

A literary cause celebre when first published more than fifty years ago, Gore Vidal's now-classic *The City and the Pillar* stands as a landmark novel of the gay experience. Jim, a handsome, all-American athlete, has always been shy around girls. But when he and his best friend, Bob, partake in "awful kid stuff," the experience forms Jim's ideal of spiritual completion. Defying his parents' expectations, Jim strikes out on his own, hoping to find Bob and rekindle their amorous friendship. Along the way he struggles with what he feels is his unique bond with Bob and with his persistent attraction to other men. Upon finally encountering Bob years later, the force of his hopes for a life together leads to a devastating climax. The first novel of its kind to appear on the American literary landscape, *The City and the Pillar* remains a forthright and uncompromising portrayal of sexual relationships between men.

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Composed when he was in his early 20s, Gore Vidal's episodic *The City and the Pillar* (1948) was one of the first American novels published that was overtly I found this to be a fine book. The prose is spare, lean, direct--much like Jim, its protagonist. It does not have the eloquence or depth of Vidal's later work, but it The first novel of its kind to appear on the American literary landscape, *The City and the Pillar* remains a forthright and uncompromising portrayal resented as the case history of a standard homosexual, this novel adds little that is new to a groaning shelf. Mr. Vidal's approach is coldly clinical: there is no real His third novel, *The City and the Pillar* (1948), caused a moralistic furor over his dispassionate presentation of a young protagonist coming to terms with his A literary cause celebre when first published more than fifty years ago, Gore Vidal's now-classic *The City and the Pillar* stands as a landmark novel of the gay PILLAR. *The City and the Pillar* was one of the first novels about homosexual On one extreme, reviewers attacked the appropriateness of any novel at all on A literary cause celebre when first published more than fifty years ago, Gore Vidal's now-classic *The City and the Pillar* stands as a landmark novel of the gay When Gore Vidal's frank description of homosexual life, *The City and the Pillar*, was first published in 1948. *The City and the Pillar: A Novel* Paperback. A literary cause celebre when first published more than fifty years ago, Gore Vidal's now-classic *The City and the Pillar* stands as a landmark novel of the gay Buy *The City And The Pillar* New Ed by Gore Vidal (ISBN: 9780349106571) from Amazon's Book Store. Everyday low prices and free delivery on eligible orders. Controversial in its time, this novel tells of a young gay man's search for love in the closeted years of the 1940s. Gore Vidal was born in 1925 at the United States Military Academy at West Point. His first novel, *Williwaw*, written when he was nineteen years old and served With the publication of his daring third novel *The City and the Pillar* in 1948, Gore Vidal shocked the American public, which has just begun to hail him as their

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