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memorable!

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*Stephanie Wise*

LEZ  
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November is a time to remember to be thankful. If I may be completely candid I'll tell you that this year I have struggled to remember what to be thankful for outside of being thankful that I am, in fact, still alive. My heart has hurt over much of the loss of those immediately close to me and close to people I care about. Until a recent conversation with my enlightened wife, I was really only grateful that 2020 and 2021 were nearly over and that it appears that the pandemic is lessening. However, my wife has an amazing way of looking at the world (on a daily basis I might add) that has time and time again opened my eyes and my heart. In sharing it with you, I imagine you will feel the same.

My incredibly positive partner looked at me and said, "You should write about all of the things that we're grateful for, like our close group of friends, the way our chosen family has taken care of each other in the pandemic, the compassion that people have learned to show one another at this time, the way our divided nation has a whole group of people demanding that we care for each other and that everything is NOT just about me, my, I. The people we have met through online platforms that we didn't even know existed prior to the pandemic. The importance of caring for our own and each other's mental health and having healthy

relationships.” See, she can find the light in a cave, I’m telling you. I do love her for it and I love that she is... perpetually.. correct.

Being on an island where people come to escape their worries, daily demands, the pandemic, and the stresses of real life, perpetuate an environment of, well, happiness. I have the pleasure of living in a place where people are generally happy to be. That’s something to be grateful for. Again, my sweet wife, you are absolutely correct. We take care of each other on the island and in November, the rest of the country just kind of catches up with us. I hope that while you’re here enjoying the escape from everyday life that you’re grateful for the people that you meet who are serving you, giving you directions, preparing a turkey dinner (at almost every restaurant in town) so that you can have your pie and eat it, too, while sitting watching the sunset in the truly beautiful Florida Keys.

We are the lucky ones and we should be grateful to be here, to have each other and to have the opportunity to care for one another in trying times. This is how we grow and better our community and ourselves. Lez Go Out and eat some turkey (or grouper) and be Thankful. Happy Island Holidays to you all.



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- ▶ **Severe liver problems,** which in rare cases can lead to death. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you get these symptoms: skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow, dark "tea-colored" urine, light-colored stools, loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, or stomach-area pain.
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# BEACH READS

LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



## RAISING OLLIE HOW MY NONBINARY ART-NERD KID CHANGED (NEARLY) EVERYTHING I KNOW BY TOM RADEMACHER

c.2021, University of Minnesota Press | \$18.95 | 200 pages



Fill-in-the-blanks.

That's what you get when you have a baby: unknowns. Its birth-date is often a guess, length and weight are surprises. Will it have your eyes, long fingers, Dad's smile, Grandma's nose? Fill in the blanks: not boy, not girl but, as in the new memoir, "Raising Ollie" by Tom Rademacher, neither, thank you.

When his daughter, Olive, was an infant, Tom Rademacher says he "struggled in those early months... to enjoy much of parenting..." There were vast amounts to learn, and little "Ollie" was a patient teacher.

As a toddler, Ollie was particularly talented in language and arts, attributes their teacher-father and therapist-mother encouraged. Early-on, they were super-observant, wise, and curious about completely everything; when they were in second grade, suspicions that they were an intelligent kid were confirmed when they were labeled as an "advanced learner."

But school was a trial, even for a uber-smart seven-year-old.

Ollie suffered from anxiety. They hated crowds and making friends and unwanted attention; they had the wit, open-mindedness, and understanding of an adult sometimes, but with little-kid coping skills. Normally a voracious lover of learning, they began to dread each school morning, and they seemed tearfully fearful of some classes and teachers. Obviously, a change in schools was needed; Ollie did their own research.

Shortly after starting third grade, Olive, who prefers "daughter" and uses they/them pronouns begun loudly, confidently, assertively identifying as a nonbinary kid.

At around this same time, their father had school issues of his own. A 2014 Minnesota Teacher of the Year, Rademacher had been unemployed due to budget cuts but was beginning a semester teaching language arts to eighth graders in northeast Minneapolis. He was also working on how to offer the best support for his students, just as he wanted for his child...

"Raising Ollie" is absolutely delightful. It's filled with funny stories that will make you laugh. It's a peek inside today's classroom, with a teacher who offers relatable lessons to a notoriously tough audience of teens.

It's also less than half about actually raising Ollie.

Author Tom Rademacher starts this memoir with a teasing warning to readers that stories are important in his family. He fulfills his promises to tell tales about his life, his parents, racism and his efforts to eliminate it in the schools where he works, and the stellar students he's had. His stories make you want to be seated at his table at a conference and yes, he tells stories about his smart, funny, talented child who is an "art-nerd" and loves cosplay and wore girly dresses until about age seven – but just not enough.

These are sometimes-hilarious tales of a Midwestern growing-up, idyllic and happy and nostalgic, followed by a typical, angsty, identity-searching teenage-hood.

But Ollie? Just not enough. Sigh.

Teachers will adore this book. There are laughs all over the place for just about every reader who can appreciate a little self-depreciation. But if you're looking for a parenting book about rearing a nonbinary child, "Raising Ollie" may leave you blank.



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*Brad Loekle*



## WORST BEST FRIENDS

I've noticed some really weird relationship statuses and identities coming out of the Pandemic. For instance, suddenly everyone is a "Daddy". I mean everyone: twink, otter, lesbian, you name it they're not daddies. I just don't know how to break it to some of them but words have meanings. You're 27 years old, Justin; you're not a daddy. You don't even qualify to be a foster daddy, for Christ's sake.

And then there's "Plant Daddies". What on (no such thing as) God's green Earth is a Plant Daddy? You went to the Home Depot Garden Center, Marcus. Congratulations. Is this going to be like when people tell me their rescue cat really rescued them? Did that begonia keep you from making some really dark life choices? Did that Wandering Jew save your marriage? I hate to break it to you, but you're not a daddy of plants. You're a 34-year-old gay man with commitment issues who got turned down for a rescue chihuahua.

But the one that really freaks me out is when people say they "married their best friend". They feel soooo lucky because they didn't just marry the love of their life, they married their best friend. Gross.

What is wrong with you? Why on Earth would you want to marry your best friend?! It's not that I don't love my best friend. I've known my best friend for almost 30 years. We talk 2-3 times a week. We're each other's emergency contacts. He's the first person I call with good news and the first person I call when I'm in a dark place. He's

saved my life a thousand times and I only hope I've been half the friend to him as he's been to me. And because of all that and much more, I would never want him to have to be the one to does the weird, twisted, sick shit that I need done to me if I'm going to have any hope of orgasming after 40.

My best friend knows my parents. My best friend visits my Mee Maw when he goes back to our home town. I don't want that poor, sweet man who is sitting with my Mee Maw to have to fight off flashbacks of a few nights earlier when he had to put a dry-cleaning bag over my head and a lit Yankee Candle up my back side just so I could feel something again. I don't want that for him. I don't want that for us. And I certainly don't want that for Mee Maw.

So, you married your best friend?! Good for you, ya sick bastard! As for me, I'll keep my best friends and my plants where they belong: not in psychosexualized roles in my life. To be honest, I married my career and I couldn't be happier about that decision. It allows me the income to pay some handsome call boy (who is most certainly NOT my best friend) to spend a "candle lit" evening with me. I cum. He goes. And I can get back to living my uncomplicated, properly compartmentalized life like the goddamn lady that I am!

Brad Loekle's latest comedy special & album, "Brash Boys Club" is available on Amazon, AppleTV, iTunes, and other platforms. He 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. For all this and more, check out: [www.bradloekle.com](http://www.bradloekle.com)

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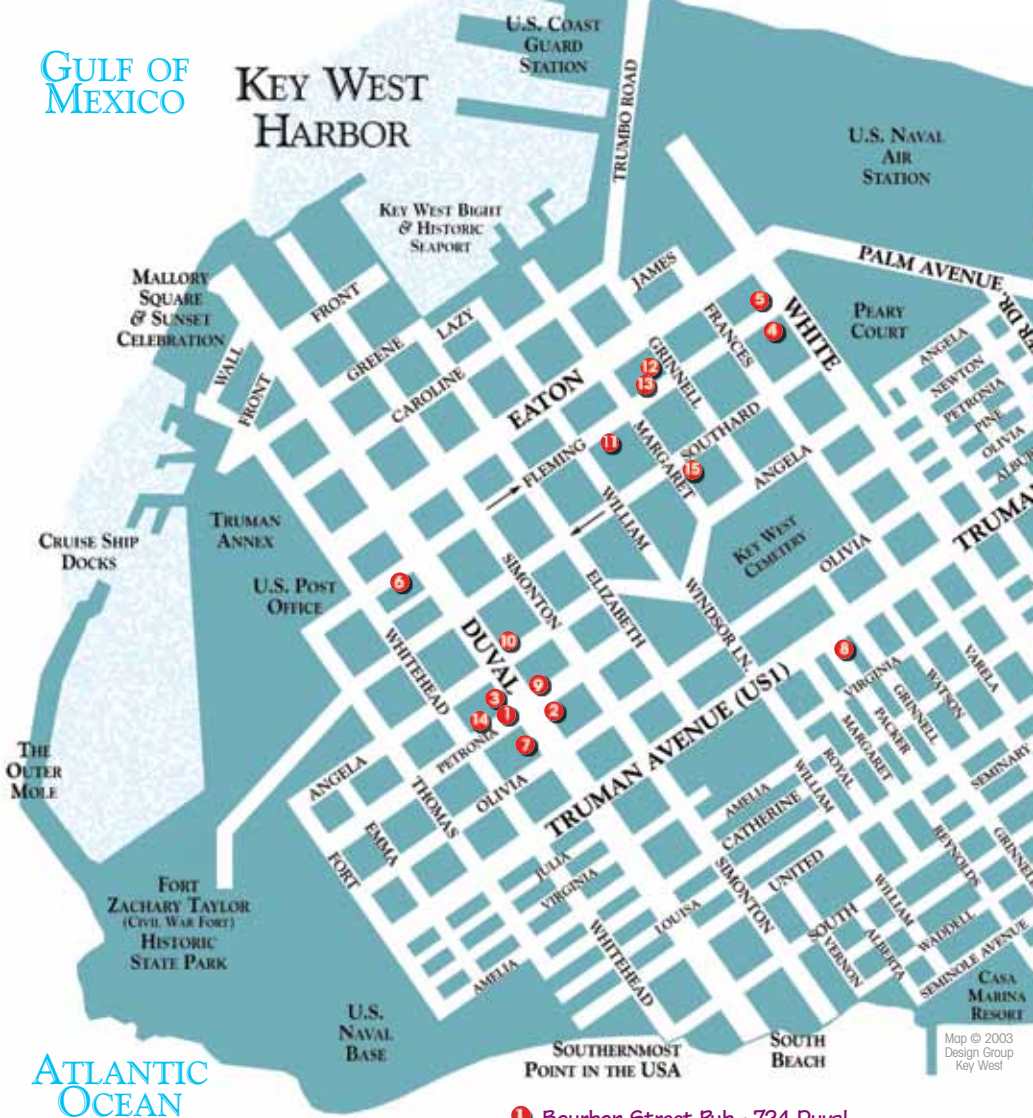
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## TUESDAY

### **801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

### **Bourbon**

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*Bria singing live at 8 PM  
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 PM*

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**T H U R S D A Y**  
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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM  
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Saloon 1**

*Circuit Thursdays starting at 9 PM*

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**F R I D A Y**  
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**801**

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM  
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM  
Boys Night Out starting at 10 PM*

**Saloon 1**

*RuPaul's Drag Race at 8PM  
Cock Shock contest at Midnight*

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**S A T U R D A Y**  
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**801**

*Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM*

**Alexander's Guest House**

*Bingo with Bouvee' at 5 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Naked Saturdays at Noon  
Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM  
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

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**S U N D A Y**  
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**801**

*Karaoke starting at 5 PM  
Gay Bingo starting at 5 PM  
Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Masked Tea 7 PM - 10 PM  
Jeff Moss singing live at 8 PM  
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

**Island House**

*Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon*

**Saloon 1**

*SLU-T Sundays w/Donald at 9 PM*

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# ASK NANA

*E-mail your questions to*  
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*Dear Nana,*

*This will be the first Thanksgiving my boyfriend and I have in person with our families since the pandemic began. We're hosting it at our place and my father is coming and he still refuses to get the vaccine. It really bothers me and it bothers my boyfriend even more. We obviously can't uninvite him, so is there anything you can think of that we could say to him to change his mind and make him see that vaccines save lives?*

First of all, just know you're not alone. Many, many people are having this same struggle during this pandemic. First lets start with the simple stuff. Is there any way you can do a daytime Thanksgiving meal and have it outside? Outside will certainly help. And those who chose to not be vaccinated should also start to realize they've chosen the lifestyle of an "outside pet". Choices have consequences. Look at cargo shorts?! You can also ask him to get a covid test. Hell, you can have a covid test waiting for him at the door. If he wants to roll the dice, he has to also accept the rules of the game.

But also, know that you have the right to keep you and your boyfriend safe by whatever reasonable means you find necessary. I know we think family members will never forgive us for putting our foot down about vaccines and safety... but will you be able to forgive them if you, or anyone else at the party, gets sick or worse? Certainly, something to think about before YOU roll the dice with your dinner guests.

*Dear Nana,*

*I'm a vegetarian. The rest of my family is not. Every Thanksgiving one or more of them tried to get me to eat something with meat in it. Usually my mom's sausage stuffing. This back and forth is really getting old. I'm not a high maintenance food person at all. I bring my own dish, I gladly partake in all the dishes that don't have meat in them, I eat eggs and dairy, etc. How can I get them to just let it go already?*

People really do cling to their foods like it's Jesus taking the wheel, don't they? I was once at a restaurant where the guy at the table next to us berated a vegetarian at the table about their dietary choice until the vegetarian said, "I don't know why you care so much about what I eat. I don't care that your wife is having an affair." And let me tell you, that shut the carnivore up pretty fast! So



maybe it's time you played hard ball? Remind your loving family that it doesn't impact them at all what foods you put in your body. Also remind them that being dicks at family gatherings is also a choice. And maybe, since they love meat so much, they should eat a dick this Thanksgiving instead of being a dick. But then again, you are what you eat!

**DO YOU HAVE PROBLEMS? OF COURSE YOU DO! WHY NOT LET NANA HELP YOU?!**

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## **AQUARIUS** JAN 20 - FEB 18

You look like a tied ham in that swimsuit.

## **PISCES** FEB 19 - MAR 20

I'm so sorry you were diagnosed with a flesh eating virus. Fortunately, you're so fat the doctor gave you 40 years to live.

## **ARIES** MAR 21 - APR 19

I'm not saying you're ugly, but you do have to sneak up on your mirror.

## **TAURUS** APR 20 - MAY 20

Last time you went to a mind reader, it took her 20 seconds.

## **GEMINI** MAY 21 - JUN 20

It's time to get your acne checked. You look like an archery target.

## **CANCER** JUN 21 - JUL 22

At work, you are amazing at multitasking. You can look at Facebook, drink coffee, and play trash can basketball all at the same time.

## **LEO** JUL 23 - AUG 22

If running late counted as exercise, you'd be able to fly with only one seat again.

## **VIRGO** AUG 23 - SEP 22

You notice how phones are getting smarter and thinner? Be more like a phone.

## **LIBRA** SEP 23 - OCT 22

Thousands of sperm from your dad and this is the one that won the race?

## **SCORPIO** OCT 23 - NOV 21

You need someone really bad. You certainly aren't getting anyone really good.

## **SAGITTARIUS** NOV 22 - DEC 21

In the gene pool of life, yours could have used some chlorine.

## **CAPRICORN** DEC 22 - JAN 19

Diet tip, stop cutting your carbs with a pizza cutter.

# Lesbians & Daddies & Bears – Oh My!



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