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Gay and Lesbian Memory in Action, the pioneering, highly regarded South African gay and lesbian archives, invites African writers to submit stories on a queer African theme for publishing in a ground-breaking anthology. Gay and Lesbian Memory in Action intends the anthology to query stereotypes, show that there are many ways of being queer in Africa, and encourage queer artistic expression and appreciation. Literary merit and an insightful response to the complexities of African queerness will guide the selection.

Submit your unpublished short fiction of between 1,000 and 5,000 words to queerafricanfiction@gmail.com by 30 June 2010. Provide a covering page with the title of the story, your first name and surname, your email address and a contact telephone number, and a bio of not more than 100 words. All submissions will be acknowledged.

The selection will be made by 30 September 2010, and writers will work with an editor to refine their stories for publishing in June 2011. The anthology will be launched at the 2011 Cape Town Book Fair and will be distributed locally, in Africa and internationally. With writers's permissions, all submissions will be archived by Gay and Lesbian Memory in Action and will be accessible to the archives's many local and international users.

For more information visit the Gay and Lesbian Memory in Action website at www.gala.co.za, or email queerafricanfiction@gmail.com. And find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/pages/Best-new-queer-African-short-fiction/392161331257.