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ADDITIONAL RESOURCES for STUDY and DISCUSSION

Applicable bullet points are hyperlinked.

Books

- *African Intimacies: Race, Homosexuality, and Globalization*
By Nevill Hoad. University of Minnesota Press, 2007
- *Boy-Wives and Female Husbands: Studies of African Homosexualities*
By Stephen O. Murray. Palgrave Macmillan, 2001
- *Heterosexual Africa?: The History of an Idea from the Age of Exploration to the Age of AIDS*
By Mark Epprecht. Ohio University Press, 2008
- *Queer African Reader*
Edited by Sohari Ekine and Hakima Abbas. Pambazuka Press, 2013.
- *Sexuality and Social Justice in Africa*
By Mark Epprecht. Zed Books, 2013.
- *Tommy Boys, Lesbian Men, and Ancestral Wives: Female Same-Sex Practices in Africa*
By Ruth Morgan and Saskia Wieringa. Jacana Media, 2006

News

- 76crimes.com is a Cameroonian website focused on LGBT news, mostly in Africa.
- “Cameroon gay rights activist found tortured and killed,” [The Guardian](http://www.theguardian.com). July 18, 2013.
- “Who Killed Roger Mbede?” [Al Jazeera America](http://www.aljazeera.com). March 26, 2015.
- [Pink News Africa](http://pinknews.africa)

Statistic Sources

- United Nations [data on Cameroon](#).
- As of 2015, it is illegal to be gay in 78 countries. This [BBC article](#) provides an interactive map as well as a timeline of when individual countries criminalized and decriminalized homosexuality.
- [Statistics](#) on the experience of American LGBT youth.
- [Pew study](#) on global acceptance of homosexuality.

Reports

- Human Rights Watch [Updates](#)
- Human Rights Watch, “[Guilty by Association: Human Rights Violations in the Enforcement of Cameroon’s Anti-Homosexuality Law.](#)”
- Human Rights Watch, “[Criminalizing Identities: Rights Abuses in Cameroon Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity.](#)”
- Amnesty International, “[Human Rights in Cameroon.](#)”



THE SUBJECTS OF 'BORN THIS WAY'

Alice Nkom

- “Cameroonian lawyer urges world to join her in fight against anti-gay legislation,” [The Guardian](#), March 18, 2015.
- “A Lone Activist Crusades for Change in Cameroon,” [The Advocate](#), November 28, 2011.

Esther and Pascaline

Both have become outspoken activists in Cameroon:

- Pascaline [Video](#) (French Only)
- Esther [Video](#) (French Only)

Cédric and Gertrude

The main subjects of *Born This Way*, both have both received asylum to the United States and now live in San Francisco. They have limited availability for speaking and teaching engagements. Please contact them directly to discuss:

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Discussion Questions

1. What are some of the unique challenges to the LGBT community in Cameroon?
2. How do these circumstances compare to the challenges within your local LGBT community?
3. Were you surprised by the influence of sexuality on ones' daily life? If so, what hadn't you previously considered?
4. How has colonialism influenced the political repercussions and cultural backlash towards LGBT people?
5. How did the Catholic Church shape Gertrude's experience? What are different ways Catholics think about sins, sexuality, and love?
6. Why do some people consider same sex couples a threat to the community? In what way might they be seen as a threat?
7. Beyond expressing their sexuality in public, what other issues and rights are important for achieving LGBT equality?
8. Should the rights of LGBT communities be considered on an international or local platform?

For More Information

'Born This Way' Official Website
<http://BornThisWayDocumentary.com>

Alternatives Cameroon
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Alternatives-cameroun/102361963146612>