



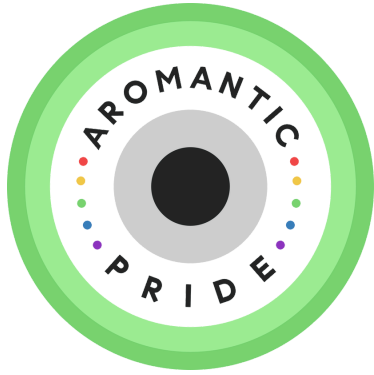
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Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week

February 16th - 22nd, 2025

Aromantic Spectrum Awareness Week is an annual observance dedicated to raising awareness and understanding of aromantic spectrum identities and the unique challenges faced by aromantic people. It also aims to highlight the diversity within the aromantic spectrum, including identities like grayromantic, demiromantic, and others.



Other February Holidays

- **February 7:** National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- **February 12:** National Freedom to Marry Day

Literature and Film

“Her Body and Other Parties”



Collection of short stories by queer Latinx author Carmen Maria Machado. Written in horror, fantasy, and magical realism styles. Themes include queerness, relationships, and bodily autonomy.

[Good Reads Review](#)

This Month in LGBTQ+ History

Audre Lorde



Writer, poet, civil rights activist, and overall icon Audre Lorde was born on February 18th, 1934. Lorde highlighted how race, gender, class, and sexuality cannot be separated when considering oppression. She was a fierce advocate for LGBTQ+ rights and used her work and activism to amplify the voices of marginalized people, particularly Black folks, queer folks, and women. Her writing remains a cornerstone of feminist and LGBTQ+ literature and continues to inspire generations of activists, writers, and thinkers.



“Queer Japan”

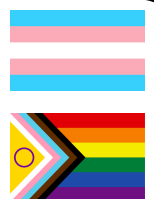
A documentary that provides an in-depth and vibrant exploration of LGBTQ+ culture, identities, and activism in Japan. Discusses societal stigmas and how they intersect with Japanese cultural norms.



[Click here to watch trailer](#)



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Human Rights Campaign Report on “Dismantling a Culture of Violence”

“Since 2013, at least 372 transgender, non-binary, gender-expansive, and gender-expansive individuals (“transgender and gender-expansive,” or just “trans,” going forward) have been killed in the United States. Year after year, the same trends emerge: the vast majority of victims are trans women of color (particularly Black trans women), the vast majority are young adults aged 30 or younger, and the vast majority are killed with a gun. Identifying and recording incidents is often delayed, as initial news coverage and police reports often refer to the victim with the wrong gender and pronouns (“misgendering”), or use their birth name rather than chosen name (“deadnaming”).

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The LGBTQ+ History Project



[Click here to visit their website](#)

The LGBTQ History Project is an archive of the lives and legacies of LGBTQ+ activists from the first wave of gay liberation using personal stories, interviews, photos, and artifacts.

“At the heart of our work is the extensive archive of August Bernadicou, who began recording conversations and interviews with these pioneers when he was 13 years old. With thousands of hours of recorded audio and video materials, we aim to capture the LGBTQ+ community’s struggles, losses, and triumphs. We are committed to preserving and providing access to this vital history. Through our efforts, we aim to shed light on the stories and experiences of those who fought for LGBTQ+ rights.”

**Coalition for Family Harmony
24-hr Bilingual Crisis Hotline**

1.800.300.2181

**Trevor Project
24-hr LGBTQ+ Crisis Support**

866.488.7386

**Trans Lifeline
Bilingual Crisis Hotline**

877.565.8860