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More Faerie Tales from the Rainbow Library

BY NETH URKIEL-TAYLOR

February is the month in which we celebrate love. So, I would like to share with you some books that talk about love.

I first found *Martin and Tommy* by Welleran Poltarnees at the Gay and Lesbian Center in New York. This adorable picture book, published by Simon & Schuster, was originally a collection of post cards sent from a father to his young son. The relationship depicted is between Martin the Bear and Tommy the Elephant. Together, Martin and Tommy build a house, tend their garden, dance, sing, make flower crowns, cook and enjoy the beauty of the night sky. The illustrations are classic. This is not a gay book, yet it certainly depicts a loving male bond.

I think my most favorite book so far for the Rainbow Library is the book *Caleb's Friend* by Eric Jon Nones. Nones's stories are origi-

nal, and he beautifully illustrates his own writing. This book starts speaking to you from the front cover. This story is about the enduring love between a young sailor and a merboy. If a picture really is worth a thousand words, I would suggest you find this book and look at it.

It would be incomplete to speak of love without adding a Valentine's Day-related reference. An out-of-print book, *Things to Make and Do for Valentine's Day* by Tomie de Paola, is not the most-up-to-date or fabulous Valentine book; still it was written by one of our own. Author Tomie de Paola has written many holiday-themed books. This one is a small collection of crafts, games, jokes, tongue-twisters and recipes that celebrate February 14th. Its strength is in its clear instructions and easy-to-follow steps paired with pictograms, so that most children could guide themselves in collecting the materials and probably through the activity itself.

A quirky, eclectic and playful

book, *King and King* by Linda de Haan and Stern Nijland is my top pick for a gay Valentine's Day picture book. *King and King* made me laugh. The queen decrees that the prince must get married. Princesses come from far and further even. None of them stirs the prince's heart. Alas, who will marry the prince? The use of mixed media in the illustrations added texture and discovery to each page. The book even left space for heterosexual love to blossom. A true faerie's tale - this is a treasure!

Neth is currently involved in The Rainbow Library, a reference library that is a Vermont resource for queer-themed picture books, videos, and family information. Library staff is willing to facilitate reading circles with your friends and family, group, school or organization. Call 652-0878 to learn how you can become involved, to get a bibliography or to learn more about the library.



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