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A half century ago gay men and lesbians were all but invisible in the media and, in turn, popular culture. With the lesbian and gay liberation movement came a profoundly new sense of homosexual community and empowerment and the emergence of gay people onto the media's stage. And yet even as the mass media have been shifting the terms of our public conversation toward a greater acknowledgment of diversity, does the emerging "visibility" of gay men and women do justice to the complexity and variety of their experience? Or is gay identity manipulated and contrived by media that are unwillingand perhaps unableto fully comprehend and honor it?While positive representations of gays and lesbians are a cautious step in the right direction, media expert Larry Gross argues that the entertainment and news media betray a lingering inability to break free from proscribed limitations in order to embrace the complex reality of gay identity. While noting major advances, like the opening of the Oscar Wilde Memorial Bookstorethe first gay bookstore in the countryor the rise of The Advocate from small newsletter to influential national paper, Gross takes the measure of somewhat more ambiguous milestones, like the first lesbian kiss on television or the first gay character in a newspaper comic strip. Author: Gross, Larry Publisher: Columbia University Press Illustration: N Language: ENG Title: Up from Invisibility: Lesbians, Gay Men, and the Media in America Pages: 00320 (Encrypted EPUB) On Sale: 2012-07-24 SKU-13/ISBN: 9780231119535 Category: Literary Criticism : Gay & Lesbian Category: Performing Arts : Television - Screenwriting Category: Social Science : Lesbian Studies

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