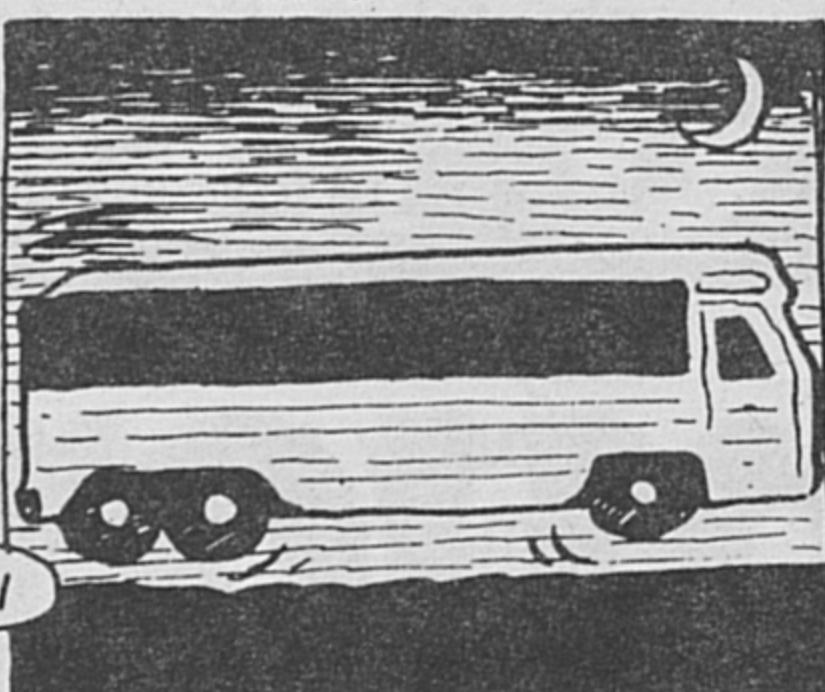


Dykes To Watch Out For *By Alison Bechdel*



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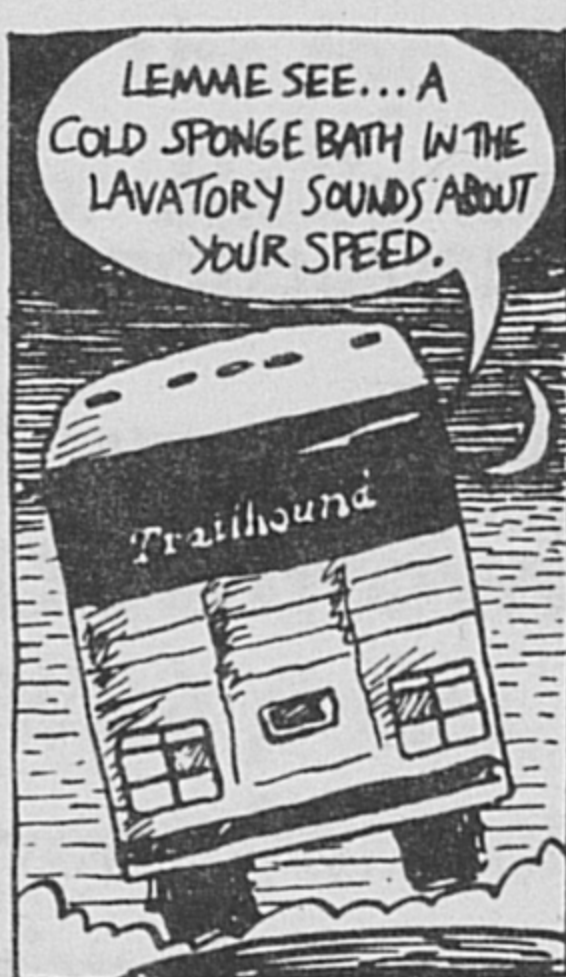
Belinda Darcy

An evening of short stories, written and read by Vermont's own lesbian and gay writers is scheduled for Wednesday, June 23 from 6-8 pm at Chassman and Bem in Burlington.

Hosted by Chassman and Bem as part of Vermont's 1993 Lesbian, Gay and Bi-sexual Pride Celebration, the event is made possible by a grant from Burlington's City Arts and is open to the public at no charge. An informal reception immediately following will give the audience a chance to meet the writers and, if interested, discuss the formation of an ongoing local fiction writers group.

Writers need all the encouragement and input they can get. It's quite a lonely profession. Queer fiction has the capacity to sustain us through periods of isolation from our community. Stories give us role models and validate our lives. Ask any lesbian about her coming out and she'll probably mention *Rubyfruit Jungle* or *Patience and Sarah*. Ask any gay man; *Fronrunner* and *The Best Little Boy in the World* may come to mind. But there's so much more to gay fiction than coming out stories. Some of the stories being written by queer writers today don't even feature queer characters, and yet retain an innate queer sensibility.

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