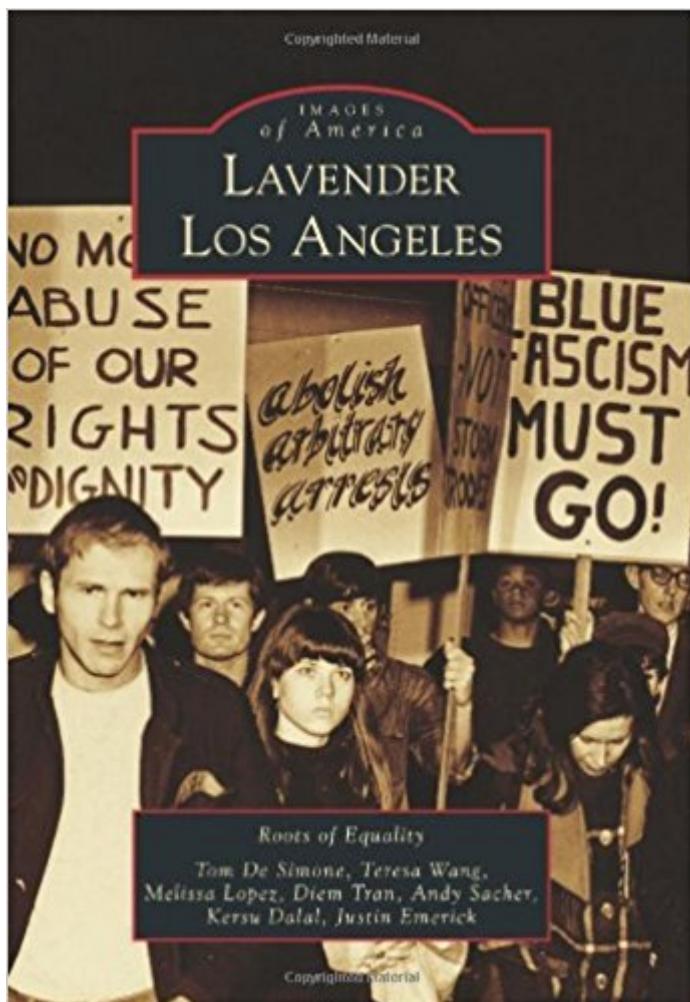


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New from Arcadia Publishing's Images of America series is *Lavender Los Angeles* by local authors Roots of Equality, Thomas De Simone, Teresa Wang, Melissa Lopez, Diem Tran, Andy Sacher, Kersu Dalal, and Justin Emerick. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images along with a supportive narrative. Los Angeles has always been a city of possibilities and reinvention. A youthful and independent spirit permeates the culture and gives a sense of freedom found in few other places. This environment provided fertile ground for the growth of a lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) community that had a major influence on LGBT life in the United States. For

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This book is produced by Roots of Equality, a grassroots LGBT organization founded by Kersu Dalal, Tom De Simone, Justin Emerick, Melissa Lopez, Andrew Sacher, Diem Tran, and Teresa Wang. In 2009, Roots of Equality produced *Lavender Los Angeles* as an exhibit, which uncovered many little-known histories of the LGBT community in Los Angeles. This book is based on the exhibit, and most of the images come from ONE National Gay and Lesbian Archives.

I love all the books in the Images of America Series but especially the ones that deal with lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender history. "Lavender Los Angeles" is a wonderful photo history of Gay Los Angeles and its contributions to GLBT peoples across America and around the world. It complements the more scholarly histories "Gay L.A." by Lillian Faderman and Stuart Timmons, "Bohemian Los Angeles" by Daniel Hurewitz, and "Pre-Gay L.A." by C. Todd White.

Great well-researched book that details a little known history of LA's GLBT community. A must read for anyone interested in queer theory and the city.

Excellent book. Quick, informative, and entertaining. L.A. usually isn't seen as much of a "gay history" city compared to New York or San Francisco, but there is rich LGBT culture in its foundation. A must have for those interested in L.A. history or gay studies.

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