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Abstract

Throughout modern history, the identities and experiences of queer individuals have been invalidated and erased by those in power for a variety of reasons. Religious ideology and a lack of understanding of the queer experience often stripped the words from those who were left without a voice – the gay men and women of the mid-1900s, the transgender and non-binary members of the queer community, of whom the ability to use public restrooms and serve in the American military is still up for public debate, and those without such clear cut identities who have yet to find words for who they are.

All of this is to say that the non-fictional stories of the queer community are often traumatic and painful. But, fortunately, that does not mean that members of the queer community do not have captivating stories to tell – be they non-fiction or fiction. *QUEERLY SAID* is an online literary journal where queer writers are allowed to express themselves and write in worlds colored by their own experiences. It is a home for fictional and non-fictional stories to be written by those previously voiceless and read by those who want to immerse themselves in fantastic, exciting stories that have themes that they can identify with. The site was built as a hub for the issues that would be published containing the words of those writers and the marketing plan was created to spread the word of *QUEERLY SAID* and invite as many interested parties as possible to share in the common cultural experience of storytelling.

LINK: <https://hespeer2.wixsite.com/queerlysaid>

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