

Lez Read Xmas took place on  
14th December 2022 at The  
Queer Emporium, Cardiff.

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THE QUEER EMPORIUM

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14.12.22

Dear 'Readers',

When we began our Lez Read journey ten long months ago, we had no idea it would become the small cult that it has today. We hope you have had as much fun getting to know us - perhaps a bit too intimately - as we've had meeting you. Whether it is finding out if you'd sleep with your parent's lover or your weird metaphors for sex, you've all been incredibly open with us, and for that we are both thankful and horrified.

A big lezzie shout out to our regulars for keeping up the impeccable vibes and a special thanks to Yan at The Queer Emporium for hosting and Dan at Paned o Ge for supplying our books. Remember we are taking January off to recover, but are hyped for what 2023 will bring... especially Lez Read Dawson when our Rachel's novel 'Neon Roses' comes out!

Honestly, we started this 'book club' so we could both get girlfriends, a plan which has not exactly failed... but has also not gone as straightforwardly as we had hoped. Even so, it has been a year full of living, laughing, loving, crying, drinking, crying again, etc. etc., so thank you all for being a part of that.

Merry Christmas,  
Zara and Nazmia

Thursday 17th March 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4	<b>LEZ READ #1</b>
A literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about queer writers & admiring their outfits. Join Zara and Nazmia for a monthly look at a Penguin Modern Classic. No pre-reading required! Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>NOTES ON 'CAMP'</b> SUSAN SONTAG	

Thursday 21st April 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4 (Book online)	<b>LEZ READ #2</b>
A literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about queer writers & admiring their outfits. Join Zara and Nazmia for a monthly look at a Penguin Modern Classic. No pre-reading required! Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>FOOD</b> GERTRUDE STEIN	

Thursday 19th May 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4 (Book online)	<b>LEZ READ #3</b>
A literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about queer writers & admiring their outfits. Join Zara and Nazmia for a monthly look at a Penguin Modern Classic. No pre-reading required! Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>THE MASTER'S TOOLS...</b> AUDRE LORDE	

Thursday 21st July 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4 (Book online)	<b>LEZ READ #4</b>
A literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about queer writers & admiring their outfits. Join Zara and Nazmia for a monthly look at a Penguin Modern Classic. No pre-reading required! Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>THE VEILED WOMAN</b> ANÀIS NIN	

Thursday 18th August 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4 (Book online)	<b>LEZ READ #5</b>
A literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about queer writers & admiring their outfits. Join Zara and Nazmia for a monthly look at a Penguin Modern Classic. No pre-reading required! Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>NEW YORK CITY IN 1979</b> KATHY ACKER	

Tues 27th September or Wed 28th Sept 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4 (Book online)	<b>LEZ READ #6</b>
A literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about queer writers & admiring their outfits. Join Zara and Nazmia for a monthly look at a Penguin Modern Classic. No pre-reading required! Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>THE BREAKTHROUGH</b> DAPHNE DU MAURIER	

Thursday 20th October 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4 (Book online)	<b>LEZ READ #7</b>
Lez Read is a literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about their love lives and sexual choices of other women while answering increasingly eccentric questions posed by the hosts. Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. Please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>THE HAUNTED BOY</b> CARSON McCULLERS	

Thursday 24th November 7 - 8:30pm The Queer Emporium Royal Arcade Cardiff £4 (Book online)	<b>LEZ READ #8</b>
Lez Read is a literary salon for lesbians (& lesbian adjacent folks) who enjoy gossiping about their love lives and sexual choices of other women while answering increasingly eccentric questions posed by the hosts. Book & hot drink included. No-one turned away for lack of funds. Please contact organiser: lezreadcardiff@gmail.com	
What we're reading: <b>COME CLOSE</b> SAPPHO	

# WORDSEARCH

We've hidden 20 words! How many can you find?

P B F L K L B R M O Y W T V N W G Q E M A M S  
W V K N E E I A O S E Q H T N O P A R T S N Y  
P X E R A O B F N Y Q S P O R T S B R A S S K  
O U D G S I I T L A T D R G E C W Z R X Q X W  
L C U E G A L Y E E N Y E B U L C I N A G R O  
Y Y N V Q I P C B H E A W V U R Y X Y C P X A  
C C G O M O E P L C E C P L Z M X H P W I E E  
U S A L I A T B H I T R E R T F B Q T P B J E  
L R R F X T S G U I P N B J O L O A M O E N R  
E K E F T M D O Z R C P O A W T N K G E Y F E  
D H E T A I I F D H G M E R L H E S G T Y I N  
O X S I P L B E B P M E D R R T A C C R X X R  
Z H K K E K I O H L Z O R Q B H E G T Y N Y Y  
Y X X W S G U M O N O G A M Y W H A Q O V I K  
I R K X H I K I N G S O C K S V Q U R W R O Y  
O S K C O T S N E K R I B S K O O B M Y F I Z

Words are hidden ↑ ↓ → ← and ↘ .

# LEZ BINGO

can't drive	vans	weird relationship w/ gender	multiple piercings	will watch anything that has lesbians
short nails	cat person	into astrology	birks	has a carabiner on keys
into sports	has dated a girl they met online	flannels	has u-hauled	timbs
docs	into "dyke drama"	has been in a LDR	was a tomboy as a kid	short hair
has seen the L word	denim jackets	converse	vegetarian or vegan	doesn't shave

# YEARBOOK

Time to rate your fellow book club attendees! Feel free to draw a little picture, or just write the name of your 2022 yearbook winners.



Teacher's Pet



Life of the Party



Best Would-Be Couple



Most Likely To Be Famous



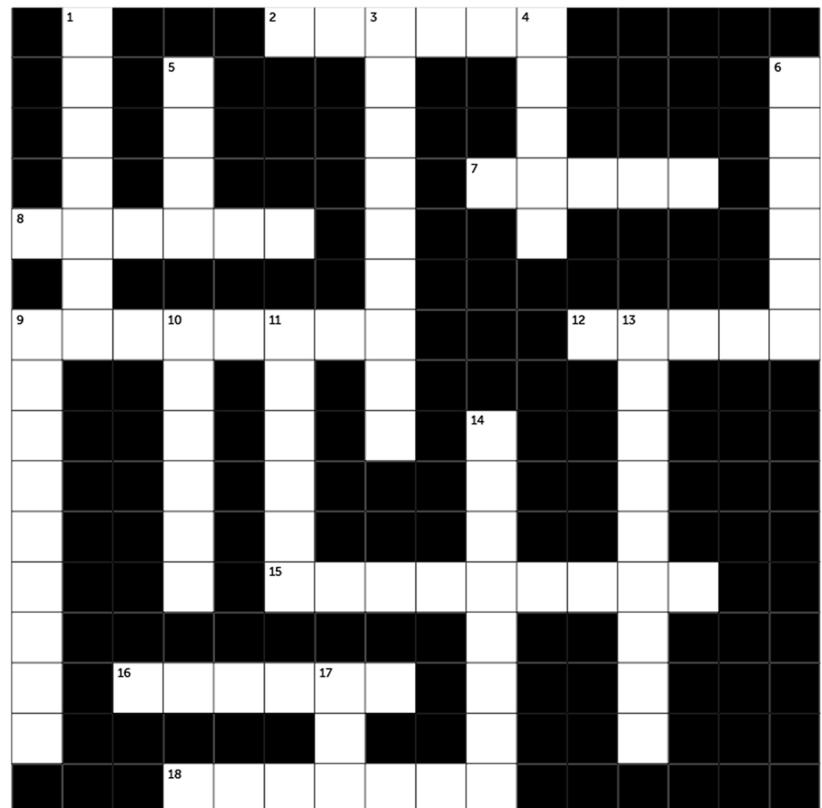
Most Likely To Get Arrested



Best Dressed

# CROSSWORD

Can you solve these cryptic sapphic clues? Prizes for the winner!



## ACROSS

- 2 Greek island, capital Mytilene
- 7 "Janey dreams of \_\_\_\_"
- 8 On a nature walk
- 9 Story of a lesbian vampire
- 12 Going to \_\_\_\_\_ (heterosexual sex)
- 15 First lez in space
- 16 Going to \_\_\_\_\_ (homosexual sex)
- 18 Type of media that's outlived its media

## DOWN

- 1 Anaïs Nin's genre
- 3 LGBTQ+ uprising site
- 4 27 rue de Fleurus
- 5 Lorde's biomythography
- 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Girls
- 9 Climber's clip
- 10 Hairstyle that's a bit fishy?
- 11 Double-headed axe
- 13 Goddess of Love and Beauty
- 14 Romantic network
- 17 Furry purrer

# Match the Good Reads review to the author!



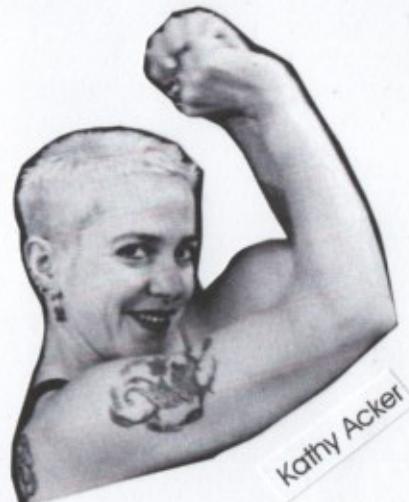
Carson McCullers



Sappho



Gertrude Stein



Kathy Acker



Audre Lorde

Daphne Du Maurier



Susan Sontag



Anaïs Nin

She's wisdom, she's grace, she's sassy as fuck, and I love her.

My girl --- really knows how to make you sad af

What's with all the guys always having huge cocks in books like this?

I mean. What is there to say. Should be compulsory reading for everyone. Yeah.

not me reading all the books harry styles recommended

There are no women in this story, only men with no clear motives for a story with no clear message.

Saucy but I've read saucier.

This book is fucking weird.