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In 1933, **Forman Brown** (1901 – 1996) wrote, under the pseudonym Richard Meeker, a controversial novel called **Better Angel**, about a young man coming to terms with his homosexuality. We follow Kurt Gray from his school days as target of the bullies through a religiously condemned sexual awakening; only during college and later at university does Kurt find acceptance and finally love. This novel is regarded as the first American novel to present the 'gay' experience in a healthy light. Forman Brown only revealed his authorship of the novel at the age of 94.

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