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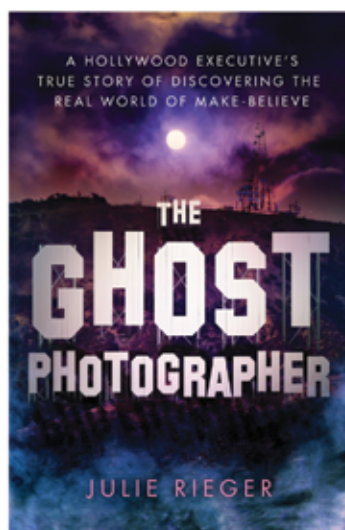
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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



"THE GHOST PHOTOGRAPHER" BY JULIE RIEGER

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You know how they do it. It's a snap, really.

A little bit of computer imagery, film cells inserted here, a half-screen there, and you've got a movie that'll scare the bejeebers out of anybody. You know how it's done, though; it's all special effects. Or, as in "The Ghost Photographer" by Julie Rieger," could it be real?

Growing up in Oklahoma, Julie Rieger figured she'd someday marry her childhood sweetheart, have kids, and work at some local hangout, living "a normal and peaceful life." Instead, she came out at age twenty-three and "officially gave up on organized religion," moved to California, married Suzanne, became a powerful Hollywood movie-maker, and life was good – until her mother died of Alzheimer's.

The loss of her mother almost destroyed Rieger's world but there was one comforting moment: a friend who had "a gift" called Rieger as her mother lay dying, offering support in shared grief. When that friend died not long afterward, she visited Rieger in a dream and later, in a psychic reading. It opened a window to something Rieger had only scoffed at before.

"That first reading," says Rieger, "... changed my life forever."

She began “not only paying attention” but was “on a mission to learn everything I possibly could,” becoming an acolyte of the psychic-turned-mentor, and immersing herself into a community that further supported her foray into what was on “the Other Side.” She started collecting crystals and stones meant to protect, energize, and promote healing. She learned about the “clairs” and how dangerous it is to open a portal to the other side without remembering to close it, too. She had a terrifying altercation with a “deep dark Debbie Downer.” In short, she became “an evangelical spirit junkie.”

“Spirits are all over the place,” she says adamantly. “Our guides are by our side, ready to give us information if we only pay attention.”

“The Ghost Photographer” is a very interesting book, but only partially for what it says. What it doesn’t say is interesting in its omission.

Author Julie Rieger is an award-winning head of media at 20th Century Fox, but readers won’t find much about Hollywood in this book. Refreshingly, there’s no gossip and very little name-dropping. Instead, what you’ll find is the story of a journey from soft skeptic to firm believer, told in tales that are sometimes super-creepy and will sometimes make you roll your eyes. Rieger joshingly recalls such disbelief in herself.

For that reason, it’s hard to ignore or dismiss as coincidence the stories she tells in this memoir. Rieger shares those tales with humor reminiscent of a high-school Class Clown, which tones them down some but the sentiment remains: the spirit world is interesting, complicated, and real but if you’re inexperienced, don’t mess with it.

This book is an entertaining read in itself, and informative if you’re just dipping your toe into the paranormal. It’s also possible that “The Ghost Photographer” could make a scoffer into a believer. Yeah, it’s a book to snap up.

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AUNTIE BRAD'S DO'S & DON'TS FOR VALENTINE'S DAY FUN

Hey there, you love birds and loners alike! I'm here with my list of do's and (please) don'ts for this annual fuckfest we call Valentine's Day. Now we all know it's a weird day for most people. It's almost impossible to be in the sweet spot of a relationship where Valentine's Day is actually enjoyable. You've either been together far too short of a time so don't really know how seriously to take it; or you've been together way too long and no amount of Cherubic arrows in your ass is going to cure your lesbian bed death. And then, of course, if you're single it's a real smorgasbord of bullshit for you to maneuver. Do you stay at home? Go out clubbing to drown out the sound of your aloneness? What to do, what to do?! So here are some general tips from your old Auntie Brad. Because I've been around this particular block so many times they named the alley after me.

1. If you're single, don't be alone. The likelihood of ending up crying at the bottom of a bottle of Cabaret is too great. Go out with friends or throw a dinner party or something.

2. If you're in a relationship this is NOT the night for big moves. And I mean in every way possible. Don't be the douche that proposes on Valentine's Day. You might as well add a flash mob and then run directly into traffic. Also no taking your relationship to the next level. This means don't ask for (or give) someone a key to anything. And this is not the night to try fisting. It's a goddamn Thursday, people.

3. If you're in a couple, it's fine to consider a long weekend

somewhere. Just so long as there aren't rose pedals on the bed. I don't know why people think that's a good thing. First of all, they stick all over you when you head down to pound town. So that's odd. And then they start to wilt and rot within a few hours. So now you're just lying there, covered in more DNA than a crime scene, in a pile of expensive compost. So, don't.

4. Get togethers are great for couples and singles on weird social holidays like this. If you've been in a relationship forever... or it just feels like it... being around other people will take the pressure off. Throwing a game night for a mix of singles and couples will put everyone at ease. So long as it doesn't turn into a weird orgy. I know my readers, so I'm flagging that play right now.

5. NO fucking in public. Just this one night give the general public a rest. Sure public sex is fun but Valentine's Day is amateur hour. It's like if you only do drag once a year and it's on Halloween. Girl, no.

6. And this is the most important: You are not allowed to breakup or be broken up with the entire week of Valentine's day. If you leave someone on this auspicious holiday, you are garbage person. An emotional trash panda. And if you are someone this happens to, you have my permission to destroy their genitals in some way. Be creative!

I hope these six, simple tips help you steer clear of some of the many passion pit falls of this odd-ass holiday. Remember, just like my dick, it only comes once a year. So make it count and just make it through the night without ending up crying in a dirty bathtub listening to the Indigo Girls. Mazel Tov!

Brad Loekle was a semi-finalist on NBC's "Last Comic Standing". He can be seen every week on TruTV's "World's Dumbest", has written for Joan Rivers on E! "Fashion Police" & tours internationally. His book, "My Big Gay Life" is available on Amazon and at www.bradloekle.com

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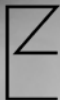
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Street soda - Hiding a dink in a soda cup

She's drinking that street soda in her Polar Pop cup!

That - Acronym for That Ho Over There

That that's been with everyone in this room!

Serving looks - When someone looks perfect.

Gurl, that queen is serving looks tonight!

Funnabe - Someone trying to be funny but failing.

Not a single joke he made is funny. He's such a funnabe.

Bread chasing - Working to earn a paycheck

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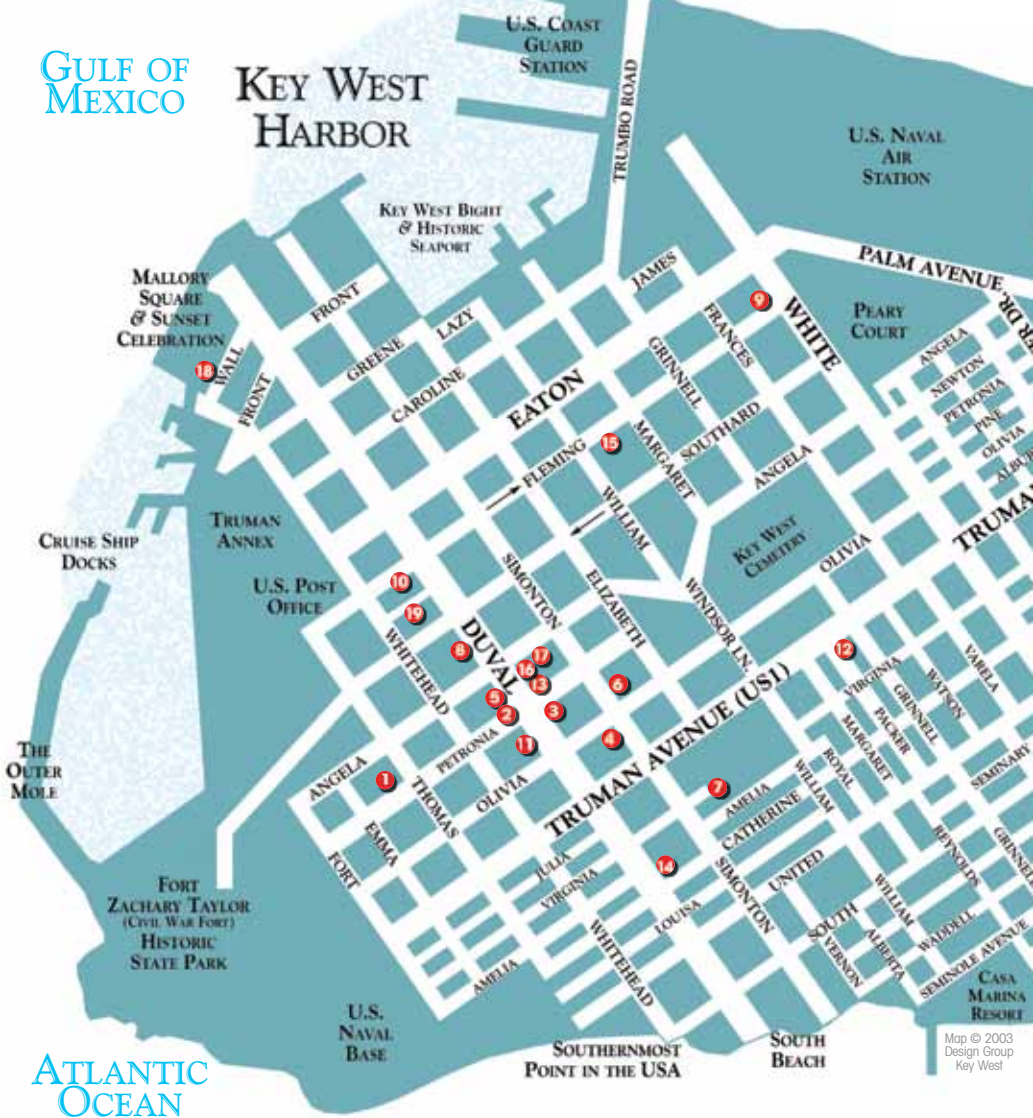
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Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

TUESDAY

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Aqua Idol at 6:30 PM

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

W E D N E S D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Bria singing live at 8:00 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM

Sidebar

Drag Queen Trivia at 5:30 PM

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

T H U R S D A Y

801

Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM and 9 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

F R I D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Aqua

Happy Hour & Trivia at 5:00 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Tea Dance starting at 5 PM

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

Cock Shock contest at Midnight

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

S A T U R D A Y

801

Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Aqua

Drag Shows at 7 PM, 9 PM & 11 PM

Dance Party starting at 11:30 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Sidebar

Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM

S U N D A Y

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Karaoke starting at 5 PM

Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM

Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

SIN night starts at 10 PM

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Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Back Bar

Hotdog Church starting at 3PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

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Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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Tea Dance starting at 4 PM

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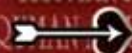
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in when you're about to shoot all your bandwidth all over the place. Also, never underestimate little, old-fashioned romance tricks. A gorgeous hand written letter, a surprise box of chocolates, a groupon to a massage... preferably a legitimate one. Or, fuck it, send him a hooker! But keep it fun, keep it personal, and keep it up! And I wish you both Bonne Chance!

Dear Nana,

As a single person, Valentine's Day is always a bit of a bother. Any tips for how to not spend the night drunk and alone?

Well, for starters, don't be alone when you get drunk that night! And I don't simply mean go to some sad sap bar and drown your sorrows with other solo cups. I mean put together an evening of fun for you and all your single friends. You can't be the only boo-less boy in your gayborhood?! An evening of games and good wine would be lovely. Or, maybe an outing to a lovely restaurant to show off your carefree, ball and chain free, life to all those sappy couples at tiny tables. Get creative and get a nice group together. That's my advice. Or... just hire a hooker and stay in. I mean, we're basically living in Rome right as it started to burn so why not fuck your way through the end of the American empire? That's my plan.



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Send your questions to: nana@keywestgayrag.com

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AQUARIUS JAN 20 - FEB 18

You can't expect to lose weight if the only machine you use at the gym is the vending machine.

PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

You've had 10 times more sex this year than last year. Well, 10 times 0 is still 0!

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

They say opposites attract. I hope you meet someone who is good-looking, intelligent, and cultured.

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

One day you'll go far, I just hope you stay there.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

When I look at you, there is not a thing I would change, except for the direction I was walking in.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

Your doctor called with your colonoscopy results. Good news – they found your head.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

Save your breath – you'll need it to blow up your date.

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

How ugly of a baby were you that your parents tinted the incubator glass?

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

You used to be arrogant and obnoxious. Now you are just the opposite. You are obnoxious and arrogant.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

When you were a child your mother wanted to hire someone to take care of you but the Mafia wanted too much.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

We all spring from apes but you didn't spring far enough.

CAPRICORN DEC 22 - JAN 19

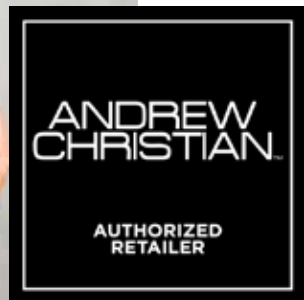
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