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The Ultimate Source for the Answers to these Burning Questions:
Who Was Gay?
How Do We Know?
Why Does it Matter?

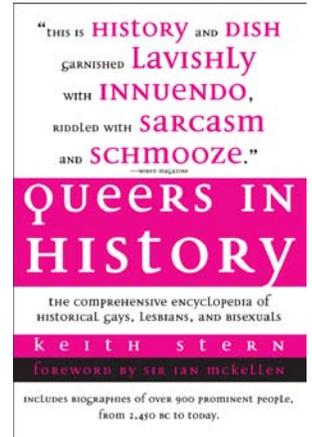
Although we've all been curious, and everyone has wagered a guess about so-and-so's sexuality, there has never been a book quite like this: the first comprehensive biographical compendium to finally answer the question: who are the **"Queers in History"**?

"Queers in History: The Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Historical Gays, Lesbians, Bisexuals and Transgenders" is a one-stop resource for anyone ever interested in the sexuality of well-known celebrities and historical figures. Some are obvious (Rosie O'Donnell), some are surprising (Abraham Lincoln), but they're all true. From Egyptian pharaohs to Catholic popes, from Neil Patrick Harris to Plato, author Keith Stern has compiled hundreds of people into one interesting, absorbing and truly unique book.

Inside **"Queers in History"** you'll read about:

- **Clark Gable's** drunken same-sex encounter
- **Emily Dickinson's** love letters to a female friend
- *The Age of Innocence* writer, **Edith Wharton's** lesbian affairs
- **Socrates'** helplessness toward adolescent boys
- The many homoerotic elements in the work of **William Shakespeare**
- **Judy Garland's** affair with her press agent

This impossible-to-put-down collection is intended for gay and straight alike. **"Queers in History"** doesn't just report those details left out of standard biographies, it paints a fascinating picture of queer society and culture, from the samurai in Japan to the modern American equality struggles. With a foreword provided by Sir Ian McKellen, **"Queers in History"** is the only book of its kind, and a must-read.



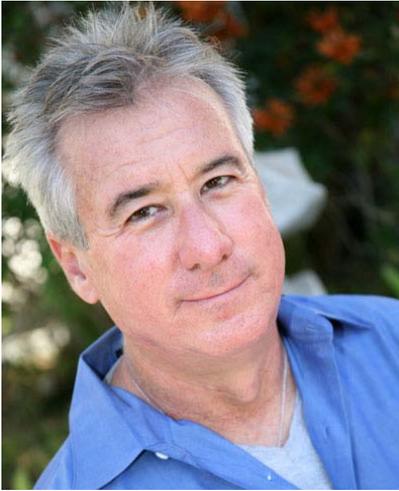
**Foreword written
by Sir Ian
McKellen!**

**Whose profile will
you find in
"Queers in
History":**

- a) Alexander the Great
- b) Cary Grant
- c) Merv Griffin
- d) Eleanor Roosevelt
- e) Tennessee Williams
- f) Michelangelo
- g) All of the above

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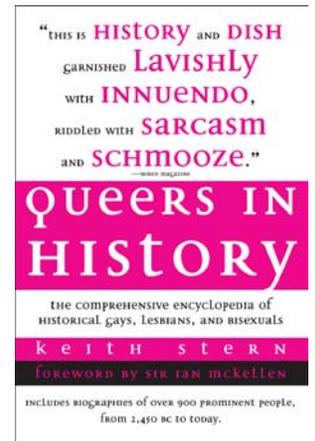
Keith Stern has produced some of the most popular biographical Web sites on the Internet. Since 1997 he has been collaborating with Ian McKellen on the actor's autobiographical Web site, McKellen.com. Keith has also produced Web sites for Lynn Redgrave (Redgrave.com), Sean Astin (SeanAstin.com), Andy Serkis (Serkis.com), Spinal Tap (SpinalTap.com), Gods and Monsters (GodsAndMonsters.net) and others for movie stars and movies.

Stern started in the music business as a musician followed by several years with Warner Bros Records in field promotion, public relations, A&R and IT. In 1979 in Charlotte, North Carolina, he transformed "The Milestone" into a showcase punk rock/new wave music venue and in 1981 with Ben Clark, he opened a larger venue "Viceroy Park." As an independent promoter, he produced many early concerts for punk/new wave acts including R.E.M., The Ramones, The Go-Go's, Iggy Pop, Bow Wow Wow and Joan Jett.

In 1993 Stern published "Queers in History" on CD-ROM, one of the first "new media" titles to be sold through bookstores. The contents included 850 biographies of historical personages who were gay, lesbian, or bisexual. It also included a trivia game, "Queeries."

Stern has written a feature-length screenplay, Freezing Time, based on the life of pioneering photographer Eadweard Muybridge which will be produced in 2011.

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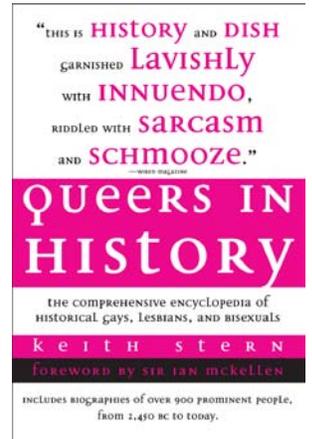


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Did you know that?

- **Joan Crawford** and **Marilyn Monroe** had a one-night-stand?
- **Leonardo da Vinci** was imprisoned twice for same-sex affairs?
- **Sir Francis Bacon's** mother complained about him sleeping with the male servants?
- **Leonard Bernstein** had an affair with an Israeli soldier?
- A **US President** and his male roommate were so close they were called "Siamese Twins"?
- **Grandpa Walton** had an affair with one of the founders of the gay rights movement?
- A welterweight **champion boxer** killed his opponent in the ring after being taunted by him for being gay?
- The lesbian wife of a gay actor accused **Howard Hughes** of having an affair with her husband shortly before his mysterious murder?
- The founder of **Shinto Buddhism** also founded a tradition of male-male love in Japan?
- **Angelina Jolie** wanted to marry her "Firefox" co-star **Jenny Shimizu**?
- Two **ancient Egyptian** men shared a tomb as husband and wife?
- A **well-known actress** went temporarily deaf after her famous husband informed her he was gay?
- **Lawrence of Arabia** dedicated his life's work to a young male lover?
- A much-decorated **admiral** in the British navy during WW2 was nicknamed "Lord Mountbottom"?
- **Sir Isaac Newton** suffered a nervous breakdown after breaking up with his male roommate?
- An Egyptian **pharaoh** was reported to his council for a secret affair with a general?
- Two **famous actresses** had an affair while on a USO tour to entertain troops during WW2?
- The **wife** of one US president moved her girlfriend into the White House, and another US President shared his White House bed with the male chief of his security detail?
- An heroic **soldier** in the US Revolution was actually a woman in disguise, who "married" another woman after her service in the Continental Army?
- A great **composer** may have been forced to commit suicide to avoid a homosexual scandal?

Read the whole story in Queers in History!



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