Anderson Cooper (1967 - )

- American journalist and author
- News anchor on CNN
- He happens to be gay.
Sir Ian McKellen (1939- )

• English stage and screen actor well-known for his portrayal of Gandalf in *Lord Of The Rings* and Magneto in *The X-Men* series

• He happens to be gay.
Jenna Talackova (1989 - )

- Competed at 2011 Miss Universe Canada pageant.
- She happens to be transgender.
Ann-Marie MacDonald (1958 - )

- Canadian playwright, novelist, actor and broadcast journalist.

- She happens to be a lesbian.
Greta Garbo (1905-1990)

- Swedish-born actress who became a major star during Hollywood's silent film period and part of its Golden Age.
- She happened to be bisexual.
Pink (1979 - )

• American singer-songwriter.

• She happens to be bisexual.
Alan Turing (1912-1954)

- British mathematician, logician, and cryptographer widely regarded as the father of computer science.
- He happened to be gay.
Alexander The Great (356-323 B.C.E)

- Macedonian king and military leader.
- He happened to be bisexual.
Alice Walker (1944- )

• American author who won the Pulitzer Prize for her novel, *The Color Purple*.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
Nelly Furtado (1978- )

- Canadian singer-songwriter, record producer and actor.
- She happens to be bisexual.
Gareth Thomas (1974- )

- Welsh international rugby star who now plays for the Crusaders in Europe’s Super League.
- He happens to be gay.
Mianne Bagger (1966 - )

- Professional golfer from Denmark who has played in the Women’s British Open and the U.S. Women’s Open.

- She happens to be transgender.
Patricia Cornwell (1956 - )

• American crime writer widely known for writing a popular series of novels featuring the heroine, Dr. Kay Scarpetta.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
Amelie Mauresmo (1979- )

• French professional tennis player who was the world number one ranked player.

• Has won two Grand Slam titles.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
The Indigo Girls
– Amy Ray and Emily Saliers

• American Grammy winning folk rock duo
• Have sold millions of albums worldwide
• They both happen to be lesbians.
Andy Warhol (1928-1987)

- American artist who was the central figure in the movement called Pop art.
- He happened to be gay.
Angelina Jolie (1975- )

- American actor who is well-known for her roles in the *Lara Croft* movies and *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*
- Won an Oscar Award for her role in *Girl, Interrupted*
- Goodwill Ambassador for U.N. Refugee Agency
- She happens to be bisexual.
Ani DiFranco (1970- )

• American singer/songwriter and musician

• Won a Grammy award for best CD art and design

• She happens to be bisexual.
RuPaul (1960 - )

- American dance music singer, songwriter, and actor.

- Happens to be transgender.
B.D. Wong (1960 - )

• American actor who has starred in *Law and Order: Special Victims Unit* and *Oz* among others.

• He happens to be gay.
Ellen Page (1987 - )

- Canadian actor.
- She’s just awesome.
- She happens to be gay.
Bessie Smith (1892-1937)

- Most popular American blues singer of the 1920’s and 1930’s.

- She happened to be bisexual.
Gro Hammerseng (1980 - )

- Norwegian handball player who has won multiple international medals and awards including an 2008 Olympic gold medal.

- She happens to be lesbian.
Lindsay Lohan (1986 - )

- American actor who starred in *Mean Girls*, *Herbie: Fully Loaded*, and *Freaky Friday*.
- She happens to be bisexual.
April Ashley (1935- )

- Famous British model in the 1960s.
- She happens to be transgender.
Bif Naked (1971- )

- Canadian Juno award winning singer/songwriter and actor.

- She happens to be bisexual.
Billie Jean King (1943–)

- American former professional player who won many Grand Slam titles
- Known as one of the best female tennis players of all-time.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Max Wolf Valerio (1957 -)

- American poet, memoir writer, essayist and actor.
- He happens to be transgender.
Meredith Baxter (1947- )

- American actor best known for her portrayal of Elyse Keaton on the hit 80s show, *Family Ties*.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Orlando Jordan (1976 - )

- American professional wrestler best known for his tenure in World Wrestling Entertainment.
- He happens to be bisexual.
Billie Joe Armstrong (1972- )

- Lead singer of the band Green Day
- He happens to be bisexual.
Christina (1626-1689)

- Swedish queen who reigned for over 20 years.

- She happened to be a lesbian.
Cynthia Nixon (1966- )

• American actor best known for her portrayal of Miranda on the TV show, Sex and the City.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
Harisu (1975 - )

- South Korean pop singer, model and actor.

- Happens to be transgender.
Drew Barrymore (1975- )

- American film actor best known for her roles in *E.T.* and *Charlie’s Angels*.
- She happens to be bisexual.
Justin Fashanu (1961-1998)

- British soccer player who was the first professional to come out as gay and the first black player to command a £1 million transfer fee.
- He happened to be gay.
Wanda Sykes (1964 - )

• American actor, comedian and writer.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
Eleanor Roosevelt (1884-1962)

- American political leader and activist and former First Lady of the United States.

- She happened to be bisexual.
Ellen DeGeneres (1958- )

- American comedian, actor, and well-known talk show host.
- Married to Portia de Rossi.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Sir Elton John (1947- )

• British singer/songwriter and musician.

• He happens to be gay.
Cole Porter (1893-1964)

• American composer and songwriter.

• He happened to be gay.
Bulent Ersoy (1952 - )

- Turkish celebrity.
- Popular singer of Ottoman classical music.
- Happens to be transgender.
Esera Tuaolo (1968- )

- Former NFL player who was a linesman for the Vikings.

- He happens to be gay.
Freddie Mercury (1946-1991)

• British lead singer of the band Queen.

• He happened to be gay.
Frida Kahlo (1907-1954)

- Mexican artist and activist.
- She happened to be bisexual.
Michele Van Gorp (1977- )

- American professional basketball player and the second woman to dunk in the WNBA.

- She happens to be lesbian.
Lucas Silveira (1975 - )

- Canadian singer-guitarist of the rock band, *The Cliks*.

- He happens to be transgender.
David Kopay (1942- )

- Former American football running back in the National Football League who in 1975 became one of the first professional athletes to come out as gay.
Gavin Crawford (1971- )

• Canadian comedian/actor who stars on the TV show, *This Hour Has 22 Minutes*.

• He happens to be gay.
George Michael (1963- )

- British singer/songwriter and musician.
- He happens to be gay.
George Smitherman (1963-)

- Former Toronto mayoral candidate.
- Ontario’s first openly gay cabinet minister.
- He happens to be gay.
Greg Louganis (1960- )

- American diver who won many Olympic and world gold medals
- He happened to be gay.
Rob Halford (1951 - )

- British singer-songwriter best known as Grammy award winning vocalist for heavy metal band, *Judas Priest*.
- He happens to be gay.
Tegan and Sara Quin (1980–)

- Canadian singers/songwriters/musicians.
- Identical twin sisters.
- Both happen to be lesbians.
Jane Addams (1860-1935)

• Was a Nobel Peace Prize winner and perhaps the most famous social worker from the United States.

• She happened to be lesbian.
Sue Wicks (1966- )

- American former professional basketball player and WNBA All-Star.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Pat Patterson (1941 - )

• Canadian former professional wrestler who was inducted into the WWE Hall of Fame in 1996.

• He happens to be gay.
Kathleen Wynne

- Former Premier of Ontario.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Ben Barres

- American neurobiologist.
- Current Associate Chair of Neurobiology at the Stanford University School of Medicine.
- Happens to be transgender.
Helen Jacobs (1908-1997)

• American tennis player who won 10 Grand Slam titles.

• Jacobs served as a commander in the U.S. Navy Intelligence during World War II, one of only five women to achieve that rank in the Navy.

• She happened to be lesbian.
Jodie Foster (1962 - )

• American Oscar winning actress

• Happens to be lesbian.
Toller Cranston (1949 - )

- Canadian figure skater who won bronze medals at the World and Olympic Championships.

- He happens to be gay.
Herman Melville (1819-1891)


- He happened to be gay.
Marc Leduc (1962-2009)

• Canadian boxer who won a silver medal at the 1992 Olympics.

• He happened to be gay.
Glenn Burke (1952-1995)

• American former Major League Baseball player who played for the Dodgers and the Athletics.

• He happened to be gay.
Balian Buschbaum (1980- )

- German pole vaulter who won many international medals.
- He happens to be transgender.
Oscar Wilde (1854-1900)

- Irish writer and poet.
- Became London’s most popular playwright in the 1890s.
- He happened to be gay.
James Baldwin (1924-1987)

• American writer and civil activist.

• He happened to be gay.
John Amaechi (1970 - )

- British former NBA player
- Currently works as a broadcaster and activist.
- He happens to be gay.
Kristina Lokken (1979-)

- American TV and film actor.
- Portrayed the terminator in the movie, *Terminator 3*.
- She happens to be bisexual.
Leisha Hailey (1971- )

- American member of the band Uh Huh Her.
- Starred in the TV series, *The L Word*.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Leonardo da Vinci (1452-1519)

• Italian Renaissance artist, teacher, scientist, and inventor.

• Well-known for painting the Mona Lisa and many others.

• He happened to be gay.
Sarah Maxwell

- Canadian professional beach volleyball player.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Babe Didrikson (1911-1956)

- American athlete who achieved outstanding success in golf, baseball and track and field.
- She won two gold medals and one silver in the 1932 Olympics.
- She happened to be lesbian.
Chris Colfer (1990- )

- American actor best known for his portrayal of Kurt on the TV show, *Glee*.

- He happens to be gay.
Lily Tomlin (1939- )

- American Academy Award nominated comedian/actor.

- She happens to be a lesbian.
Linda Perry (1965- )

- American singer, songwriter, musician.
- Former lead singer of 4 Non-Blondes.
- Music producer for Pink.
- Wrote Christina Aguilera’s song “Beautiful”.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Mark Tewksbury (1968- )

• Canadian swimmer who won the gold medal for backstroke at the 1992 Olympic Games.

• He happens to be gay.
Martina Navratilova (1956-)

• Czech-American tennis player who has won more Grand Slam titles than any other tennis player.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
Melissa Etheridge (1961- )

- American rock singer, songwriter, and musician who has sold millions of CDs.
- Has won Grammy awards for her performances.
- Married to Tammy Lynn Michaels.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Me’Shell Ndegeocello

• American singer, songwriter, and musician.

• She happens to be bisexual.
Isis (1986 - )

- Contestant on Cycle 11 of *America’s Next Top Model*.

- Happens to be transgender.
Michael Stipe (1960 - )

- American lead singer of the band REM.
- REM has sold millions of albums worldwide.
- He happens to be gay.
Brian Orser (1961 - )

- Canadian figure skater who was a world champion and Olympic silver medalist.

- He happens to be gay.
Missy Higgins (1983 - )

- Australian singer/songwriter.
- She happens to be bisexual.
Chelsea Manning (1987 - )

• United States Army soldier who was responsible for disclosing to WikiLeaks nearly three-quarters of a million classified or unclassified but sensitive military and diplomatic documents.

• She happens to be transgender.
Emma Donoghue (1969-)

- Irish-born playwright, literary historian and novelist now living in Canada.
- Her 2010 novel *Room* was a finalist for the Man Booker Prize.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Tom Waddell (1937-1987)

- American sportsman who was a football player, a gymnast and represented the U.S. in the decathlon at the 1968 Olympic Games.
- He founded the Gay Games.
- He happened to be gay.
Michelangelo (1475-1564)

• Italian Renaissance artist well-known for his painting in the Sistine Chapel.

• He happened to be gay.
D.H. Lawrence (1885-1930)

- Was an English novelist, poet, playwright, essayist and literary critic.
- Best known for his novels such as *Lady Chatterley’s Lover* and *Women In Love*.
- He happened to be gay.
Jamie Clayton (1978 - )

• American actress and model. She currently stars in the Netflix series Sense8.

• She happens to be transgender.
Natalie Cook (1975-)

- Australian professional beach volleyball player and Olympic gold medalist.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Sarah Waters (1966 - )

• British writer whose novels, *Fingersmith*, *The Night Watch* and *The Little Stranger*, have been short-lister for the Man Booker Prize.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
Nancy Drolet (1973 - )

• Canadian hockey player who has been on six world championships gold medal teams and has also won one silver medal at the Olympics.

• She happens to be lesbian.
Dr. James Barry (1789-1865)

- Irish military surgeon who joined the British Army in 1813.
- After graduation from the University of Edinburgh Medical School, Barry served in India and Cape Town, South Africa. By the end of his career, he had risen to the rank of Inspector General in charge of military hospitals.
- Happened to be transgender.
Nathan Lane (1956- )

- American film and stage actor well-known for starring in movies such as *The Producers* and *The Birdcage*.

- He happens to be gay.
Neil Patrick Harris (1973- )

- American TV actor who currently stars in the show, *How I Met Your Mother*.
- Became famous for his role in the TV show, *Doogie Howser*.
- He happens to be gay.
E.M. Forster (1879-1970)

• English writer best known for his novels that examined class difference such as *Howard’s End, A Room With A View*, and *A Passage To India*.

• He happened to be gay.
Ireen Wüst (1986- )

• Dutch long track speed skater who won a gold medal at the 2006 Olympic Games.

• She happens to be lesbian.
Henry James (1843-1916)

- Was an American-born writer, regarded as one of the key figures of 19th-century literary realism.
- He happened to be gay.
Buck Angel (1972 - )

- American film producer and motivational speaker.
- Founder of Buck Angel Entertainment, a media production company.
- Now works as an advocate, educator, lecturer, and writer.
- He happens to be transgender.
Peter I. Tchiakovksy (1840-1893)

- Russian composer.
- He happened to be gay.
Robert Dover (1956 - )

- American equestrian who has had much international success in the sport of dressage, winning four bronze medals at four separate Olympics.
- He happens to be gay.
Portia de Rossi (1973-)

- American TV actor well-known for starring in such shows as *Ally McBeal* and *Arrested Development*.
- Married to Ellen Degeneres.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Lee Daniels (1959 - )

- American director, producer, actor.
- Best known for directing the movie, *Precious*.
- He happens to be gay.
Missy Giove (1972 - )

- American professional downhill mountain biker who is the all-time leader in World Cup wins.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Rick Mercer (1969- )

• Canadian comedian who has starred on *This Hour Has 22 Minutes* and currently has his own show called *The Mercer Report*.

• He happens to be gay.
Rosie O’Donnell (1962-) 

- American comedian, film and TV actor.

- She happens to be a lesbian.
Rudolf Nureyev (1938-1993)

• Russian ballet dancer who was world-renowned.

• He happened to be gay.
Marlene Dietrich (1901-1992)

- German actress and singer whose talent, glamour and exotic looks cemented made her one of the highest paid actresses in Hollywood during the 1930s.

- She happened to be bisexual.
Gigi Gorgeous (1992 - )

• Canadian model, actress and internet personality.
• She is noted for publicly coming out as a transgender woman, and maintaining her public image and YouTube channel during and after her transition.
• She happens to be transgender.
Rufus Wainwright (1973- )

- Canadian/American singer, songwriter, and musician.

- He happens to be gay
Sara Gilbert (1975- )

- American TV actor best known for her portrayal of Darlene on the show *Roseanne*.

- She happens to be a lesbian.
Michael Cunningham (1952- )

• American writer best known for his 1998 novel, *The Hours*, which won the Pulitzer Prize for Fiction and the PEN/Faulkner Award in 1999.
• He happens to be gay.
Fannie Flagg (1944- )

- American author, actress and comedian.
- Best known novel is *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Café*.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Harvey Milk (1930-1978)

- American politician who became the first openly gay man to be elected to public office in California.

- He happened to be gay.
Daniel Kowalski (1975-)

- Australian swimmer who won multiple gold and silver Olympic medals.

- He happens to be gay.
Sir Francis Bacon (1561-1626)

• British philosopher, statesman, and essayist.

• He happened to be gay.
T.R. Knight (1973- )

- American actor best known for his portrayal of George on the TV show *Grey’s Anatomy*.

- He happens to be gay.
Lance Bass (1979 - )

- American pop singer and member of ‘N Sync.
- He happens to be gay.
Tennessee Williams (1914-1983)

- Prominent American playwright who won Pulitzer Prizes for *A Streetcar Named Desire* and *Cat On A Hot Tin Roof.*

- He happened to be gay.
Tracy Chapman (1964- )

- American singer, songwriter, and musician who has sold millions of albums worldwide.

- She happens to be a lesbian.
trey anthony (1974- )

- Canadian playwright, actor, comedian, and actor.
- Wrote the hit play, ‘Da Kink In My Hair’ which has since been developed into a TV show.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Truman Capote (1924-1984)

- American writer whose stories, plays, and non-fiction are recognized as literary classics, including the novella, *Breakfast At Tiffany’s* and *In Cold Blood*.

- He happened to be gay.
Blake McGrath (1983-)

- Canadian professional dancer and choreographer best known for being one of the contestants in the first season of *So You Think You Can Dance*.

- Happens to be bisexual.
Sheryl Swoopes (1971- )

- American professional basketball player who has also won three Olympic gold medals and is a three-time WNBA MVP.

- She happens to be lesbian.
Bob Paris (1959 - )

- is a writer, actor, public speaker, civil rights activist and former professional bodybuilder.

- He happens to be gay.
Ian Harvie (1968 - )

- Stand-up comedian who often uses his trans expirence as material in his act.
- He has performed with Margaret Cho and many other notable celebrities and is a well-known fixture in the LGBT pop culture community.
- He happens to be transgender.
Virginia Woolf (1882-1941)

- British novelist and essayist who is regarded as one of the foremost modernist literary figures of the 20th century.

- She happened to be bisexual.
Walt Whitman (1819-1892)

- American poet and essayist who is among the most influential and controversial poets.
- He happened to be gay.
Chris Mosier (1980 - )

- American transgender athlete and advocate, triathlete, and speaker.
- Started his athletic career as a woman, started his transition in 2010, and in 2015 earned a spot on the Team USA sprint duathlon men's team for the 2016 World Championship, making him the first known out trans athlete to join a U.S. national team different from his gender assigned at birth.
- Happens to be transgender.
Bruce Hayes (1963 - )

- American swimmer who won an Olympic gold medal and many other international competition medals.
- He happens to be gay.
Jenny Shimizu (1967- )

- American former supermodel.
- Former girlfriend of Angelina Jolie.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Gia Carangi (1960-1986)

- American model who was widely considered the first “supermodel”.
- She happened to be bisexual.
Jesse Tyler Ferguson (1975- )

• American actor best known for his portrayal of Mitchell on the hit series, *Modern Family*.

• He happens to be gay.
Jane Rule (1931-2007)

- Was a Canadian writer of lesbian-themed novels and non-fiction.
- She happened to be lesbian.
Laurence Michael Dillon (1915-1962)

- The first FTM (Female to Male) transsexual in England to take male hormones and have a mastectomy.
- He died in India in 1962 after having been ordained a Tibetan Buddhist monk.
- He happened to be transgender.
Sarah Vaillancourt (1985-)

• Canadian hockey player who has been a member of the past two Olympic gold medal teams.

• She happens to be lesbian.
Timothy Findley (1930-2002)

- Canadian novelist and playwright best known for his novels, *Famous Last Words* and *Not Wanted on the Voyage*.
- He happened to be gay.
Douglas Coupland (1961 - )

- Canadian writer best known for his novel, *Generation X*.
- He happens to be gay.
Emperor Ai of Han (27 B.C.E.- 1 B.C.E.

- Emperor of the Chinese Han Dynasty.

- He happened to be gay.
Adam Lambert (1982 - )

- American singer-songwriter.
- He happens to be gay.
Andreja Pejić (1991 - )

- Rose to fame as a male supermodel who modeled both male and female clothing before having gender confirmation surgery in 2014, changing her name and announcing that she wished to be recognized as a woman.

- She happens to be transgender.
Audre Lorde (1934-1992)

- American writer, poet, and activist.
- She happened to be lesbian.
Lord Byron (1788-1824)

• Was a British poet and a leading figure in Romanticism.

• He happened to be bisexual.
K.D. Lang (1961- )

- Canadian singer/songwriter who has won many Grammies and Junos
- She happens to be lesbian.
Tammy Lynn Michaels (1974- )

- American actor who was a regular cast member of TV show, *Popular*.
- Married to rock musician, Melissa Etheridge.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Lady GaGa (1986 - )

- American singer-songwriter and dance/pop musician best known for her song, ‘Just Dance’.

- She happens to be bisexual.
Rocco Kayiatos (1977 - )

- Known as Katastrophe, an American hip-hop rapper and producer.
- Kayiatos is widely credited as the first openly transgender singer in the hip-hop genre.
- He happens to be transgender.
Wayson Choy (1939 - )

• Canadian writer best known for his award winning novel, *The Jade Peony*.

• He happens to be gay.
Matthew Mitcham (1988 - )

- Australian diver who won the gold medal for the 10 metre springboard at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.
- He happens to be gay.
Andrew Goldstein (1983 - )

- American lacrosse who was the first American team sport professional athlete to be openly gay during his playing career.

- He happens to be gay.
Laverne Cox

• American actress, reality television star, television producer, and LGBT advocate.
• She became known for her portrayal of Sophia Burset on the Netflix television series *Orange Is the New Black*.
• She became the first openly transgender person to be nominated for a Primetime Emmy Award in the acting category.
• Happens to be transgender.
Kirsten Vangsness (1972 - )

- American actor best known for her portrayal of Penelope Garcia on the show, Criminal Minds.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Enza “Supermodel” Anderson (1964- )

• Canadian political activist and media personality.
• She happens to be transgender.
Jane Lynch (1960 - )

- American actor, comedian and singer.
- Best known for her role in the TV show, *Glee*.
- She happens to be a lesbian.
Danielle Bunten Berry (1949–1998)

• American game designer and programmer known for the 1983 game *M.U.L.E.* (one of the first successful multiplayer games).

• Happened to be transgender.
Richard Chamberlain (1934 - )

• American TV, movie and Broadway actor.

• He happens to be gay.
Margaret Mead (1901-1978)

- American cultural anthropologist who brought the discipline into the mainstream in the 1960s and 70s.
- She happened to be bisexual.
Johnny Weir (1984- )

- American figure skater who has won multiple international medals including a World Championship bronze.

- He happens to be gay.
Susan Stryker

- American professor, author, filmmaker, and theorist whose work focuses on gender and human sexuality.
- Associate professor of Gender and Women's Studies, director of the Institute for LGBT Studies, and founder of the Transgender Studies Initiative at the University of Arizona.
- She is the author of several books about LGBT history and culture.
- She happens to be transgender.
Elagabalus (203 – 222)

- Emperor of the Roman Empire.
- Happened to be either gay, bisexual, and/or transgendered.
Sook Yin Lee (197? - )

- Canadian musician, filmmaker, actor and media personality.
- Former VJ for Much Music.
- Happens to be bisexual.
Laurel Holloman (1971 - )


- She happens to be bisexual.
Alyson Annan (1973 - )

- Australian field hockey player who was voted *Best Female Field Hockey Player In The World* and won a gold medal at the 2000 Olympic Games.
- She happens to be lesbian.
Samantha Ronson (1977 - )

• British DJ and singer-songwriter who currently lives in Los Angeles.

• She happens to be a lesbian.
Chaz Bono (1969 - )

- Child of famous American performers Sonny and Cher.
- Was a contestant on the hit television show, *Dancing With The Stars*.
- Happens to be transgender.
Tila Nguyen aka Tila Tequilla (1981 - )

- American reality TV performer, internet celebrity, model and entertainer best known for her TV show *A Shot At Love*.

- Happens to be bisexual.
Michelle Dumaresq (1971 - )

- Canadian professional downhill mountain bike racer.

- Happens to be transgender.
Ricky Martin (1971 - )

• Grammy Award winning singer.

• He happens to be gay.
Judith Arndt (1976 - )

- German professional cyclist who won a gold medal in the 2004 world road race and a silver and bronze at the Olympics.

- She happens to be lesbian.
Billy Bean (1964 - )

- American former Major League Baseball player who played for the Tigers, the Dodgers and the Padres.

- He happens to be gay.
Rosie Jones (1959 - )

• American professional golfer with 13 LPGA Tour career victories and over $8 million dollars in tournament earnings.

• She happens to be lesbian.
Rupert Everett (1959- )

- British actor best known for his appearances in *My Best Friend’s Wedding* and the *Shrek* sequels.

- He happens to be gay.
Janet Mock (1983 - )

- American writer, TV host, transgender rights activist, author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Redefining Realness*, contributing editor for *Marie Claire*, and the former staff editor of *People* magazine's website.

- Happens to be transgender.
Peaches (1966- )

- Canadian electronic musician whose songs are noted for disregarding traditional gender norms.

- She happens to be bisexual.
Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan

- Married Scottish interior decorators and television personalities.
- They happen to be gay.
Jeanette Winterson (1959- )

- British novelist best known for her book, *Oranges Are Not The Only Fruit.*

- She happens to be lesbian.
Armistead Maupin (1944- )

- American writer, best known for his *Tales of the City* series of novels, based in San Francisco.

- He happens to be gay.
Rita Mae Brown (1944-)

• American writer best known for her first novel *Rubyfruit Jungle*.

• She happens to be lesbian.
Lilly Wachoski (1967 - )

- American film director, screenwriter, and producer.
- Happens to be transgender.
Susan Hillock

- Trent Faculty in Social Work and Masters of Education Program
- Published “Queering Social Work Education”, the first textbook of its kind in North America
- Happens to be ‘curvy’, not straight!
Lana Wachoski (1965 - )

• American film director, screenwriter, and producer.
• Best known for creating and directing *The Matrix* movie franchise, *Jupiter Ascending* and the Netflix show, *Sense8*.
• Happens to be transgender.
Karleen Pendleton Jiménez

- Trent professor women’s studies and education stream courses
- Author of 3 books and numerous essays
- Happens to be a lesbian
Jane Adams (1860-1935)

- Social Worker and political activist, author and lecturer, community organizer, public intellectual
- Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize (1931)
- She happened to be a lesbian
Marcel Proust (1871-1922)

• Novelist, essayist, critic best known for his work *In Search of Lost Time*

• He happened to be gay
Emily Dickinson (1830-1886)

- A prolific, though private poet with most works published after her death
- Best known for her works in *The Poems of Emily Dickinson*, published by Thomas H. Johnson
- She happened to be a lesbian
Audre Lorde (1934-1992)

- Poet, writer, activist, essayist, librarian
- Her most notable works include *The First Cities*, *Zami: A New Spelling of My Name*, *The Cancer Journals*
- She happened to be bisexual
We’wha (1849-1896)

- A member of the Zuni tribe in New Mexico
- The subject of Will Roscoe’s *The Zuni Man-Woman*
- She happened to be an Ihamana, a term similar to two-spirit or gender-fluid
John Maynard Keynes (1883-1946)

- one of the most influential economists of the 20th century and the founder of modern macroeconomic theory
- He happened to be bisexual
Erasmus (c. 1466-1536)

- Dutch Christian Humanist who was the greatest scholar of the northern Renaissance
- Author of many works, the most famous of which is *On Free Will*
- He happened to be gay
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