical community that is mostly non-gay.

The next two books by evangelical Gay Christians led to the formation of two important groups having significant impact today.

**Gay Christian Network (GCN)**

**Justin Lee:** *TORN, RESCUING THE GOSPEL FROM THE GAYS-VS.-CHRISTIANS DEBATE* - copyright 2012

If you browse GCN <https://www.gaychristian.net/index.php>, pay special attention to the Side A and Side B essays under the "Great Debate" tab.

**The Reformation Project** <http://www.reformationproject.org/>

**Matthew Vines:** *GOD and the GAY Christian - The Biblical Case in Support of Same-Sex Relationships*

**Apology by Alan Chambers** - I found it while following a foot note in Matthew Vines' book.

<http://www.christianitytoday.com/gleanings/2013/june/alan-chambers-apologizes-to-gay-community-exodus.html>

Did you realize that Exodus International shut down in 2013 after admitting their ministries did much more harm than good? I think the documented failure and great damage of "reparative" ministries has accelerated the involvement of evangelicals in support of The Reformation Project. This link includes links (part 1, part 2) to a ~3 hour Q&A between Justin Lee and Alan Chambers at the 2012 GCN Conference. The discussion at this event is one of the best applications of "love your enemy" and "telling the truth in love" I have ever experienced. Justin Lee and Alan Chambers clearly are both good

Christian friends. This 3 hour dialogue occurred shortly before the shutdown and public apology.

**Dr. David P. Gushee:** *Changing Our Mind* - copyright 2014

David P. Gushee is considered by many to be the leading evangelical ethicist today and is coauthor of "Kingdom Ethics". I am attaching a screen shot of a review by David Clark, the current dean of Bethel Seminary. I taught at Bethel University in the college. David Clark was a member of our MN church.

### **Interesting (Youtube) videos from Reformation Project training gatherings**

Dr. David Gushee: ...You're hurting me with your Bible

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Mz5JbkFlok>

Dr. David Gushee: Ending the Teaching of Contempt against the Church's Sexual Minorities

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2o3ZGwzZvk>

Rev. Scott Anderson: Speaks at the Reformation Project

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G1LlqLFeM6o>

Dr. James Brownson: Romans 1:24-27

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kKOTNneoOpU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9kONByDAXko>

### **Miscellaneous Related Books**

**Tom Horner:** *Jonathan Loved David - Homosexuality in Biblical Times* - copyright 1978

#### **Books That Help Us Understand Transgender**

**Joanne Herman:** *Transgender Explained - For those who Are Not* - copyright 2009

**Jennifer Finney Boylan:** *She's Not There* - copyright 2003, 2013

**Edited by E. A. Hubbard and C. T. Whitley:** *Trans-Kin, A Guide for Family & Friends of Transgender People* - copyright 2012

## **Books about successful Dialog**

**Tim Muehlhoff:** *I Beg to Differ - Navigating Difficult Conversations with Truth and Love* - copyright 2014 - A required read for those being trained to be Dialogue Leaders for ESA - Oriented to Love dialogues.

**John Backman:** *Why Can't We Talk - Christian Wisdom on Dialogue as a Habit of the Heart* - copyright ? - A required read for those being trained to be Dialogue Leaders for ESA - Oriented to Love dialogues.

ps. **Alan Chambers' recent book:** *My Exodus: From Fear to Grace*

## **Other Links**

<http://www.jrdkirk.com/2015/10/17/embracing-the-gentiles/>

Dr. Kirk lost his NT teaching position at Fuller Seminary because of his change of view expressed in this post.

<https://tenthousandplaces.org/2015/06/29/that-god-has-made-clean-how-i-came-to-support-full-inclusion-of-lgbt-people-in-the-body-of-christ/>

The comments following this post show both sides well. I thought you would appreciate her blog (she is a nanny).

<http://www.readthespirit.com/explore/interview-ken-wilson-letter-congregation/>

This is an interesting interview with Ken Wilson. His Anarbor, MI church was kicked out of *The Vinyard* denomination after Ken presented a paper based on the ideas that became this book to their academic conference.