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## Salem Press Announces the First Edition of *Great Lives from History: LGBTQ+*

*Great Lives from History: LGBTQ+* features 210 biographies covering a curated selection of individuals important to the LGBTQ+ community throughout history, many of whom are not covered in any other *Great Lives* set. This edition does not seek to be all-encompassing, but rather to cover an array of individuals from ancient times to present, from a variety of countries and cultures around the world. Each essay has been written or revised specifically for this set, including over 40 new entries; biographies represent a cross-section of some of the most influential and recognizable individuals involved in the LGBTQ+ community, including activists, actors, artists, businesspeople, musicians, scientists, sports figures, writers, and more. Sidebars help to round out the content, providing readers with context or a closer look at important aspects of the individuals' lives.

The biographical coverage in *Great Lives from History: LGBTQ+* is vast. Notable figures discussed in this title include:

Gilbert Baker  
James Baldwin  
Pete Buttigieg  
Anderson Cooper  
Laverne Cox  
Ellen DeGeneres  
Barney Frank  
Barbara Gittings  
Marsha P. Johnson

Christine Jorgensen  
Billie Jean King  
Larry Kramer  
Rachel Maddow  
Harvey Milk  
Elliot Page  
RuPaul  
Bayard Rustin  
Alan Turing

Each essay is approximately 1,000-2,000 words in length and displays standard reference top matter offering easy access to the following biographical information: the **name** by which the subject is best known, a succinct description of each person's **political career**, a **synopsis** of the individual's historical importance in relation to their autocrats or dictatorial tendencies, indicating why the person is studied today, the most complete dates of **birth and death**, followed by the most precise locations of these events available.

Each essay concludes with a byline of the contributing writer-scholar. The body of each essay is divided into the following three parts:

- **Early Life** provides facts about the individual's upbringing and the environment in which the person was reared. Where little is known about the person's early life, historical context is provided.
- **Carrer in Government**, the heart of the essay, consists of a straightforward, generally chronological account of how the individual rose through the ranks or otherwise ascended to their eventual autocratic or dictatorial position, and their actions once that position had been attained.
- **Significance** provides an overview of the long-range importance of the individual's importance, be it positive or, as is the case with the majority of those profiled within, profoundly negative. This section sums up why it is important to study this individual.

Each essay also includes a Further Reading section that provides a starting point for further research. Several features distinguish this series as a whole from other biographical reference works:

- **Complete List of Contents:** An alphabetical list of all of the individuals covered in the set appears in each volume.
- **Sidebars:** A highlight of this publication, numerous entries contain sidebars providing a deeper glimpse into an individual's life, influence, or notable achievement.

Appendixes in *Great Lives from History: LGBTQ+* include a chronological list of entries, a glossary, a general bibliography, a general mediagraphy, and electronic resources. Indexes finish off the work and are divided as such: Geographic Index, Political Title Index, and Subject Index.

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