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EQUALITY
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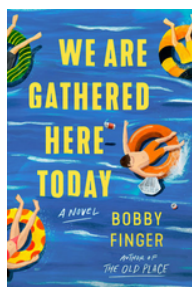
Women's Equality Day

Women's Equality Day (August 26th) commemorates the certification of the 19th Amendment, which granted many women in the United States the right to vote while recognizing that many women—especially Black, Indigenous, and other women of color—continued to face barriers to voting for decades afterward. Today, Women's Equality Day is an opportunity to recognize the contributions of LGBTQ+ women, including lesbian, bisexual, transgender, queer, and non-binary people who have advanced gender equity and continue to advocate for a more inclusive and equitable society.

Literature and Film



"We Are Gathered Here Today"



**Goodreads
Review**

"The Wedding People meets The Celebrants in this hilarious and profound novel about a recently engaged gay man second guessing marriage, and his cousin's chaotic Texas wedding weekend with old friends and unexpected strangers that will help guide him to the truth"

LGBTQ+ Spotlight

Sunil Gupta

Sunil Gupta (he/him) is a British-Indian photographer, writer, and activist whose work documents LGBTQ+ lives, intimacy, and community while exploring the intersections of sexuality, race, migration, and identity. Across projects such as From Here to Eternity (1999) and Christopher Street (1976), Gupta has captured everyday moments of queer life and challenged the invisibility of LGBTQ+ people, particularly gay men of color.



"Dandelion"



[Click here to watch!](#)

"In 1970s Los Angeles, rebellious queer teen MARGARET gets thrown out of yet another foster placement and finds herself in the company of mysterious social worker, JOYCE who's tasked with finding her a new home before the break of dawn. At odds and forced to travel the city together, Margaret realizes that running may not be her only option."



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How has the 2026 State Legislative Session Affected LGBTQ+ Youth?

"Many states' discriminatory efforts mirror the federal government's continued attacks on LGBTQ+ youth, as the Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS) has issued decisions that undermine rights and protections from LGBTQ+ youth, and the Administration has cut supportive resources, restricted essential healthcare, and amplified harmful rhetoric and misinformation. While several states have not wavered in their support for LGBTQ+ young people, others have unfortunately used this opportunity to maximize harm. On March 31, SCOTUS issued their ruling in *Chiles v. Salazar* on Colorado's law prohibiting discredited conversion therapy practices, ruling that the law may have violated the therapist's First Amendment rights. The case was sent back to lower courts to judge against the higher standard they determined. To be clear, the Court did not decide that conversion therapy is safe or legal, but this ruling does complicate efforts to protect LGBTQ+ young people from these harmful practices. Thankfully, we have already seen lawmakers in states across the country, starting with Colorado, working to pass laws that will hold conversion therapists accountable while operating within the constraints of the Court's ruling. On June 30, 2026 SCOTUS also issued a 6-3 ruling to uphold state laws that prohibit transgender women and girls from playing on school sports teams that match their gender identity in *West Virginia v. B.P.J.* and *Little v. Hecox.*"

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Ally Pride Flag



The Ally Pride Flag represents straight and cisgender people who actively support the LGBTQ+ community. It features a black-and-white striped background (representing straight/cisgender identity) with a rainbow-colored "A" in the center (representing "ally" and solidarity with the LGBTQ+ community).

[Click here to learn more about the different pride flags!](#)

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24-hr LGBTQ+ Crisis Support



866.488.7386

Trans Lifeline
Bilingual Crisis Hotline



877.565.8860