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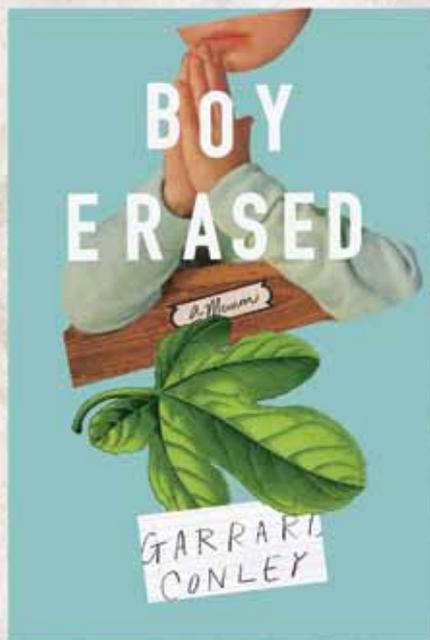
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LGBT Book Reviews

By:

Terri Schlichenmeyer

“Boy Erased: A Memoir” by Garrard Conley
c.2016, Riverhead Books \$27.00 340 pages



Some things, you never forget.

You'll never forget your first kiss, for instance. You'll always remember your favorite teacher and lessons learned. The day you got your pet, a delicious meal eaten, a great vacation, all burned into your mind. And, as you'll see in “Boy Erased: A Memoir” by Garrard Conley, you'd never forget the ultimatum your father gave you.

From the time he was in fifth grade, Garrard Conley understood that he was a sinner.

It became apparent with the thrill he got looking at men's underwear, and the fantasies he had about other boys. Those things made his stomach flip-flop, and chilled his soul: “the increasingly blurry God” he'd known all his life would surely send him straight to Hell for being a homosexual.

Or, at least that's what his parents believed. Being gay was one of the worst things imaginable in Conley's Baptist church; his father had received a call to serve the Lord, making homosexuality an even worse “stain” on their family.

Conley tried to will his sexuality away by having a girlfriend, a God-fearing "girl of his dreams" who came from the same Ozarks church community. Somewhat repulsed by her, he tried to ignore his gayness, begging God to take it away.

"Please help me to be pure."

But it didn't work. At college, Conley met a boy who outed him, then left him with his shame. Told by his father to accept a "cure" or leave his home, family, and education, nineteen-year-old Conley finally agreed to check himself into Love in Action (LIA), a Memphis "nondenominational fundamentalist... organization" affiliated with Focus on the Family, a "treatment" facility that would "fix" his sexuality.

"I could never count the number of times I'd sinned against God," Conley said, but LIA made him do it; he was asked to investigate family sins, and remember things he needed to forget. He knew he was facing years of constant prayer and shame without his journal, literature, or worldly ideas he'd begun to embrace in college; he was suicidal, angry, and he was still gay - but suddenly, with an unlikely source of support...

"Boy Erased" is one of those books that'll make you think. And think, and think.

There are so many nuances, so many things about this book to dislike: author Garrard Conley says that he recreated from memory much of what happened because of confidentiality rules at LIA. Then again, he admits that there's a lot he can't remember, or has blocked out. Even his mother refuses to talk about what happened, but what they do remember is painfully near-incomprehensible.

And yet, Conley shows so much emotion in this memoir that it's impossible to look away - and that includes a vibrant cord of anger that coexists beside a dawning realization that changes the course of this book. Absolutely changes it.

While it starts slow and the pace remains uneven, this is a story that will nuzzle at your brain for days and days. Ultimately, love it or not, "Boy Erased" is a memoir you won't soon forget.

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by: **Brad Loekle**



Since it's summer and that's when people tend to amp up their sexual escapades, I figured I'd share a cautionary tale. If you're under the age of 18 or have just eaten a Cobb salad... save this article for later.

I've often warned bottoms (the young, the old, and the restless) to be careful how they use their sexual pinwheel. It's an unfair fact but dicks age better than assholes. Especially if you use them a lot. And since there's only a few "demure" bottoms on this continent, I always feel the need to remind you that being a bottom is a marathon... not a sprint. If by the time you're forty or fifty your asshole looks like a tire swing at a children's park.... There's not much that can be done. So fiber, silicone based lubricants, and not sitting on a man's arm like you're a damn Muppet are all advisable actions. And normally I'm a big one for practicing what I preach. But sometimes even saints have slip ups. And, in January, whilst riding a large, long, beautifully brown penis, I... how do I put this... torn a "wrinkle in time". I didn't know it at the time... mostly because I was a teensy bit high and he was more than a teensy bit gorgeous and though I knew we should have added more lube so as not to try and start a camp fire of friction in my ass... we just sort of went for it like two cats in heat. You know how it goes: the lube rolls off the bed, you're not about to ballet leap off Shaft's shaft to get it. I mean, you've still got poppers & a prostate so what's the worry??

Sometime after my 11th orgasm (that's not an exaggeration or literary license) two of my friend's walked into the room. Oh I should probably mention I was performing on a gay cruise ship. And my +1, a platonic porn star friend of mine, had come in with a rather well known DJ friend to get some recreational items from the room. The door swung open, letting in the light from the hallway, and making everyone on both sides of the door freeze with shock and awe.

"I don't know what I'm looking at. It's like a sexual black & white cookie", the platonic porn star said.

"Get what you came for and get out, because I'm not getting off this dick until I'm done", I said. In the most delicate and lady-like fashion.

Well after they left me & the other half of the cookie had one more orgasm and then decided to call it a night. When he left, I noticed my asshole felt a wee bit more "burn-y" than usual. At first I didn't think much of it. I mean, I hadn't had a dick that big in a while but I'd certainly had enough of them in my life. And it's just like riding a bicycle, right? Wrong. Well, right. If the bike has no seat on it and a mushroom head. Before I showered I decided to give a little "ring around the rosy" with a baby wipe just to get off some of the lube. And.... FUUUUCK! It was like my asshole was Carrie & she'd just been crowned prom queen! I'd say having ANY blood come out your butt is worrisome and this was a lot of any. At least a lot for me. God I would have killed for a tampon.

Anyway, for the rest of the cruise, my Uranus was an unreachable land. And of course, luck would have it, there were many nations who were trying to send probes. A doctor friend onboard explained to me that I had a fissure. If you don't know what that is, it's sort of like a sexual paper cut. It's a little tear in the lining of UR-anus. He told me it should heal in a few weeks but that sometimes they take months. I waited a few weeks and tiptoed back into the bottoming pool. I figured my semi-regular friend with benefits, who's half Asian, was a good safe dick to try. Nope. 20 minutes of light fucking and before you know it, it's like I'm having a home birth?!

3 months. It took 3 months of no sex and light spotting for my fissure to heal properly. I got so used to it, I named it. Carrie Fissure. I told my gay doctor this, which made him laugh and agree to check on it every 4 weeks without charging me. Every month for 3 months I'd wait in his exam room, ass up, and he'd come in and I'd say, "Help me OB/GYN-Kenobi! You're my only hope!". And he'd laugh and ask Carrie Fissure how she was... and I'd have to settle for his finger in my butt being the only affection my shitty kitty was going to get for a while.

So be careful out there kids, because fissures aren't fun. Just ask Carrie Fissure.

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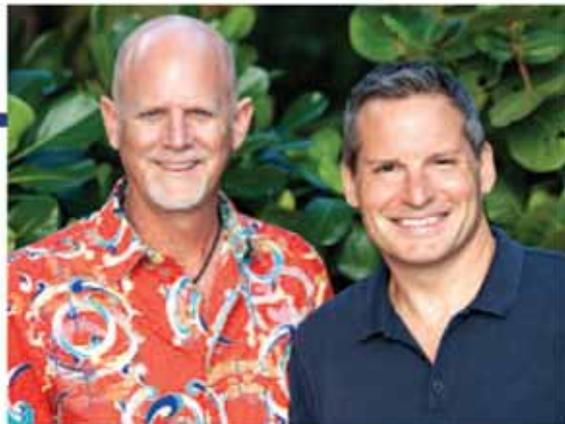


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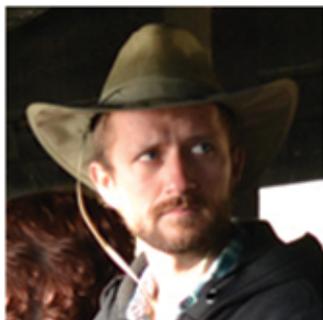
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ZACHARY MOSES : MAN ABOUT TOWN



I've been traveling a lot lately. On a few buses, a couple of trains, but mostly airplanes. I did the math recently and it turns out that I spend on average an entire month of my life sitting in an airplane's economy seat every single year. That timeline doesn't even include the days I get upgraded. Ugh....

Traveling around the world has given me a lot of perspective in life, business, and pleasure. I often find myself exposed to new ideas, and better ways of doing things. However, other times I realize that the way we do things at home is really much better. For instance, in America we use chlorine in our water which is a chemical that purifies water, but has controversial side effects. In many other places I've visited, I'm pretty sure that the water was filtered through poo before you get the chance to use your pail to scoop it out of a mucky hole in the ground...um...I'll take the chlorine.

This isn't universally true. The fact is, I've been extremely surprised by the lack of apparent poverty in most of the places I've visited. In fact, I've discovered that most places my elementary school teachers told me were third world, actually give the United States a run for its money for basic standard of living.

One of my favorite travel realizations, is just how safe my adopted homeland of Key West is. There are no bars on the windows, and most of our crimes are non-violent. I can walk outside at 2:00 am through any neighborhood in Key West and feel perfectly safe. I do occasionally walk through a cloud of marijuana smoke, and I

regularly see white residue on the shelf behind the urinal in our public restrooms, but these are basically harmless crimes as far as I'm concerned. What I never fear in Key West, is being robbed.

Nope, in Key West, I willingly hand my money over in exchange for booze. There is a lot of drinking in Key West, and I mean A LOT. Did you know that Key West has the highest concentration of bartenders in the nation? According to a study conducted by CareerBuilder, Key West has 13.3 bartenders to every 1,000 residents. Whereas the state of Florida (also one of the highest states for bartenders) only has 1.8 bartenders to 1,000 residents.

That many bartenders can only mean one thing. Lots of drinking. If you want a drink, you can find one on virtually every other block in Old Town. Which bar would I recommend? ALL of THEM! We have over 300 Bar/Restaurants in Key West. Honestly, I'm still working on finishing all the bars who's names start with "A" through "M." My five-year boozing plan will put me in the "X, Y, & Z" category by August of 2019.

The next time you visit Key West, make sure to come for an entire year. Leave no bar unused!



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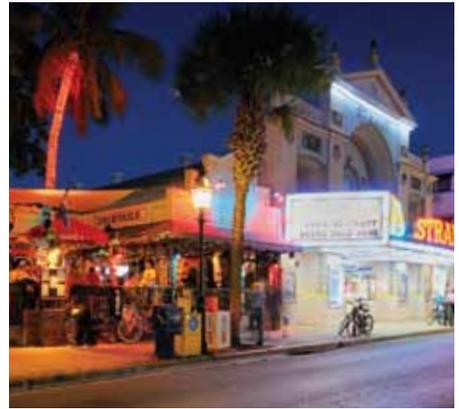
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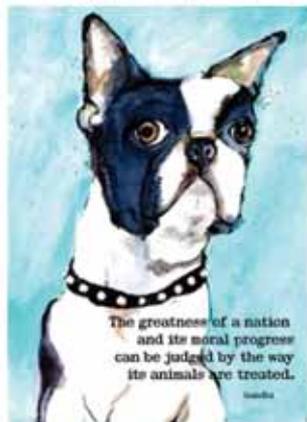
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5pm **The Official Tropical Heat Kick-Off Party***, Island House, 1129 Fleming St

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12nn **SPLASH! Pool Party***, Bourbon Street Pub, 724 Duval St

4pm **Traffic Light Party, Super Hero Edition***, Alexander's Guesthouse, 1118 Fleming St

8pm **THE 11th Annual Tropical Heat Toga Party***, Equator Resort, 818 Fleming St

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12nn **Tropical Heat SKINNY Dip Party***, Island House, 1129 Fleming St

4pm **GAY Key West Trolley Tour***, Meet Trolley @ Corner of Duval & Angela Sts

6pm **Tropical Heat Tea on the Sea**, Fury Water Adventures, www.furycat.com

9pm **801 Girls Show**, 801 Bar, 801 Duval St (Upstairs in the cabaret)

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Sunday, August 14

10:30am **Naked Paddle Boarding Adventure**, Nomadic SUP, nomadicsup.com

12nn **Sandbar Sunday Excursion**, Blu Q, bluqkeywest.com

12nn **Hot Naked Sunday Pool Party***, Island House, 1129 Fleming St

4pm **Key West's Traditional Tea Dance**, La Te Da, 1125 Duval St

9pm **Reality is A Drag**, Aqua Nightclub, 711 Duval St

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Aqua

Dueling Bartenders at 5:30 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

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



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801

*Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM
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Aqua

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Karaoke starting at 11:00 PM

Bourbon

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Hot Naked Humpdays starting at 5 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

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

F R I D A Y

801

*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
and 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

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

One Saloon

*Cock Shock contest starting at
Midnight*

S A T U R D A Y

801

*Drag Shows at 5 PM, 9 PM
& 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

Pool Party starting at 12 PM

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 8 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

S U N D A Y

801

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

Aqua

*No Limit Texas Hold 'Em Poker
at 2:30 PM and 4:30 PM*

Drag Show at 9:00 PM

Bobby's

Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM

Bourbon

Jessica Grabbit singing live at 7 PM

Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

Island House

Pre-Tea Pool Party starting at Noon

La Te Da

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Dear Nana,

My new boyfriend is really into choking and breathe play. I don't mind doing it to him but I don't have a lot of experience. Do you have any advice for a newcomer to this all this stuff?

Honey I remember the first time I experienced breathe play. It was with my first husband. It wasn't really intentional; he was just a great big fat thing and being underneath him was like returning to the womb! I'm a little old for choking now. I mean, at my age, if you want me to choke during sex just offer me a Werther's Original: that should get the job done! But I can tell you the little I know about it. First of all, choking someone sexually isn't a race. It's not about how hard and fast you do it, it's about a sort of give and flow. And some air should flow to them at some point otherwise there's a thin line between lovemaking and homicide. Some people "air choke" which is cutting over or restricting air flow. While others opt for "blood choking" with is where you sort of clamp your hand on the side of their throat, restricting blood flow through both arteries to the brain. The person can still breath but their brain is being deprived of new, oxygenated blood... which has a dizzying and euphoric effect.... I'm told. Just remember with any of this stuff: less is more. He won't be able to say a safe word most of the time so other techniques... like having him keep one arm in the air above his head. When the arm starts to involuntarily fall... it's time to ease up. Remember that the idea of choking your boyfriend unconscious and then fucking him awake is **ONLY** sexy if he... well... wakes. So baby steps... or chokes... for now. Take a few precautions and then go exploring together. I'm sure in a few months you'll be a pro. And just in time for the Holidays!

Dear Nana,

How do you beat the summer heat & humidity?

I sit naked in front of the air conditioning unit in my living room like every other person does. Old people do all the same stuff you people do. Just slower and with less enthusiasm. I mean, I guess on a particularly hot day... or if the air conditioner is on the fritz, I use a rocket pop as a sex toy. It cools you off quick but I will say remember to stop before you get to the stick. They don't check those things for splinters NEARLY as close as they should.



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Jan 20 – Feb 18

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Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

So I understand you aren't voting this year because Bernie didn't win the nomination. Does this also mean you won't be eating because McDonalds stopped selling the Arch Deluxe?

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

So your flight was ten minutes late. That's no reason to have a hissy fit at the gate agent threatening to post all over social media never to fly that airline. I'm sure your 5 friends have more sense than you.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

You've been fired from three jobs for playing Pokemon Go at work. I think it's time for an intervention.

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

What is going on with your hair? Did you piss off your hairstylist or are you entering a Donald Trump look alike contest?

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

There comes a time when you realize it's best to just shave your head. Perhaps you should start with your back.

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

Every night there is one person in the bar that annoys everyone else. If a drunk hasn't annoyed you yet, then you're that person!

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

Wondering why guys never want to blow you? Run your hands through your pubes. Feel that? That's sweat that needs to be washed away at least once a day.

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

Don't think you're irreplaceable at work. A trained chimp could do your job. Actually, any chimp could be trained to do it if you were.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

Before you call the landlord to fix your A/C, you may want to pay your electric bill first.

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

Before you write a letter to this publication complaining about the Whore-O-Scopes, just remember, I don't care....

Capricorn

Dec 22 – Jan 19

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