

Queer Poetry Anthology

Identities Index

A

Agender

Not identifying with a gender, some people under this label self-identify with the idea of “lacking a gender”. People who are agender might also describe themselves as genderless or gender neutral.

Aromantic

Experiencing little or no romantic attraction to others. People who are aromantic may also describe themselves as being part of the aromantic spectrum, or aro-spec, an umbrella term for identities which are closely related to aromanticism but range in levels of romantic attraction.

Asexual

Experiencing little or no sexual attraction to others. People who are asexual may also describe themselves as being part of the asexual spectrum, an umbrella term for identities which are closely related to asexuality but range in levels of sexual attraction.

B

Bisexual

Experiencing sexual attraction to multiple genders or sexes, or sexual attraction regardless of gender or sex. Sometimes shortened to “bi”.

D

Demisexual

Experiencing sexual attraction only after forming a strong emotional bond first. People who are demisexual may describe themselves as being part of the asexual spectrum, and can also be gay, bisexual, straight, or any other sexual orientation.

G

Gay

Experiencing sexual or romantic attraction to one's own sex. This term is often used to describe men who are attracted to the same sex, but can be used by individuals of any gender.

Genderfluid

Experiencing an adaptable nature of gender identity and gender expression. This can shift over time or depending on the situation.

Genderqueer

Experiencing a gender identity that does not correspond to the conventional gender binary. People who are genderqueer may describe themselves as a combination of two or more genders, or as between genders on a spectrum.

L

Lesbian

Women or femmes who experience sexual or romantic attraction to their own sex. People who are lesbians might or might not also use the term "gay" to describe themselves.

O

Omnisexual

Experiencing sexual or romantic attraction to people of all genders, where gender plays a role in that attraction. Some, but not all, omnisexuals may have preference for certain genders.

P

Pansexual

Experiencing sexual or romantic attraction to people regardless of their gender, where gender does not play a role in that attraction. Some, but not all, pansexuals may refer to themselves as gender-blind.

Polysexual

Experiencing sexual or romantic attraction to some, but not necessarily all, genders. Some polysexuals may have preference for certain genders.

Q

Queer

People experiencing any non-heterosexual sexual or romantic attraction, or any non-cisgender gender identity, may use the term queer to identify themselves instead of, or in addition to, other identifiers.

T

Transgender

Individuals whose gender differs from the gender they were assigned at birth, sometimes shortened to “trans”. Transgender people can be binary, non-binary, or outside of the gender binary.