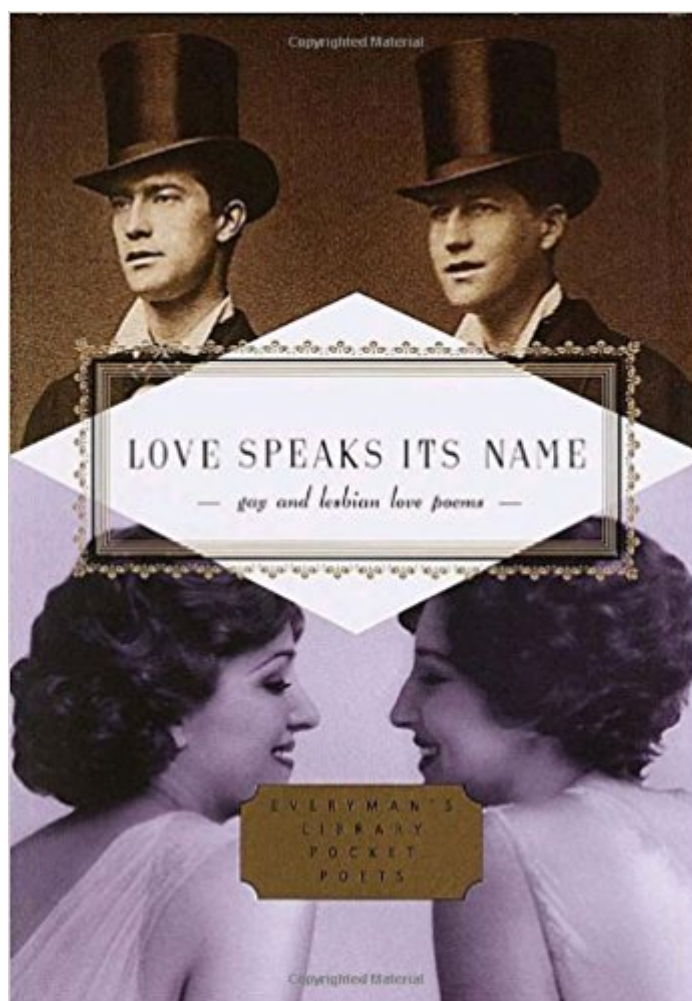


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I recommend this book!! I'm glad to have a book for love poems for LGBT that is not either expensive or out of print. There's a great mix of poems divided by chapters of Longing, Looking, Love, Ecstasy, Anxiety and Aftermath. Underneath each chapter there's poetry that matches with said chapter aka poetry about longing would be found under chapter of Longing. I do have bit feelings though while most poetry were wonderful there some I wasn't too happy but that's just like poetry you're not going to like all of it.

Excellent book and decor piece!

the perfect gift for your literate gay or lesbian lover! its attractive printing and size as well as essential content will make it a hit.

Either for a wedding or as an anniversary present for a loved one. And, isn't it strange, many of these would apply to conventional romances as well as same-sex love.

Bought as a gift. She loved it!

Excellent anthology at a very good price!

Perfect

I don't think anyone needs to be gay or lesbian to love this book. There are so many wonderful poems and poets, and such a range of emotions, all of them conveying what J.D. McClatchy in his beautiful preface calls the "anxiety sewn into the lining of euphoria." Anxious for good reason, of course: such love was compelled to not to "speak its name" for fear of arrest, conviction, imprisonment and disgrace. The poems are helpfully arranged according to the journey of love (as

is true of the recent anthology, *À Sonnets for Sinners: Everything One Needs to Know About Illicit Love*), my most favorite recent acquisition. If you like either of these books you'll want both. My favorite among gay/lesbian poems is Richard Barnfield's "Glove"--such a beautiful sonnet, and to my surprise not very well known. It's worth buying this book just to get that poem. (My favorite in the *Sonnets for Sinners* book, is Princess Diana's "Hearts", a delight that John Wareham says he "tinkered" together from one of Diana's interviews.) The other book in same league, to my mind anyway, is the *Everyman* anthology, *À Erotic Poems (Everyman's Library Pocket Poets)*. But start with *Love That Speaks Its Name*-- it really is something very special

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