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INTRODUCTION TO LGBTQ+

The month of June is Pride month, which is dedicated to celebrating everyone in the LGBTQ+ community. LGBTQIA+ stands for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer or Questioning, Intersex, Asexual/ Aromantic/ Agender and more. It describes peoples' sexual orientation and gender identity. It is an umbrella term for all those who exclude themselves from the cishet community. However, this acronym does not cover all gender identities and preferences. It is important to educate ourselves on these topics and respect everyone, regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation.

LET
BOYS
LOVE
BOYS

you are the deepest and clearest thought



LGBTQIA+ IN POP CULTURE

characters and celebrities we love to see



Robin Buckley

She/her
Gender identity: Cis female
Sexuality: Lesbian (Female aligned people being attracted to the same gender/ non-binary)



Alex Fierro

She/her (on most days) or he/him
Gender identity: genderfluid (Not identifying with a single, fixed gender. A person whose gender identity may change.)
Sexuality: unlabelled



Elliot Page

He/him
Gender identity: Transgender male (a person whose gender identity doesn't align with their biological sex)
Sexuality: Lesbian (prev.) ; new orientation hasn't been made public if it has changed



Mazikeen Smith

She/her
Gender identity: Female
Sexuality: Pansexual (A person who is attracted to people regardless of their gender identity.)



Florence

She/her
Gender identity: Cis Female
Sexuality: Asexual (A person who doesn't fit traditional standards and expectations around sexual attraction.)



Rosa Diaz

She/her
Gender identity: Cis female
Sexuality: Bisexual (A person who is sexually attracted to more than one gender.)

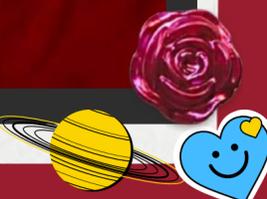


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He/him preferred but uses all pronouns
Gender identity: Genderfluid
Sexuality: Vincian (Male aligned people being attracted to the same gender/ non-binary)

Bridgette Lundy-Paine

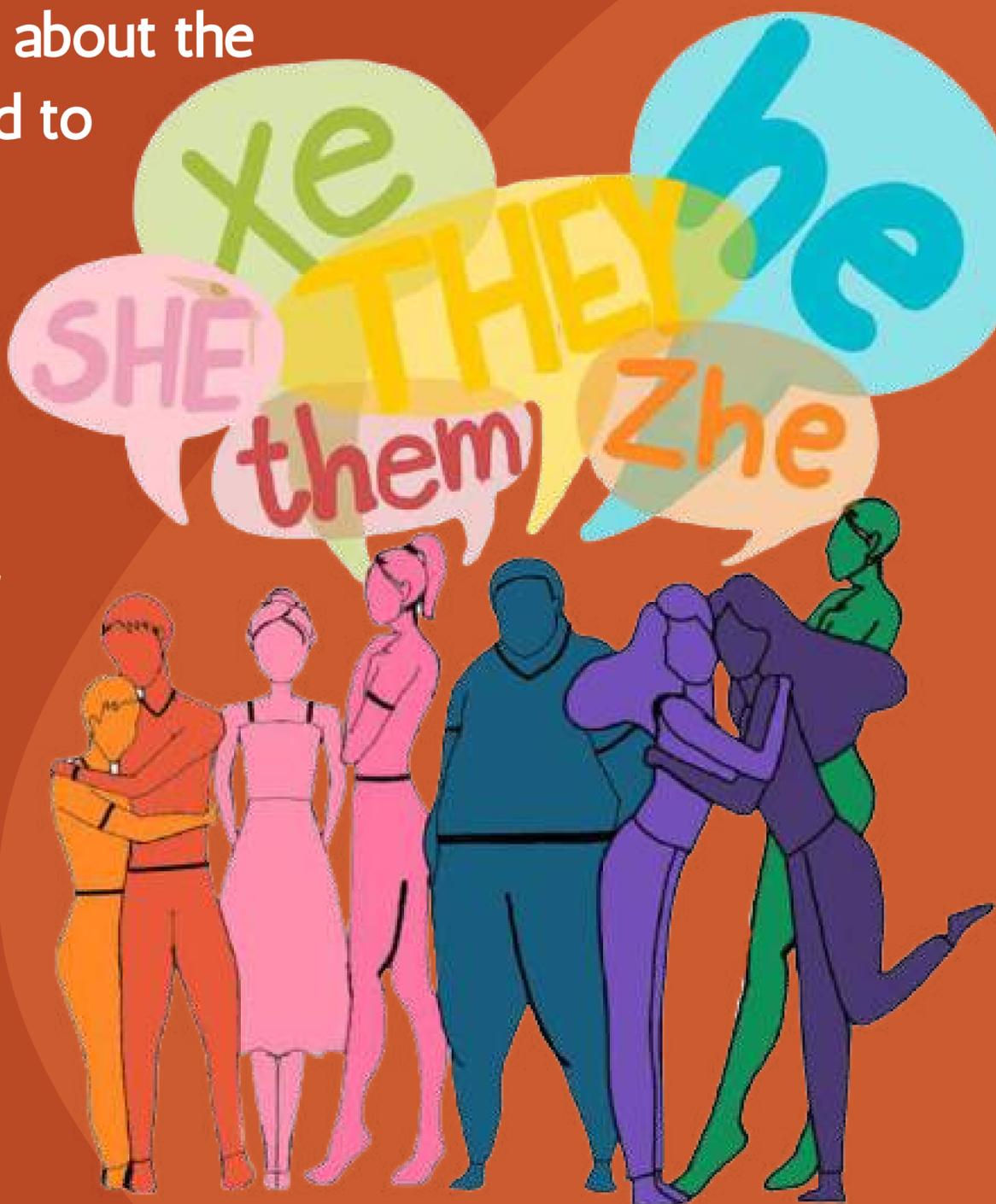
They/them
Gender identity: Nonbinary (Someone who doesn't identify exclusively as female or male.)
Sexuality: Queer (referring to someone who doesn't identify as cis het)



BEYOND THE GENDER BINARY

- Sohanshii Bhatia

Everyone has the right to use gender pronouns that match their identity. Gender identity is a person's experience of their own gender. Someone who is transgender, gender non-binary, or genderqueer has a gender identity that doesn't necessarily align with the sex assigned to them at birth; They can experience their gender in many ways. Using someone's correct pronouns is essential, validating, and respectful. Misgendering someone can make them feel invalidated and unrespected. It's easy to get it right once we politely ask each other about the pronouns we use. We need to avoid making assumptions based on how someone looks, dresses, or presents themselves and make everyone around us feel loved and respected. If you're not sure, ask them and remember to be polite and respectful. In the end, it's about treating each other with care and respect.



HINDUISM: ALLY FOR HOMOSEXUALITY

It's a widespread belief that homosexuality is against Indian culture, but.... is it though? Let's rewind a little and look through to the various queer instances throughout Indian culture that resisted sexual norms and the gender binary as we know it today

Gender was viewed as fluid by Hinduism. Lord Vishnu often transformed into his female avatar

Mohini to save the world, even bearing a child with Lord Shiva- Lord Ayappa

In Mahabharat Shikhandi (reincarnation of Amba) performs a ritual to turn into a male warrior to take his revenge from Bhishma.

Ardhanariswara is the non-binary, androgynous compound of Lord Shiva and Goddess Parvati- while each are supposed to represent masculinity and femininity respectively, Ardhanariswar a is genderless and exists outside of the gender binary.

Lord Agni, the original bisexual icon, was married to both- a Goddess and the God of moon.

The concept of the third gender has been prevalent in Indian society since antiquity- the hijras had always been considered neither completely male nor female.



Illustration by Amiya Leekha

Bhakti saints in medieval India would effeminize themselves to worship Krishna and Shiva.

A 14th century Bengal folklore tells the story of a sexual

relationship between two widows.

Numerous scholars have pointed out that while these queer practices were not the social norm or didn't have consistently positive outlooks on them (a few scriptures do condemn them, albeit not severely), they were never looked down upon or considered unnatural. Homosexuality began to be viewed as a crime only after the British introduced section 377 into the Indian Penal Code in 1860 which criminalized queerness.

India's openness to sex and sexuality ironically became one of the reasons the colonizers classified it as a 'backward civilization' which in turn led to us adopting conservative Victorian attitudes towards our non-heteronormative traditions. By 1967, Britain passed a law legalizing same-sex relations, but the English idea that homosexuality was 'unnatural' had been established as an integral part of Indian 'Sanskrit'. Although the Indian government has legalized same sex relationships and has even passed a trans bill- none of which provide the community with equal rights. The government's claim that they don't fit the standard tradition seems to be slightly bizarre considering that homophobia and transphobia are a product of colonization, not Indian culture.

- Ananya Sethia and Prisha Gupta

FASHION BEYOND GENDER

Candace Owens recently tweeted 'bring back manly men' in response to Harry Styles wearing a dress, calling the "feminisation of men" an "outright attack."

How is masculinity, sexual orientation, and gender expression pertinent to fashion? Well, this is a discussion that generally brings about a myriad of questions. Let us start by answering some. Sexual orientation is who you spiritually, emotionally, or physically are attracted to and gender expression is how you exhibit your gender. Determining someone's gender identity or sexual orientation by the clothes they feel comfortable in, is queerphobic and a result of cisnorms and the flawed gender binary.



The shop women or shop men option on your favorite shopping website can be confining but we need to understand that who a person is shouldn't be judged by the decided "normal" but by their individuality and the perception of how they choose to convey themselves.



Androgynous style of dressing shouldn't be based solely on the spirit of getting rid of outdated gender-typical dressing norms but more on voicing the freedom of choice.

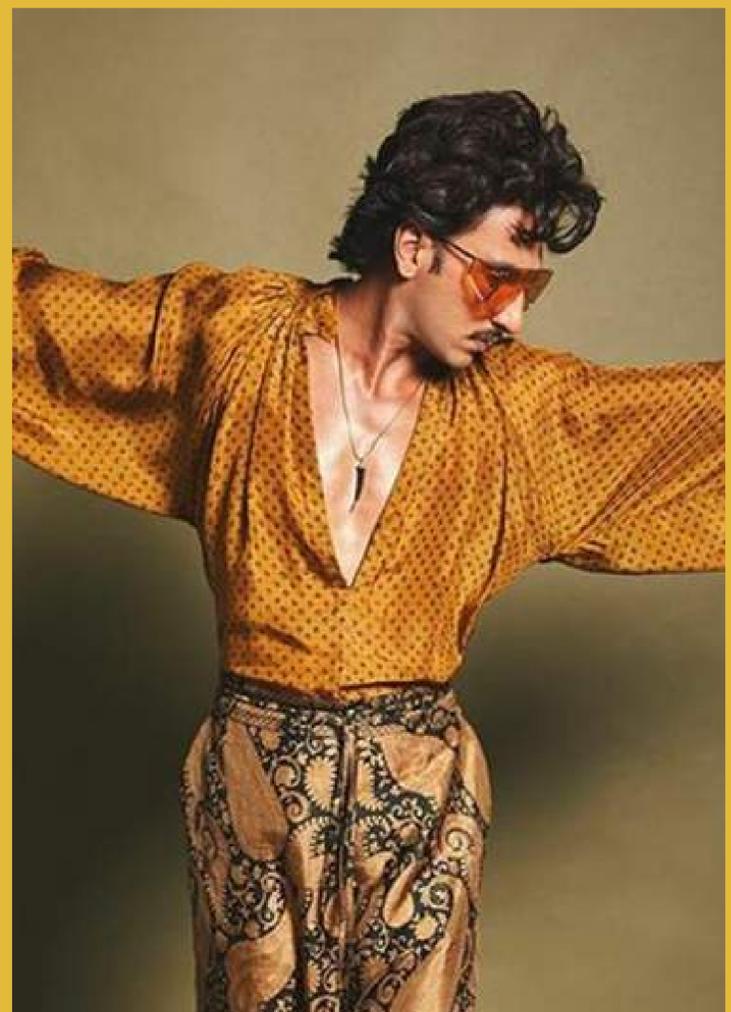
Women have broken gender stereotypes in fashion, donning powerful pantsuits and baggy clothes. Then why are queerphobic insults hurled at men for doing the same? Fashion is an art of self-expression, and art is free of any sort of binary.

Creating a divide in expressing masculine or feminine identity through clothes is obsolescent.

An ideal society is not supposed to build someone for you to become, an ideal society is supposed to accept who you choose to be.

Clothes are just pieces of fabric and do not have any gender. Gender, as well as masculinity and femininity, are merely social constructs assigned to objects and clothes.

- Arunima Raghuvanshi



TO BE A 'MAN'



Bretman Rock

There's a recipe for being a 'Man' in our society. Boys are always told from a young age to be the 'MAN of the house' and to be the 'breadwinner' of the family. They're told to ignore domestic chores and to leave the 'tedious tasks' to the women. But, it's okay to not follow the recipe all the time.

Household chores are not a gender role, but a survival skill. Men, who have 'feminine' interests, are shunned by society as it doesn't fall under this recipe of being a man. Women defied conventional boundaries with feminism. Before the social revolution, women doing "manly things" would be publically shamed.

Men haven't seen the same social revolution; Men wanting to do anything "girly" are either passive-aggressively 'encouraged' or mortified into stopping. They are told to avoid 'gay' or 'less masculine' professions like fashion, nursing, teaching etc.

It is all linked to patriarchal norms and how female gender roles are considered inferior

When women take up male gender roles it is considered progressive but when men take up female gender roles it is considered regressive.

To be a man is not to be whom you're told to be, but who you want to be.

Article- Adviti Basu & Amiya Leekha

Pictures- Pinterest



Conan Gray

Queer coding is a term used when a character is given traits to imply that they are not heterosexual. Due to society's heteronormativity, we assume all characters to be heterosexual by 'default'. However, when someone's sexuality has not been made clear, it mustn't be assumed to be heterosexual.

Gender expression is not reflective of gender identity!

Gender is not determined by the clothes you wear or your style. Gender is how you feel and how you identify! You can use whatever expression you feel comfortable with!

An expanse of Indian drag movies like *Natarang* and *Gulabi Aina* show that your appearance is not a reflection of your gender identity.

- Amiya Leekha

WHAT IS QUEER CODING?



PASS IT ON.

QUEER CODING IN BOLYWOOD?

- Prisha Gupta

Various shows and movies in the western cinema have been called out for queer baiting (different from queer coding because it invokes queerness in order to draw viewership). We all know Johnlock (Sherlock), Stormpilot (Star Wars), Sambucky (The Falcon and the Winter Soldier) deserved to be canon. But did you know, a good amount of characters from Bollywood have been queer-coded too? Rewatch these movies and see for yourself!

- Aman, *Kal ho na ho* : A classic Bollywood movie with a tinge of homophobia, yet delivering to us one of the queerest coded characters- Aman. Aman's bisexuality was never spoken about but was clear in his interests for Rohit, as well as Naina.
- Shaleen, *Jaane Tu... Ya Jaane Na*: Every queer person who has watched this movie knew Shaleen was queer, only to be disappointed by the end of

the movie. However, it was confirmed by the director, that the character was in fact, queer, even though it was portrayed only through subtext.

- Farah, *Dil Dhadakne Do* : The song 'Girls like to swing' was intended to start with Farah singing to Kabir, but takes a turn when she picks Ayesha instead, boldly subverting the song and giving it a new meaning: girls like to swing both ways.

Other queer coded characters include Meera and Veronica from *Cocktail*, Kabir and Khalid from *War (2019)*— the movie would perhaps have been better if it were just a rom-com between Hritik and Tiger.

Over the years, Indian media has become much more inclusive and we've moved on from problematic movies like *Dostana* to movies like *Subh Mangal Zyada Savdhaan* and *Margarita with a Straw*. We hope to see more openly queer characters in mainstream Bollywood in the future and get the LGBTQ+ representation we deserve!

all pictures via pinterest

INTERVIEW

[This is an anonymous interview]

What gender do you identify as and what are your pronouns?

Non-Binary and it depends on the day but usually it's they/them.

What do the terms Non-Binary and Transgender mean to you?

Trans is an umbrella term that includes transmales, transfemales, non-binary people etc: people whose gender identity doesn't align with the sex they were assigned with. For me, it means that my gender is fluid and can change depending on the day

What do you want cisgender people to know about being queergender?

They should respect a person's pronouns, gender changes, and preferred names. Some people go through different ones till they find the ones they're comfortable with. Everyone should ask a person for their pronouns or use gender-neutral pronouns unless they know them. Also, they shouldn't use or ask for a person's dead name as it can be mentally harmful.

Let's move on to your sexuality. What is your sexual orientation?

My sexual orientation is asexual.

Asexual is an umbrella term for people who experience little to no sexual attraction with any gender. They could be sex-repulsed, sex-positive, or sex indifferent. it's different for everyone

Did you always identify as the labels you do now? Are you comfortable sharing the labels you used to go by?

No, I've changed labels a few times before I found the ones that suit me best. The labels I used before were straight, bisexual, biroace, and panroace.

What challenges do you face as an asexual, nb person in society? Have you faced any acephobia or enbyphobia?

People think non-binary people have to be androgynous. That's not true, you can still like "feminine" or "masculine" activities. I personally have never experienced enbyphobia, but I did get some hurtful/invalidating comments about me being asexual because people expect you to be a certain way that is not true for everyone.

Let's talk about gender dysphoria. Have you ever had to face dysphoria?

Gender dysphoria broadly means not being comfortable with certain things in your body because it can make you feel distressed when you think of it from a gender identity standpoint. I rarely experience dysphoria myself but when I do it eats away at my mental health. It's different for everyone, it could be something like wanting shorter/longer hair to getting surgeries or hormonal changes.

What would you want to say to closeted/ questioning people?

It's okay to not want to be open or figuring it out. If you're closeted, you can come out when you're ready.

As for people who are questioning, there's absolutely no rush, you don't have to label yourself immediately. And if you want to try out labels or experiment with them it's totally fine, too.

ISRAEL PALESTINE CONFLICT: THE HISTORY

- Aryan Sethi

The Israel-Palestine conflict is one of the most significant ones in the Middle East. Unlike what most people believe, it's not a Jews vs Muslims situation or a conflict of religious ideologies, instead, it's a fight of two groups of people who claim they have the right to the same land.

After the First World War, the Zionist movement grew in Europe which called for the Jews to have a separate nation for themselves to escape persecution. Under the Balfour Declaration in 1917, the British got control of Palestine and allowed the Jews to migrate to the area.

In 1947, The United Nations decided to divide the area of Palestine into two states. Israel was to be a Jewish majority area while the Muslim majority state was to be called Palestine. The holy city of Jerusalem was to serve as a neutral religious zone as it was sacred to Muslims, Jews, and Christians. The Palestinians were furious at the UN's decision.

They orchestrated an attack on Israel for freedom. The Arab- Israel war ended in Israel's victory and saw Israel taking over West Jerusalem and even more Palestinian lands. Soon, Palestine was reduced to the Gaza Strip.

Another sixty-day war in 1967 resulted in Israeli victory. Israel expanded its territory, took over Jerusalem and the remaining Palestinian land in Gaza.

The Palestinian Liberation Organisation was formed in the 1960s but finally agreed to a two-state solution for the land to be divided into Palestine and Israel.

The Oslo Accords were a pair of agreements signed between Israel and the PLO in 1993 and 1995 to form two autonomous states. This was not received well by the people and led extremist groups like Hamas to declare the end of Israel, attacking them and killing Israeli civilians.

Despite the two-state solution, the Palestinian people carried out an uprising The Intifada and the Israeli settlers keep migrating to Palestinian land for cheap housing, religion, etc. and the two nations continue in a state of war.

On 10th May 2021, a violent outbreak was carried out by Hamas and Palestinian Islamic jihad, and Israeli forces in the form of protests, police riot control, and attacks, ending on 21st May. They were triggered by Palestinian protests in East Jerusalem because of the eviction of 6 families by Israeli settlers in Sheikh Jarrah (which under the law, belongs to Palestine). According to Israeli media, protestors threw stones at Israeli forces who retaliated with tear gas, rubber bullets, and stun grenades. More than 600 people were injured, mostly Palestinians.

PALESTINIAN POINT OF VIEW

Israelis are European Jews who colonized their land. Israelis came to the Middle East and stole Palestinian land through war, establishing their own Government and supremacy instead. Furthermore, the state of Israel, which did not exist until 70 years ago, represents British colonialism. Israeli forces are known for their mass genocidal practices, having killed hundreds of Palestinian civilians every week since the wars. Look at the death toll for an instance. The Palestinian deaths have been much more than that of Israelis for it to be called a 'conflict' rather than a one-sided persecution of Palestinian civilians. Every day innocent Palestinians die while Israel blatantly violates human rights. Radical groups, like Hamas, that are labeled as "terrorists" can be either that or freedom fighters, depending on your perspective. It is important to understand that the current situation in Palestine isn't because of Hamas (which was formed years after) but Israeli colonization.

-Prisha Gupta

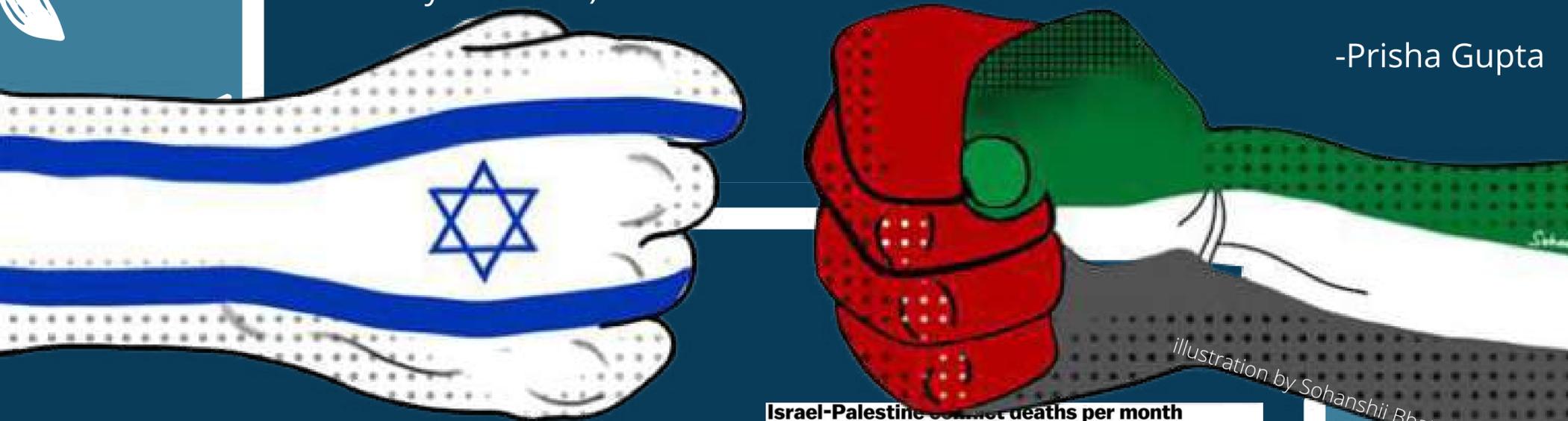
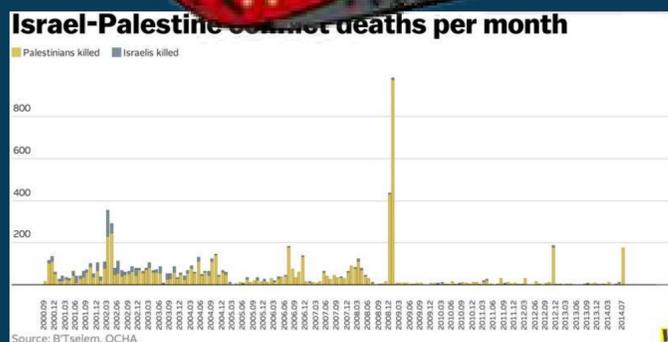


Illustration by Sohanshii Bhatia

ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW

Pro-Israeli arguments center around the belief that Palestinians are just Arabs who trumped up the idea of a Palestinian identity in order to claim land they weren't fully using, but who should instead be absorbed into the neighboring Arab states of Jordan and Egypt. They do not believe Palestinians have any claim towards the land or that they deserve a national identity. Radical groups like 'Hamas' have caused deaths amongst Israeli civilians during the conflict. Most Palestinians are opposed to the idea of a two-state solution as well which Israelis consider non-cooperation. Israelis also believe that they have right over the land because their religion says so. After having faced antisemitism and targeted hatred for years, they sought to build a nation of their own.



87% of the deaths are Palestinian civilians, overwhelmingly more than that of Israelis.

LOCKDOWN TRENDS

- Sohanshii Bhatia

THE GESTURE CHALLENGE

This works when there are a series of gesture emojis that you have to replicate within a given period of time. It was another fun passtime for when you're bored in lockdown

take a chance at these set of hand gestures in under 10 seconds



illustration by sohashii bhatia

DALGONA COFFEE, COOKING, DIY AND MORE...



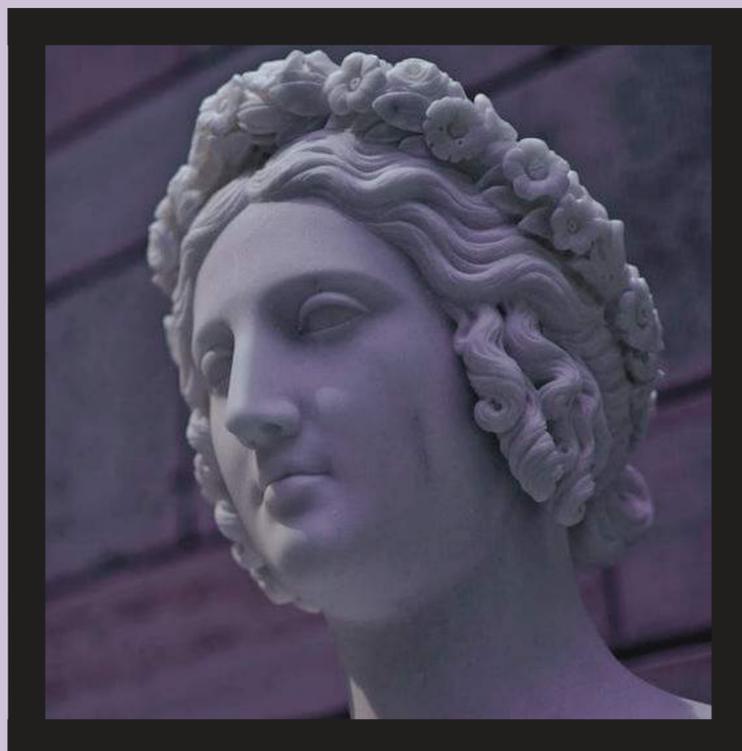
2 tbsp water
2tbsp coffee
2tsp sugar

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The only way to beat lockdown boredom was trying new things. Whipping up dalgona coffee was a must try for everyone. Lockdown helped people work towards being fit, become responsible and understand the importance of family and friends.

ENTERTAINMENT CORNER

how to scan spotify codes:
open the app and click on search.
on the top right corner, above the search
bar, click on the camera icon
scan the spotify codes to discover a playlist
made just for you and a podcast to learn
more about the LGBTQ community



THIS MONTH IN HISTORY

MONTH OF JUNE

- June 10, 2003 - NASA launches the Spirit Rover, beginning the Mars Exploration Rover program
- June 12, 1898 - The Philippines declared its independence from Spain. The islands were named after King Philip II. Once freed from Spain, the islands were then invaded and occupied by U.S. forces. They became an American colony and remained so until after World War II.
- June 15, 1950 - Walt Disney's "Cinderella" is released.
- June 17, 1885 - The Statue of Liberty arrived in New York City.



Gabrielle Korn
@Gabrielle_Korn

I dated a girl in college whose mom tried to talk her out of being gay by telling her she'd have to go through life w/out someone to open jars for her. At the time it was upsetting but in hindsight I kind of love that jar opening was the only use for men she could think of.



Do you consider yourself to be:

- Heterosexual or straight
- Gay
- Lesbian
- Hispanic
- Bisexual
- Questioning/Unsure

janis-joplin:

I remember the day when I came out as Hispanic.
 Changed my life, *for the better*
 after years of questioning I finally understood who I am; *hispanic*.
 it was a hard decision, not knowing what would become of me. but I decided *hispanic* is what I was
 Mom..Dad...I have to tell you something. I'm *hispanic*.
 I didn't get to come out on my own, my parents found the sombrero catalogs under my bed...
 Once they caught me sneaking out to Taco Bell they knew.

twofingerswhiskey:

“okay boys on one side, girls on the other” says the gym teacher

the nonbinary person just stands there

the bigender person runs back and forth

the genderfluid person runs in a circle, screaming

the agender person gets to go home, bye losers



tornadokick95

bilingual my ^{backside}you're either heterolingual or homolingual

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[#you're not bilingual](#) [#you're confused](#) [#stop being greedy](#)

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[#it's just a phase](#) [#you'll meet a nice language and settle down](#)



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memes via pinterest

MEME CORNER

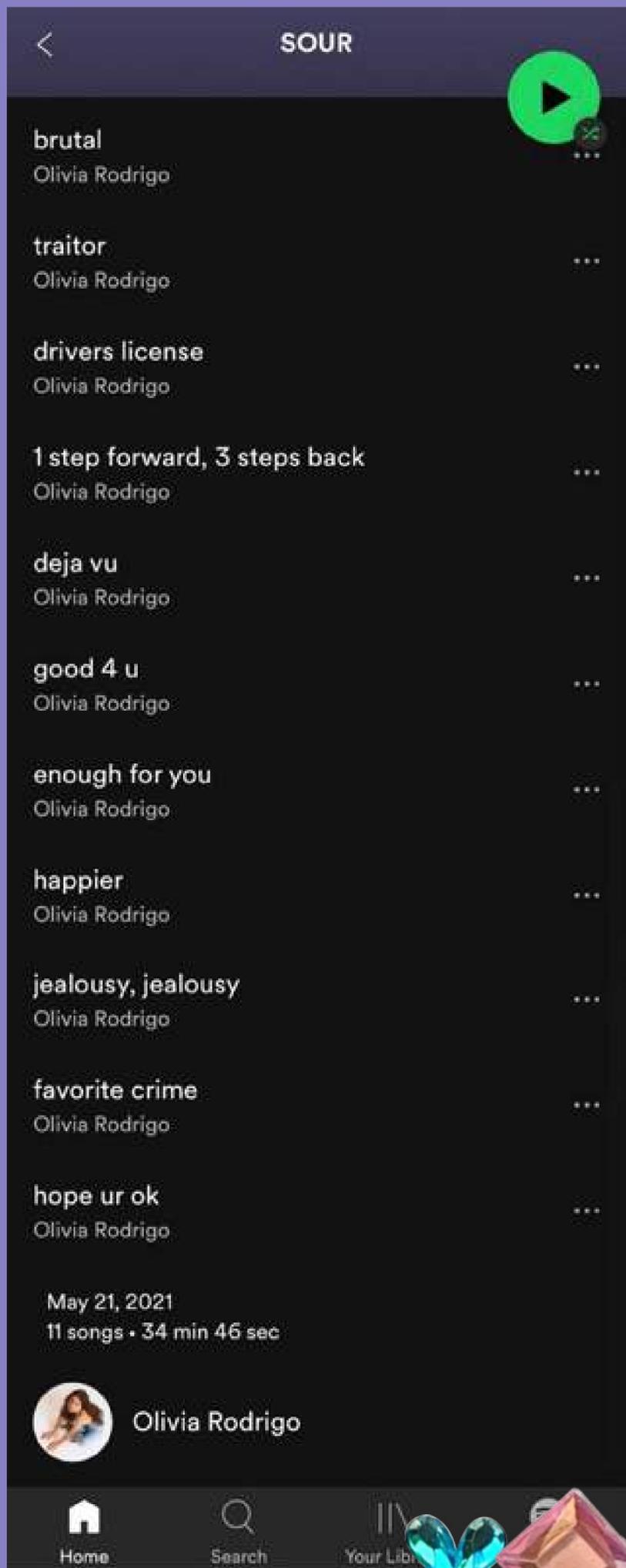
+ important facts!

It's offensive to use terms like 'homosexual' and 'transgender' as nouns. Use them as adjectives instead! That means it's okay to say 'transgender person'. Grammar is key. Offensive: the movie featured many homosexuals.

Acceptable: the movie represented the homosexual community

Even today, the illegal method of '**conversion therapy**' is used against LGBTQ+ people in India. In practice, it means trying to stop or suppress someone from being gay, or from living as a different gender to their sex recorded at birth. More extreme forms can include physical violence and food deprivation. Let's stand against such methods to 'correct' queerness and celebrate this beautiful spectrum instead

One common theme runs across all LGBTQ stories that have been depicted onscreen: suffering. From the "**Bury Your Gays**" trope, in which queer people die considerably more frequently than straight characters (we're looking at you- "The 100," "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," "Doctor Who," "Arrow" and "Brokeback Mountain"), to stories that highlight the challenges of LGBTQ lives, we rarely allow LGBTQ characters to be happy.



SOUR

ALBUM REVIEW

- Prisha Gupta and Ananya Sethia

Olivia Rodrigo's 'SOUR', is a masterpiece.

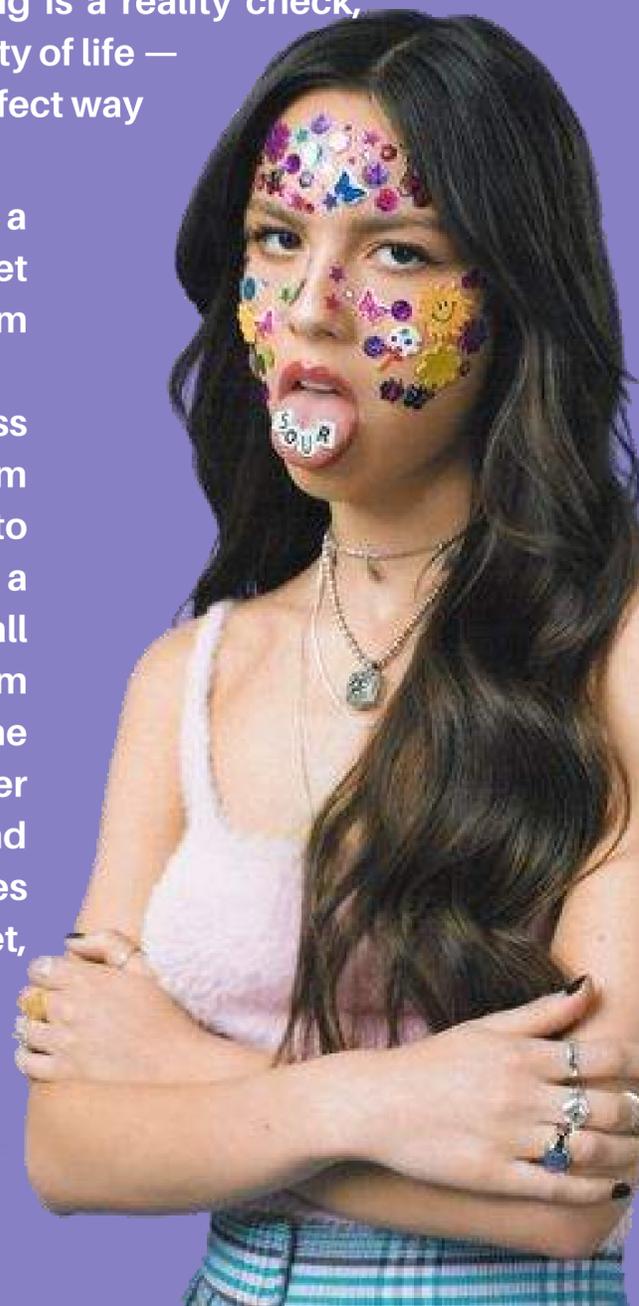
Olivia Rodrigo has successfully lured her listeners into a teenage nightmare, agonized and shattered between broken hearts and damaged egos. SOUR is undoubtedly one of the best pop debut albums. It encompasses the complete feelings of a break-up: it's messy, sad, wrenching, and morphs from denial to acceptance. Her bridges are absolute perfection, laced with magic and breathtaking tales. At the mere age of 18, she has hooked us onto tunes we'll be humming in our minds for years. Delivering some of the most powerful singles and heartbreak anthems, she only went to impress us further from 'Driver's License' to 'Deja Vu' with infectious melodies and an impeccable display of her knowledge in music.

The pop-punk 'good 4 u' is ideal for belting out during a karaoke session, while her song 'Traitor' encapsulates the bittersweet chaos of a storming sadness of an artist who is healing her wounds through her art. She reminisces her broken relationship that has slipped through her fingers, singing about her hurt and pain in songs like '1 step forward, 3 steps back' and 'enough for you'. A song like 'jealousy, jealousy' is a perfect depiction of the toxic Instagram culture— yet the way it rants against broad comparisons is almost mundane. Inarguably her lyrically strongest songs on the album- 'happier' and 'favorite crime' bring in a wave of acceptance on a shore of a broken fairytale.

Gracefully stepping away from her heartache, Olivia brings the album to an end with her underrated song, 'hope ur ok' where she muses on her childhood friendships and sheds light on the LGBTQ+ struggle. The song is a quintessential blend of despair and optimism, different from her other songs because it isn't her grief to share. The song is a reality check, making us face the harsh actuality of life — abuse and suffering. It was a perfect way to end the album.

'SOUR' is an album that's a paragon on its very own yet leaves room to expect more from the young artist,

leaving you excited to witness her future endeavors. The album turns young heartburn into something stunningly tragic — a coping mechanism for teens all around the world. The album name is almost fitting to the essence of her songs — with her effortlessly soaring voice and poignant writing, she creates something so incredibly sweet, yet sour.



GRETA (2018)

- Suhinaa Saluja

Greta is a dark psychological thriller, directed by Neil Jordan starring Isabelle Huppert and Chloe Moretz, amongst others. This drama film is about an extremely lonely widow, trying to find a friend and another woman Frances, who has just shifted to New York City and is trying to fit in. Watch the movie till the very end to find out about Greta's sinister motives. This intense film is definitely a must-watch, with strong acting and an amazing cast!

THE TRIAL OF THE CHICAGO 7

- Sara Manchanda

The Trial of the Chicago 7 is a 2020 American historical legal drama film written and directed by Aaron Sorkin. The film follows the Chicago Seven, a group of anti-Vietnam War protesters charged with conspiracy and crossing state lines to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago.

This movie is unmissable. The storyline and its engaging characters keep this movie strong and powerful throughout the 2-hour length of its screenplay.

I would recommend this movie to all those who like serious drama and a perfect amount of comedy.



ELISA AND MARCELA

-Radhika Sharma

This movie is based on true events that took place in Spain and follows the story of Elisa, who meets Marcela, forming with her a close bond of friendship that eventually blooms into forbidden love. Elisa adopts a male identity in order to marry her. The story is slow and steady, building something beautiful and intriguing in subtle echoes of its black and white cinematography. The movie makes you feel deep within your heart, their warm love and anguish. Elisa and Marcela is not a popular movie but I highly recommend watching it.



REEL REVIEWS

BOOK REVIEWS

- By Prisha Gupta and Amiya Leekha

THE SONG OF ACHILLES

The song of Achilles by Madeline Miller is an enrapturing book that doesn't shy away from unfeigned facts and figures. Madeline Miller did something other productions of Achilles were too cowardly to do- She stayed authentic to the homosexuality of Homer's Iliad rather than writing a censored and watered-down version of the story that stank of homophobia. She sheds light on Achilles' life, from his youth till his death from the perspective of his best friend and lover, Patroclus. I was floored by Miller's portrayal of one of the best Greek heroes and how I could feel the enchantment, thrall, and heartbreak. I have not read anything as stunning as this book and would recommend it to all Iliad and Greek Mythology lovers.

GEORGE

George (by Alex Gino) is a book for middle-grade readers about a child figuring out her gender identity. The story was poignant, sweet, and honest, following an elementary school student named George who was born a boy but knows in her heart that she is a girl. Written in the third perspective, the book almost instantly introduces us to George's real pronouns, making it incredibly personal. The subtle sadness, frustration, and loneliness depicted make this book extremely powerful and moving. This book tackles the important issue of transphobia with empathy and grace. Gender identity is often ignored and not discussed until children are 'old enough', however, it is never too late to open our minds and be inclusive considering plenty of people figure their identities before hitting puberty, which is why I would highly recommend this book to elementary and middle school children.



TRIPPING THE VELVET

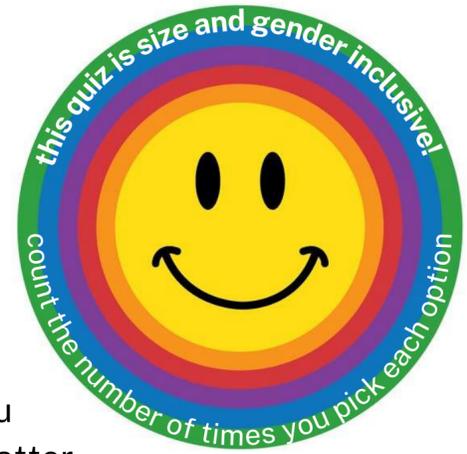
[not suggested for readers below the age of 16]

Tipping the Velvet is a historical fiction that follows the story of Nancy Astley over the course of several years. It takes you back to Victorian England and its alluring theatres, bringing the historical setting to life with its vivid detail and writing. Nancy finds her way from the simple life of an oyster girl to London, following her heart and the woman who caught it, into a life of performance, glamour, and love. Nan begins performing in drag with her vaudevillian lover and eventually slides into a male persona outside of the theater as well. This book is not only about sexuality, gender identity, and cross-dressing, but about a woman on the road to her own self-discovery. This book is special in a way no other is- it's a glimpse into the life of a girl sharing rare moments with several rare and original characters, all events tied together in a circlet. This book leaves your heart warmed, satisfied, and craving for more Victorian-themed tales of underworld lesbians.



PERSONALITY QUIZ

by Sara
Bhatnagar and
Suhinaa Saluja



Reminder:
wear whatever you
want, it doesn't matter
what size or gender you
are!

pick a dress:



pick a lower:



pick a top:



pick some shoes:



pick an overcoat :



pick a sweater:



pick something extra:

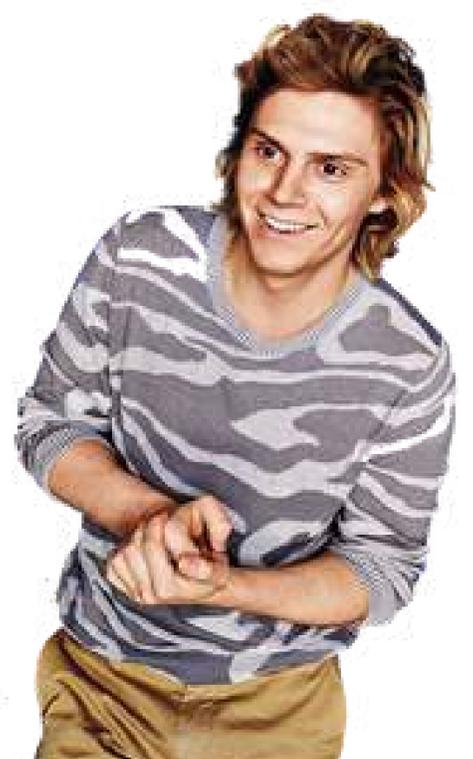


If you mostly picked the first option...you dress like Olivia Rodrigo

If you mostly picked the second option...you dress like Anya-Taylor Joy

If you mostly picked the third option...you dress like Julian Casablancas

If you mostly picked the fourth option...you dress like Evan Peters





HAPPY PRIDE MONTH!

Every month should be pride month. Every month of the year, we should celebrate the beautiful spectrum that is us and strive to be more inclusive to everyone. One in every six people are queer. It could be a family member, a friend, a neighbor, a classmate. It is imperative to educate yourself and make sure you make the world a safer place, Our diversity makes us so brilliant like a rainbow piercing the sky. To everyone struggling because of their identities- we hear you, we see you. You are extremely valid and important.

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