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The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Trans (LGBT) movement has been active in the Bristol and Bath area since 1970. This book analyses the development of the local commercial scene and movement, focusing on the history of Gay West, a social and support group which, together with its predecessors, the Campaign for Homosexual Equality (CHE) Bristol Group and Bath Gay Awareness Group, is one of the longest-lasting LGBT organisations in the country.

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