

One of the key moments in my search for answers came unexpectedly, when I stumbled upon a gay novel at the public library. I was fifteen at the time: the year was 1979. I can still remember the book *The Lord Won't Mind*. The novel, by Gordon Merrick, tells the story of the forbidden love that develops and ultimately triumphs between two dashing young men. The book provided comforting evidence that I was not alone and led me to consider the notion that two men or two women really could love one another.

--Bennett L. Singer, editor
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