



# In Our Words: Stories from the Intersection of LGBTQIA+ Identity and Disability

AUTHOR Wayne Herbert and Yenn Purkis

COLLECTION EDITED BY Damian Mellifont, Jennifer Smith-Merry

## COLLECTION

Disability Studies

## EDITION

1st edition

## MARKET

College/higher education and Professional and scholarly

## This course reading...

- Shares a series of personal reflections from Queer and Disabled people and offers insight into their lived experiences.
- Provides information on how individuals can overcome the challenges and discrimination faced by Disabled and Queer people.
- Is ideal reading for students of Disability Studies, LGBTQIA+ Studies, Social Work, and Gender Studies, and Queer Disabled folk seeking a sense of community.

**"In Our Words is a book I wish had been available when I was a teenager, grappling with issues of sexuality and disability."** – Dr Alastair McEwin AM, Former Commissioner, Disability Royal Commission; Former Disability Discrimination Commissioner

## What can we learn from the lived experiences of Disabled people identifying as LGBTQIA+?

Through a series of personal reflections, *In Our Words* follows the difficult journeys of a number of Queer and Disabled authors from coming out to arriving at a place of positive identity.

This empowering collection discusses the discrimination and hatred faced by the Queer and Disabled community, and shares how these barriers can be overcome to arrive at a place of self-acceptance and love. Through examples, this book aims to promote a sense of unity and pride.

Through tales of self-reflection, insight, and discovery, this book is ideal reading for students of Disability Studies, LGBTQIA+ Studies, Social Work, and Gender Studies as well as Queer Disabled folk.

**Wayne Herbert** is an international speaker, MC, comedian, and writer. He serves on the board of LGBTIQ+ Health Australia and is the former Vice President of Meridian, a Canberra community-controlled organisation working to prevent and ameliorate HIV. Wayne was nominated as the 2018 Australian Capital Territory Australian of the year for services to the LGBTQIA+ and Disability communities. **Yenn Purkis** (they/them) is an author, public servant, and advocate for Autistic people and their families. Living with diagnoses of Autism, ADHD, and atypical schizophrenia, Yenn is a frequent speaker on the topics of neurodiversity, mental health, gender, and employment, and facilitates a support group for Autistic women and non-binary people.

Consumer print and ebook pricing available on the LPP website.

Institutional print and ebook pricing available through your chosen library vendor.

This title is available as part of the LPP Library collection. For pricing, inquire at [contact@livedplacespublishing.com](mailto:contact@livedplacespublishing.com).