significant firsts in gay history that New York claims are the publication of Donald Webster Cory's *The Homosexual in America* (New York: Greenberg, 1951); the beginning of the homophile phase of the man--boy love movement in the United States with the publication of J. Z. Eglinton's *Greek Love* (New York: Oliver Layton Press, 1964); the founding of the Student Homophile League at Columbia University by Stephen Donaldson (1966); the opening in November 1967 of the Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookshop, the first to be devoted solely to gay/lesbian books, by Craig Rodwell, who had earlier organized a gay youth group; the Stonewall Rebellion (June 1969); the founding of the Gay Liberation Front (July 1969); the founding of Gay Activists Alliance (December 1969); the first Gay Pride March (simultaneously with Los Angeles) (June 1970); the launching of the Gay Academic Union at John Jay College (1973); the founding of the National Gay Task Force (1974); the establishment of Gay Men's Health Crisis (1981); the founding of Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (1985); the founding of ACT UP (AIDS Coalition To Unleash Power) (1987); the Stonewall commemorative postal cancellation initiated by Warren Johansson (1989).


**North Africa**

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**Novels and Short Fiction**

Fiction in the form of novels and short stories ranks as a particularly characteristic feature of modern imaginative life, continuing to flourish even in an era dominated by electronic entertainment. Gay and lesbian characters and situations sometimes appear in mainstream novels whose major context is heterosexual. Less well known to the general public is the "gay novel," a modest though surprisingly hardy variant. Few works of this type have garnered acclaim as masterworks, and gay/lesbian novels are perhaps best regarded as forming a genre, such as mystery or science-fiction.

*Classical Antiquity.* As a literary category the novel was a late-comer in ancient Greece, becoming popular only in the second century B.C. Achilles Tatius' romance *The Adventures of Leucippe and Clitophon* mingles heterosexual and