

# 2025 Queer Book Club



## **The Guncle by Steven Rowley**

Patrick has always loved his niece and nephew. When tragedy strikes, Patrick finds himself suddenly taking on the role of guardian. Patrick's eyes are opened to a new sense of responsibility, and the realization that, sometimes, even being larger than life means you're unfailingly human.

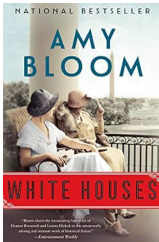
January 15



## **All the Things We Don't Talk About by Amy Feltman**

Morgan has grown up haunted by the absence of their mother Zoe, especially now, as they navigate their gender identity and the turmoil of first love. Then Zoe suddenly comes crashing back into Morgan and Julian's lives, poised to disrupt the fragile peace they have so carefully cultivated.

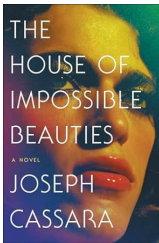
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## **White Houses by Amy Bloom**

Lorena Hickok meets Eleanor Roosevelt while reporting on Franklin Roosevelt's first presidential campaign. As her connection with the future first lady deepens into intimacy, what begins as a powerful passion matures into a lasting love, and a life that Hick never expected to have.

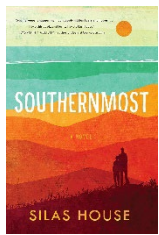
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## **The House of Impossible Beauties by Joseph Cassara**

Angel is new to the drag world, and has a yearning inside of her to help create family for those without. When she falls in love with Hector, they decide to form the House of Xtravaganza, the first-ever all-Latino house. But when Hector dies, Angel must bear the responsibility of tending to their house alone.

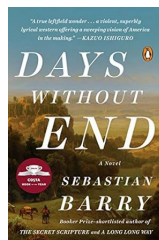
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## **Southernmost by Silas House**

Evangelical preacher Asher Sharp offers shelter to two gay men and risks losing everything. Asher flees to Key West, where he hopes to find his brother. There at the southernmost point of the country, Asher discovers a new way of thinking about the world, and a new way of understanding love.

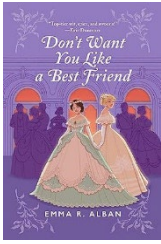
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## **Days Without End by Sebastian Barry**

Thomas McNulty, having fled the Great Famine in Ireland, signs up for the U.S. Army. With his brother in arms, John Cole, Thomas goes on to fight in the Indian Wars and, ultimately, the Civil War. Orphans of terrible hardships themselves, the men find these days to be vivid and alive.

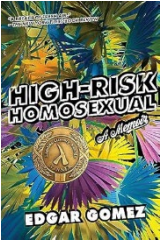
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### **Don't Want You Like a Best Friend by Emma Alban**

Debutante Beth has one season to snag a husband, or she and her mother will be out on the street. Then a handsome, wealthy viscount starts calling on Beth, offering up the perfect, secure marriage. Beth must reckon with the fact that she's caught feelings, hard, and they're definitely not for her potential fiancé.

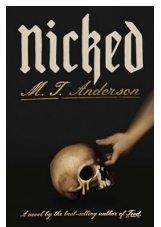
July 16



### **High-Risk Homosexual by Edgar Gomez**

This witty memoir traces a touching and often hilarious spiralic path to embracing a gay, Latinx identity against a culture of machismo—from a cockfighting ring in Nicaragua to cities across the U.S.—and the bath houses, night clubs, and drag queens who help redefine pride.

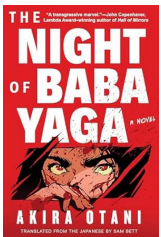
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### **Nicked by M. T. Anderson**

1087, and a pox is sweeping through the city of Bari. The seven-hundred-year-old bones of Saint Nicholas are rumored to weep a mysterious liquid that can heal the sick. For the humble price of a small fortune, Tyun will steal the bones, curing the plague and restoring glory to the fallen city.

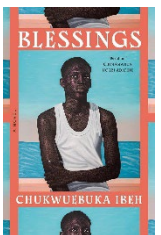
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### **The Night of Baba Yaga by Akira Otani**

Tokyo, 1979. Yoriko Shindo is kidnapped to the lair of the Naiki-kai, a branch of the yakuza. After she savagely fends off a throng of henchmen, Shindo is permitted to live under one condition: that she will become the bodyguard and driver for Shoko Naiki, the obsessively sheltered daughter of the gang's boss.

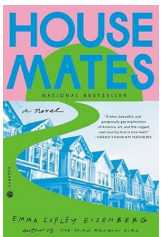
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### **Blessings by Chukwuebuka Ibeh**

When Obiefuna's father discovers his intimacy with another boy, he sends him away to boarding school. There, he struggles with the harsh environment while hiding his true self. Meanwhile his mother grapples with secrets they've been avoiding as Nigeria edges towards criminalizing same-sex relationships.

November 19



### **Housemates by Emma Eisenberg**

When Bernie replies to Leah's ad for a new housemate in Philadelphia, the two begin an intense and uncategorizable friendship based on a mutual belief in their art and one another. After Bernie's former professor dies and leaves her a complicated inheritance, Leah volunteers to accompany Bernie to his home in rural Pennsylvania.

December 17

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