

## **Inventory of the Gay by the Bay Records**

**(#1998-04)**

*Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.*

**Repository:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

**Collection Title:** Gay by the Bay records

**Collection Number:** 1998-04

**Physical Description:** 2.5 linear feet (1 carton, 2 manuscript boxes)

**Creator:** Susan Stryker and Jim Van Buskirk

**Date (inclusive):** Circa 1990s

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** *Gay by the Bay* (1996) by Susan Stryker and Jim Van Buskirk was the first book on San Francisco queer history. The collection includes correspondence; drafts and revisions; financial records and materials related to the publisher, Chronicle Books; galleys; notes and research files; prints and negatives; and publicity materials.

**Preferred Citation:**

[Identification of item], *Gay by the Bay records* (#1998-04), The Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society.

**Conditions Governing Access:**

Collection is open for research.

**Publication Rights:**

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**Acquisition Information:**

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**Processing Information:**

Inventory created by Isaac Fellman in 2020, based on a preliminary survey completed by Marjorie Bryer in 2011.

This inventory uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these terms may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

**Biographical/Organizational History Note:** *Gay by the Bay* (1996) by Susan Stryker and Jim Van Buskirk was the first book on San Francisco queer history.

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**Indexing Terms:**

Gay men  
Lesbians  
Bisexual people  
Transgender people  
Historic preservation

**Container Listing****Carton 1:**

Publications  
Mockups for book cover  
Draft typescripts of chapters, index, introduction, acknowledgments, sources, and revisions  
Corrections/Correspondence  
Photos/contact sheets for book jacket  
Author Questionnaire  
Materials sent out for revision/comments from other writers  
Accounting, 1995  
Permissions  
Contract/Contract Negotiations  
Research notes, contracts, timelines for history and for book, chapter drafts  
Book events/publicity  
Revisions  
Research Notes  
Research files (some divided by chapter)

**Box 1:**

Chronicle Books art materials log, return of original materials form and original artwork used for book, 1998

Collaborators' notes

Post-production and promotion materials

Miscellaneous related materials, including application for Writer's Union, sample collaboration agreement, articles on publishing

Chapter 5 research notes, drafts, revisions

Contracts and royalty paperwork

Galleys for artwork and book as a whole

Autographed copy of book

**Box 2:**

Prints and negatives used in book