

A WAY OF LOVE

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A Way of Love follows Bruce, a middle-aged architect, and Philip, a younger man still wrestling with his identity, as they try to make a life together in late-1950s London. Tender, uneasy and deeply observant, the novel explores desire, intimacy and the risks of openness in a society in which homosexuality remained criminalised.

James Courage (1903-63) was born in Christchurch and grew up near Amberley before spending most of his adult life in England. Five of his eight novels returned to Canterbury as their setting. *A Way of Love* is widely regarded as the first gay novel by a New Zealander.

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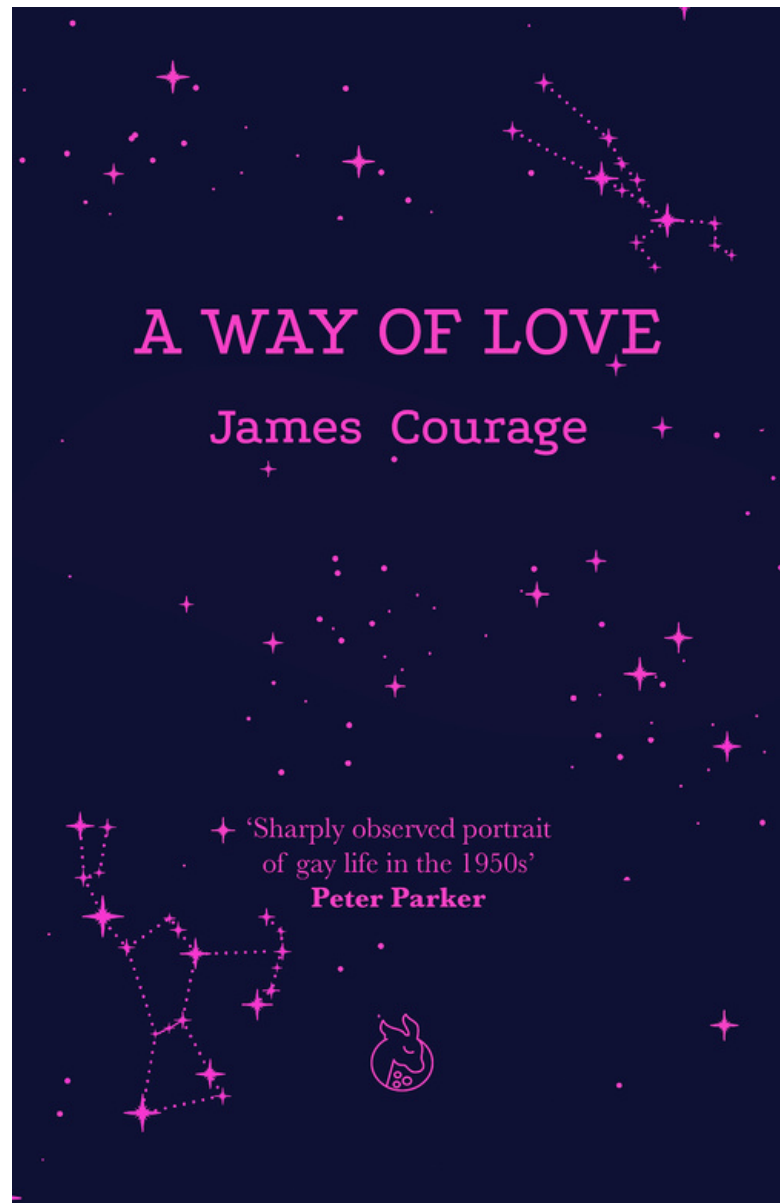
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