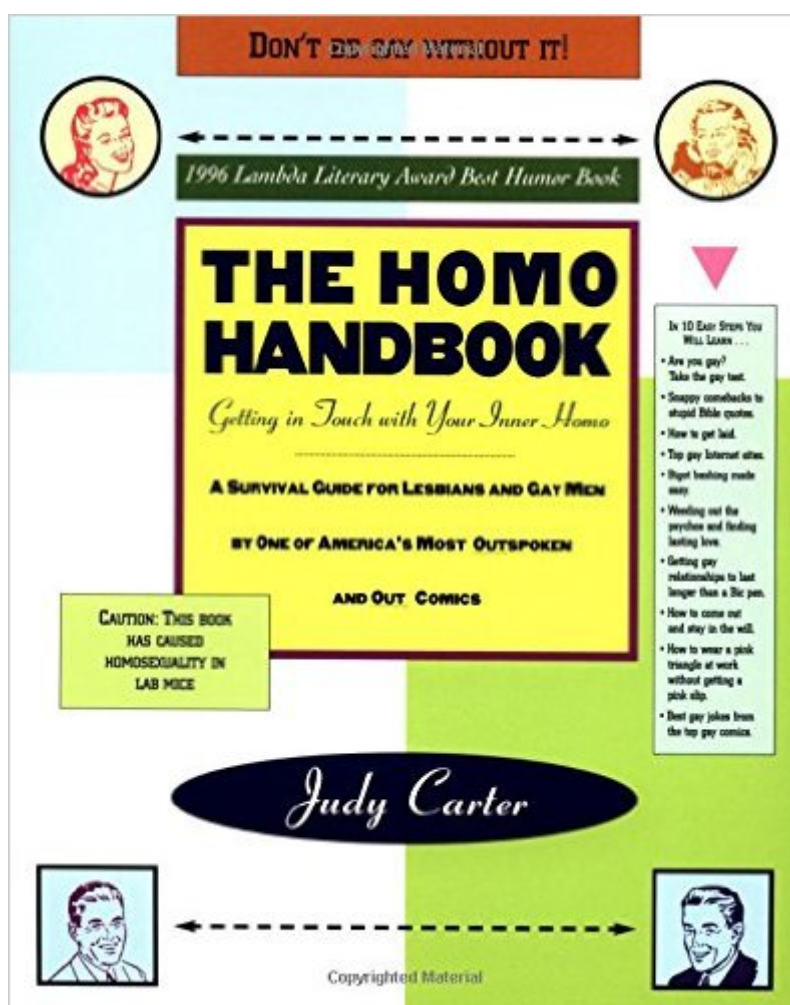


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# The Homo Handbook: Getting In Touch With Your Inner Homo: A Survival Guide For Lesbians And Gay Men (1996 Lambda Literary Award Best Humor Book)



## Synopsis

Stand-up comic Judy Carter speaks out--way out--in this entertaining and helpful guide to "being a homo". For gays and lesbians thinking about coming out, she provides a dose of courage; for those just out of the closet, she offers reaffirmation; and for the entire gay and lesbian population, she celebrates the joys and freedoms of just being yourself. 50 line drawings. Charts and worksheets throughout.

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So, you're gay, think you're gay, or one of those "I'm just curious" types? Then does Judy Carter have the book for you! This book helps you to explore your inner feelings towards being gay and assists in knocking the door off that closet to open up to your inner homo. Using generous amounts of her gay stand-up humor, Carter makes her book entertaining as well as informing, allowing gays to laugh at themselves as well as the narrow-minded bigots who bash them. She also incorporates numerous workbook-style exercises designed to guide gays in accepting themselves and making the rest of the world accept them, too. This is a must-read for anyone who is gay, thinks he/she might be gay, or even knows someone who is gay.

As an endangered species (i.e. 'lesbian with a sense of humor'), I adored this book! Judy has her inner camp by the horns, making this an incredibly humorous read as she leads you through a well-rounded self-exploration of your "inner homo." Definitely worth both the money and the time to read this treasure!

I first bought this book about 15 years ago. At the time, I was a kid trying to figure out my identity, and I found myself drawn to a whole culture I really didn't know anything about (sucks growing up out in the boonies, especially when you're "different"). This book was great: a fun, never-heavy-handed introduction to gay culture (of the late 1990's, anyway). It clarified a lot of vocabulary for me that made it easier for me to navigate the world I was finding myself in, and made me feel a lot more normal. Its humorous style was exactly what I needed to help me figure things out, without making things scarier than they already were. Now, this book is more of a novelty than anything. It's pretty outdated, as the world has changed a lot in the nearly 20 years since it was published. It's not totally useless for people exploring their sexuality now, but it's more likely to appeal to people who were stepping out of the closet in the 1990's and want to look back, than to kids and adults in the same position now. Regardless, it's a great book and lots of fun to read, and certainly a hilarious coffee table book, if you aren't too self-conscious about the title.

This book is great. It has a lot of great exercises and advice, and is very supportive. I did find that this book has been written for a narrow audience, a white closeted lesbian in her 30's. This is an audience that I just don't fit into. This book does try to address other audiences such as gay men, but does not handle it well. For those of you who fit into this book's audience, BUY IT! It's a great book. If you don't fit into this audience, you can buy it but might find that you can't relate to it as well.

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