

QUEER SUMMER READING

These award winners make fine companions for a trip to the beach or a moment of respite in the shade

by Renée LaChance

The Lambda Literary Awards honor the lesbian and gay communities' finest writers, editors and publishers. The awards are sponsored by the *Lambda Book Report* (published by the Lambda Rising bookstores based in Washington, D.C.) and are bestowed every June at a posh banquet. This year's event took place at the Palmer House in Chicago on June 2.

Books

The theme of connections between lesbians and gay men unite several winners of this year's Lambda Literary Awards—affectionately known as the Lammys. *Sister and Brother* won the nonfiction anthology award. It was co-edited by Joan Nestle and

John Preston. The Children's/Young Adult award went to *Am I Blue?* a collection of stories for young adults by lesbian, gay and heterosexual authors.

This was the first year Canadian books were eligible for the Lammys. The Small Press award went to *Her Tongue on My Theory* by the Kiss and Tell lesbian writers collective and published by Vancouver, B.C.'s Press Gang.

The Publisher's Service award went to Barbara Smith for founding, with the late Audre Lorde, Kitchen Table Press. And the Editor's Choice award went to Mab Segrest for her book *Memoir of a Race Traitor*.

The Lambda Literary Awards began in 1989, and two authors who took honors at the first banquet also won awards this year: in the Lesbian Studies category, Dorothy Allison for *Skin*, and in the Gay Men's Fiction category, Alan Hollinghurst for *The Folding Star*.



1994 Lambda Literary Awards Recipients

Gay Men's Fiction

THE FOLDING STAR
by Alan Hollinghurst
Pantheon

Lesbian Fiction

GIFTS OF THE BODY
by Rebecca Brown
HarperCollins

Lesbian Studies

SKIN
by Dorothy Allison
Firebrand Books

Gay Men's Studies

GAY NEW YORK
by George Chauncey
Basic Books

Gay Men's Biography/Autobiography

MY OWN COUNTRY
by Abraham Verghese
Simon and Schuster

Lesbian Biography/Autobiography

GERTRUDE STEIN IN WORDS AND PICTURES
by Renate Stendahl
Algonquin Press

Lesbian Poetry

WINTER NUMBERS
by Marilyn Hacker
Norton

Gay Men's Poetry

COLLECTED POEMS
by Thom Gunn
Farrar Strauss and Giroux

Lesbian Mystery

SMALL SACRIFICE
by Ellen Hart
Seal Press

Gay Men's Mystery

MIDNIGHT IN THE GARDEN OF GOOD AND EVIL
by John Berendt
Random House

Lesbian and Gay Anthologies/Nonfiction

SISTER AND BROTHER
edited by Joan Nestle and John Preston
HarperSanFrancisco

Lesbian and Gay Anthologies/Fiction

CHLOE PLUS OLIVIA
edited by Lillian Faderman
Viking

Gay and Lesbian Science Fiction/Fantasy

TROUBLE AND HER FRIENDS
by Melissa Scott
Tor

Lesbian and Gay Humor

THE DYKE AND THE DYBBUK
by Ellen Galford
Seal

Lesbian and Gay Drama

ANGELS IN AMERICA, PART II: PERESTROIKA
by Tony Kushner
TCG

Lesbian and Gay Photography/Visual Arts

FAMILY
by Nancy Andrews
HarperSanFrancisco

Lesbian and Gay Children's/Young Adult

AM I BLUE?
edited by Marion Dane Bauer
HarperChildren's

Lesbian and Gay Small Press

HER TONGUE ON MY THEORY
by Kiss and Tell
Press Gang

Editor's Choice

MEMOIR OF A RACE TRAITOR
by Mab Segrest
South End

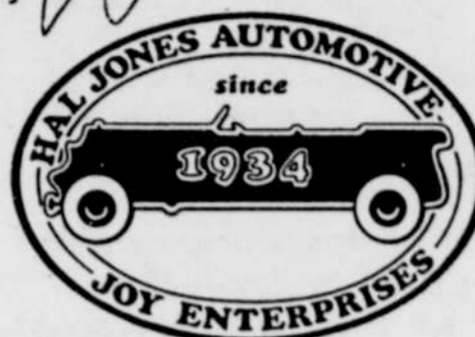
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