

The February OLOC ZOOM Open House: Lesbian Favorite Books

By Sue Reamer, 1942

On Monday, February 7, Christine Pattee, 1941, facilitated a lively discussion by 33 enthusiastic book-loving Old Lesbians who raved about 98 specific Lesbian books written by 82 (primarily) Lesbian authors! Plus, all books by seven additional authors—including Audre Lorde—were recommended across the board! Christine asked each participant to write her favorites in the Zoom chat and then to tell everyone why these were her favorites in the discussion. Christine facilitated the resulting conversational exchange terrifically, so that when any participant mentioned her favorites, others chimed in, too, with their opinions, and often added even more titles by that author! To have all the voices heard clearly and in an organized manner when so many are on a Zoom event was a challenge that Christine was up to! And Mev Miller, 1955, was the essential Zoom technical facilitator for this delightful event!

Afterwards, it was Sue Reamer's job to compile the resulting list of Lesbian Favorite Books, including novels, mysteries, science fiction, memoirs, how-to-write memoirs, essay anthologies, and even a cookbook. Also on the list are related-to-books items mentioned. This entire list is available for your perusal on the OLOC website at <https://oloc.org/past-zooms-2022/>. We hope you will find a new gem or two from these highly regarded favorites!

Open House Zoom events, of which this was February's, are planned for most months on topics that have been suggested by the Zoom Planning Committee and Zoom participants. The Committee welcomes ideas from all Old/Elder Lesbians. Date, time, and topics of future monthly Zoom Open House discussions are listed in the Zoom schedule on OLOC's website. Our next currently scheduled Open House discussion will be on **Wednesday, April 13, 4:00–6:00 P.M. Eastern Time**. The topic is: **What's Bugging You: What are your pet peeves??** And the facilitators might also be asking participants what topics they would like to discuss in future Open Houses.

The four related-to-books items were mentioned in this February Open House. The first is the highly regarded 5th Annual Readout! A Festival of Lesbian Literature online February 18–20, 2022. The LGBTQ Resource

Center for the Gulfport Library holds this event for free on Zoom at:
<https://readout.lgbtqgulfport.org/>.

Are you looking for a feminist bookstore? Go to the feminist bookstore list on the OLOC website: <https://oloc.org/feminist-bookstores>.

Interested in starting a book club through OLOC? Please contact Janet Holstine if you have “how to” questions about starting an “affinity group” such as a book club: jkholstine@aol.com or 269-323-2042.

Mev Miller is starting a Lesbian Archive—Wanderground—located in Rhode Island, but which will probably evolve into a New England Regional Archive. Mev already has an extensive and growing booklist on its website (2,200 books listed already). Each listing includes a photo of the book’s cover. This list and much more is available at:
<https://wanderground.org/collections/>. For Wanderground’s most recent newsletter go to <https://conta.cc/3LaQvda>.