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The pioneering book *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement (1864–1935)* is now available in a special offer. First published in 1974 (revised in 1995), this book reveals a mostly unknown and suppressed history of homosexual struggle beginning in the nineteenth century in Germany and England, and continuing until it was crushed by the Nazis and the Stalinist USSR in the 1930s. The book is a must for anyone interested in gay history and an essential component of any library collection.

The book uncovers the lost history of this period. It highlights interesting events such as the Oscar Wilde trial and the relationship between the gay and socialist movements around the turn of the last century. Additional notes on five pioneers are included: Karl Heinrich Ulrichs (1825–1895), Magnus Hirschfeld (1868–1935), Sir Richard Burton (1821–1890), Walt Whitman (1819–1892), and Edward Carpenter (1844–1929).

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Title: *The Early Homosexual Rights Movement (1864–1935)*
Authors: John Lauritsen and David Thorstad
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