

Loving II Reveals Hidden Photographic History of Gay Men in Love, 1850s–1950s

A powerful LGBTQ collection showcasing intimate images of men in love, preserving queer history from the 19th and 20th centuries.

RICHMOND, CA, UNITED STATES, October 14, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Authors [Hugh Nini and Neal Treadwell](#), a married couple of thirty-four years and custodians of the world's only known photographic archive of men in love, announce the release of [Loving II: More Photographic History of Men in Love, 1850s–1950s](#) (5 Continents Editions).

This powerful companion to their acclaimed bestseller *Loving* features more than 300 never-before-seen images of men who documented their relationships during an era when homosexuality was criminalized and visibility was dangerous. Spanning a century of evolving photographic formats, including ambrotypes, daguerreotypes, tintypes, cabinet cards, postcards, photo strips, and snapshots, the book captures the resilience and tenderness of queer love against all odds.



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"In this fraught moment, when LGBTQ+ rights are once again under attack, *Loving II* stands as both historical witness and gentle act of resistance," write Nini and Treadwell in their introduction. "It is a reminder that love has always existed, even when society tried to erase it."

A Timely Celebration of Queer History

The release of *Loving II* comes amid renewed political and religious hostility toward LGBTQ+ equality, including legislative rollbacks and threats to marriage rights. By preserving these photographs, the authors reclaim a hidden history and offer a much-needed message of visibility, resilience, and hope.

Praise for the [First Volume *Loving*](#)



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Rolling Stone: "A love letter to the world."

The Guardian: "Their act of protest was to pose together with unguarded body language during a time when homosexuality was a criminal act."

About the Authors

Hugh Nini and Neal Treadwell are the custodians of the world's only known archive of romantic historical photographs of men in love. Their journey began over two decades ago in a Dallas antique shop and has since grown into a collection of over four thousand images spanning continents and centuries. *Loving and Loving II* are the result of their dedication to preserving a truth that history tried to erase: that love, in all its forms, has always been here.

About 5 Continents Editions

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