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Discover the Inspiring Achievements of the World's Most Famous Lesbians

They founded enduring institutions, wrote some of the most famous works in English literature, served in Congress and won the Nobel Prize. All of them were lesbians - and while their sexual orientation was often obscured from the public in their own time, today the full character of their lives can be celebrated.

Portraits in Lavender presents 15 of the world's most accomplished women who loved women (and one very notable assassin - just to show lesbians aren't perfect, either). With its predominantly positive message of role models and sense of history, it's recommended reading for anyone coming out or thinking about doing so. This engaging book will introduce you to:

- First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, whose correspondence reveals a passionate romance with the journalist Lorena Hickok
- Iconic American author Willa Cather, who went by "William" for four years as she led a masculine double life
- Artist and sculptor Rosa Bonheur, whose decision to wear pants in the 19th century required police permission
- Congresswoman Barbara Jordan, one of the most articulate and powerful women ever to serve in Washington
- Katharine Lee Bates, the woman who penned **America the Beautiful** - now one of America's favorite anthems

No matter whether you're newly out, questioning or a longtime out lesbian, **Portraits in Lavender** will change the way you see lesbian history - and your own place in it.

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