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What is COMPLERA?

COMPLERA® is a prescription HIV medicine that is used as a complete regimen to treat HIV-1 in adults who have **never** taken HIV medicines before **and** who have an amount of HIV in their blood (this is called "viral load") that is no more than 100,000 copies/mL. **COMPLERA** contains 3 medicines – rilpivirine, emtricitabine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate. It is not known if **COMPLERA** is safe and effective in children under the age of 18 years.

COMPLERA® does not cure HIV-1 infection or AIDS. To control HIV-1 infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses you must keep taking **COMPLERA**. Avoid doing things that can spread HIV-1 to others: always practice safer sex and use condoms to lower the chance of sexual contact with body fluids; never reuse or share needles or other items that have body fluids on them, do not share personal items that may contain bodily fluids. Ask your healthcare provider if you have questions about how to reduce the risk of passing HIV-1 to others.

IMPORTANT SAFETY INFORMATION

What is the most important information you should know about COMPLERA?

COMPLERA® can cause serious side effects:

- **Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis)**, which is a serious medical emergency. Symptoms of lactic acidosis include feeling very weak or tired, unusual (not normal) muscle pain, trouble breathing, stomach pain with nausea or vomiting, feeling cold, especially in your arms and legs, feeling dizzy or lightheaded, and/or a fast or irregular heartbeat.
- **Serious liver problems.** The liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and fatty (steatosis). Symptoms of liver problems include your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice), dark "tea-colored" urine, light-colored bowel movements (stools), loss of appetite for several days or longer, nausea, and/or stomach pain.
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or serious liver problems** if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking **COMPLERA** for a long time. *In some cases, these serious conditions have led to death.* Call your healthcare provider right away if you have any symptoms of these conditions.

- **Worsening of hepatitis B (HBV) infection.** If you also have HBV and stop taking **COMPLERA**, your hepatitis may suddenly get worse. Do not stop taking **COMPLERA** without first talking to your healthcare provider, as they will need to monitor your health. **COMPLERA** is not approved for the treatment of HBV.

Who should not take COMPLERA?

Do not take COMPLERA if you have ever taken other anti-HIV medicines. **COMPLERA** may change the effect of other medicines and may cause serious side effects. Your healthcare provider may change your other medicines or change their doses. **Do not take COMPLERA** if you also take these medicines:

- **anti-seizure medicines:** carbamazepine (Carbatrol, Equetro, Tegretol, Tegretol-XR, Teril, Eptol); oxcarbazepine (Trileptal), phenobarbital (Luminal), phenytoin (Dilantin, Dilantin-125, Phenytek)
- **anti-tuberculosis medicines:** rifabutin (Mycobutin), rifampin (Rifater, Rifamate, Rimactane, Rifadin) and rifapentine (Priftin)
- **proton pump inhibitors for stomach or intestinal problems:** esomeprazole (Nexium, Vimovo), lansoprazole (Prevacid), dexlansoprazole (Dexilant), omeprazole (Prilosec), pantoprazole sodium (Protonix), rabeprazole (Aciphex)
- **more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate**
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

If you are taking COMPLERA you should not take other HIV medicines or other medicines containing tenofovir (Viread, Truvada, Stribild or Atripla); other medicines containing emtricitabine or lamivudine (Emtriva, Combivir, Epivir, Epivir-HBV, Epizcom, Trizivir, Atripla, Stribild or Truvada); rilpivirine (Edurant) or adefovir (Hepsera).

In addition, tell your healthcare provider if you are taking the following medications because they may interfere with how COMPLERA works and may cause side effects:

- certain antacid medicines containing aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate (examples: Rolaids, TUMS). These medicines must be taken at least 2 hours before or 4 hours after **COMPLERA**.
- medicines to block stomach acid including cimetidine (Tagamet), famotidine (Peppid), nizatidine (Axid), or ranitidine HCL (Zantac). These medicines must be taken at least 12 hours before or 4 hours after **COMPLERA**.

COMPLERA. A complete HIV treatment in only 1 pill a day.

COMPLERA is for adults who have never taken HIV-1 medicines before and have no more than 100,000 copies/mL of virus in their blood.

Ask your healthcare provider if it's the one for you.

- any of these medicines: clarithromycin (Biaxin); erythromycin (E-Mycin, Eryc, Ery-Tab, PCE, Pediazole, Ilosone), fluconazole (Diflucan), itraconazole (Sporanox), ketoconazole (Nizoral) methadone (Dolophine); posaconazole (Noxafil), telithromycin (Ketek) or voriconazole (Vfend).
- medicines that are eliminated by the kidneys like acyclovir (Zovirax), cidofovir (Vistide), ganciclovir (Cytovene IV, Vitrasert), valacyclovir (Valtrex) and valganciclovir (Valcyte).

These are not all the medicines that may cause problems if you take COMPLERA. Tell your healthcare provider about all prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, or herbal supplements you are taking or plan to take.

Before taking COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have **liver problems**, including hepatitis B or C virus infection, or have abnormal liver tests
- Have **kidney problems**
- Have ever had a **mental health problem**
- Have **bone problems**
- Are **pregnant or planning to become pregnant**. It is not known if COMPLERA can harm your unborn child
- Are **breastfeeding**: Women with HIV should not breastfeed because they can pass HIV through their milk to the baby. Also, COMPLERA may pass through breast milk and could cause harm to the baby

COMPLERA can cause additional serious side effects:

- **New or worsening kidney problems, including kidney failure.** If you have had kidney problems, or take other medicines that may cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do regular blood tests.
- **Depression or mood changes.** Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms: feeling sad or hopeless, feeling anxious or restless, have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself.
- **Changes in liver enzymes:** People who have had hepatitis B or C, or who have had changes in their liver function tests in the past may have an increased risk for liver problems while taking COMPLERA. Some people without prior liver disease may also be at risk. Your healthcare provider may need to check your liver enzymes before and during treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Bone problems include bone pain, softening

or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones.

- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine.
- **Changes in your immune system.** Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider if you start having new symptoms after starting COMPLERA.

The most common side effects reported with COMPLERA are trouble sleeping (insomnia), abnormal dreams, headache, dizziness, diarrhea, nausea, rash, tiredness, and depression. Some side effects also reported include vomiting, stomach pain or discomfort, skin discoloration (small spots or freckles) and pain.

This is not a complete list of side effects. Tell your healthcare provider or pharmacist if you notice any side effects while taking COMPLERA, and call your healthcare provider for medical advice about side effects.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit <http://www.fda.gov/medwatch> or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Additional information about taking COMPLERA:

- **Always take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.**
- **Take COMPLERA with food.** Taking COMPLERA with food is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. (A protein drink does not replace food. If your healthcare provider stops COMPLERA, make certain you understand how to take your new medicine and whether you need to take your new medicine with a meal.)

Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA and see your healthcare provider regularly.

Please see Brief Summary of full Prescribing Information with important warnings on the following pages.



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(emtricitabine, rilpivirine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate) tablets

Brief summary of full Prescribing Information. For more information, please see the full Prescribing Information including Patient Information.

What is COMPLERA?

- **COMPLERA** is a prescription HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) medicine that is used to treat HIV-1 in adults
 - who have **never** taken HIV medicines before, and
 - who have an amount of HIV in their blood (this is called ‘viral load’) that is no more than 100,000 copies/mL. Your healthcare provider will measure your viral load.

(HIV is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome)).

- COMPLERA contains 3 medicines – rilpivirine, emtricitabine, tenofovir disoproxil fumarate – combined in one tablet. It is a complete regimen to treat HIV-1 infection and should not be used with other HIV medicines.
- It is not known if COMPLERA is safe and effective in children under the age of 18 years old.
- **COMPLERA does not cure HIV infection or AIDS.** You must stay on continuous therapy to control HIV infection and decrease HIV-related illnesses.
- **Ask your healthcare provider if you have any questions about how to prevent passing HIV to other people.** Do not share or re-use needles or other injection equipment, and do not share personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them, like toothbrushes and razor blades. Always practice safer sex by using a latex or polyurethane condom to lower the chance of sexual contact with semen, vaginal fluids or blood.

What is the most important information I should know about COMPLERA?

COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:

- **Build-up of an acid in your blood (lactic acidosis).** Lactic acidosis can happen in some people who take COMPLERA or similar (nucleoside analogs) medicines. Lactic acidosis is a serious medical emergency that can lead to death. Lactic acidosis can be hard to identify early, because the symptoms could seem like symptoms of other health problems. **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms which could be signs of lactic acidosis:**
 - feel very weak or tired
 - have unusual (not normal) muscle pain
 - have trouble breathing

- have stomach pain with nausea (feeling sick to your stomach) or vomiting
- feel cold, especially in your arms and legs
- feel dizzy or lightheaded
- have a fast or irregular heartbeat

- **Severe liver problems.** Severe liver problems can happen in people who take COMPLERA. In some cases, these liver problems can lead to death. Your liver may become large (hepatomegaly) and you may develop fat in your liver (steatosis). **Call your healthcare provider right away if you get any of the following symptoms of liver problems:**
 - your skin or the white part of your eyes turns yellow (jaundice)
 - dark “tea-colored” urine
 - light-colored bowel movements (stools)
 - loss of appetite for several days or longer
 - nausea
 - stomach pain
- **You may be more likely to get lactic acidosis or severe liver problems if you are female, very overweight (obese), or have been taking COMPLERA for a long time.**
- **Worsening of Hepatitis B infection.** If you have hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and take COMPLERA, your HBV may get worse (flare-up) if you stop taking COMPLERA. A “flare-up” is when your HBV infection suddenly returns in a worse way than before. COMPLERA is not approved for the treatment of HBV, so you must discuss your HBV with your healthcare provider.
 - Do not let your COMPLERA run out. Refill your prescription or talk to your healthcare provider before your COMPLERA is all gone.
 - Do not stop taking COMPLERA without first talking to your healthcare provider.
 - If you stop taking COMPLERA, your healthcare provider will need to check your health often and do blood tests regularly to check your HBV infection. Tell your healthcare provider about any new or unusual symptoms you may have after you stop taking COMPLERA.

Who should not take COMPLERA?

Do not take COMPLERA if:

- your HIV infection has been previously treated with HIV medicines.
- you are taking any of the following medicines:
 - **anti-seizure medicines:** carbamazepine (Carbatrol, Equetro, Tegretol, Tegretol-XR, Teril, Eptol); oxcarbazepine (Trileptal); phenobarbital (Luminal); phenytoin (Dilantin, Dilantin-125, Phenytek)

- **anti-tuberculosis (anti-TB) medicines:** rifabutin (Mycobutin); rifampin (Rifater, Rifamate, Rimactane, Rifadin); rifapentine (Priftin)
- **proton pump inhibitor (PPI) medicine** for certain stomach or intestinal problems: esomeprazole (Nexium, Vimovo); lansoprazole (Prevacid); dexlansoprazole (Dexilant); omeprazole (Prilosec, Zegerid); pantoprazole sodium (Protonix); rabeprazole (Aciphex)
- more than 1 dose of the steroid medicine dexamethasone or dexamethasone sodium phosphate
- St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*)

• If you take COMPLERA, you should not take:

- Other medicines that contain tenofovir (Atripla, Stribild, Truvada, Viread)
- Other medicines that contain emtricitabine or lamivudine (Combivir, Emtriva, Epivir or Epivir-HBV, Epzicom, Trizivir, Atripla, Truvada, Stribild)
- rilpivirine (Edurant)
- adefovir (Hepsera)

What should I tell my healthcare provider before taking COMPLERA?

Before you take COMPLERA, tell your healthcare provider if you:

- have or had liver problems, including hepatitis B or C virus infection, kidney problems, mental health problem or bone problems
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if COMPLERA can harm your unborn child.

Pregnancy Registry. There is a pregnancy registry for women who take antiviral medicines during pregnancy. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about how you can take part in this registry.

- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. **You should not breastfeed if you have HIV because of the risk of passing HIV to your baby.** Do not breastfeed if you are taking COMPLERA. At least two of the medicines contained in COMPLERA can be passed to your baby in your breast milk. We do not know whether this could harm your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and nonprescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

- **COMPLERA may affect the way other medicines work, and other medicines may affect how COMPLERA works, and may cause serious side effects.** If you take certain medicines with COMPLERA, the amount of COMPLERA in your body may be too low and it may not work to help control your HIV infection. The HIV virus in your body may become resistant to COMPLERA or other HIV medicines that are like it.

Especially tell your healthcare provider if you take:

- an antacid medicine that contains aluminum, magnesium hydroxide, or calcium carbonate. If you take an antacid during treatment with COMPLERA, take the antacid **at least 2 hours before or at least 4 hours after** you take COMPLERA.
- a medicine to block the acid in your stomach, including cimetidine (Tagamet), famotidine (Pepcid), nizatidine (Axid), or ranitidine hydrochloride (Zantac). If you take one of these medicines during treatment with COMPLERA, take the acid blocker **at least 12 hours before or at least 4 hours after** you take COMPLERA.
- any of these medicines (if taken by mouth or injection):
 - clarithromycin (Biaxin)
 - erythromycin (E-Mycin, Eryc, Ery-Tab, PCE, Pediazole, Ilosone)
 - fluconazole (Diflucan)
 - itraconazole (Sporanox)
 - ketoconazole (Nizoral)
 - methadone (Dolophine)
 - posaconazole (Noxafil)
 - telithromycin (Ketek)
 - voriconazole (Vfend)
- medicines that are eliminated by the kidney, including acyclovir (Zovirax), cidofovir (Vistide), ganciclovir (Cytovene IV, Vitrasert), valacyclovir (Valtrex), and valganciclovir (Valcyte)

What are the possible side effects of COMPLERA?

COMPLERA can cause serious side effects, including:

- **See “What is the most important information I should know about COMPLERA?”**
- **New or worse kidney problems, including kidney failure,** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Your healthcare provider should do blood tests to check your kidneys before starting treatment with COMPLERA. If you have had kidney problems in the past or need to take another medicine that can cause kidney problems, your healthcare provider may need to do blood tests to check your kidneys during your treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Depression or mood changes.** Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of the following symptoms:
 - feeling sad or hopeless
 - feeling anxious or restless
 - have thoughts of hurting yourself (suicide) or have tried to hurt yourself

- **Change in liver enzymes.** People with a history of hepatitis B or C virus infection or who have certain liver enzyme changes may have an increased risk of developing new or worsening liver problems during treatment with COMPLERA. Liver problems can also happen during treatment with COMPLERA in people without a history of liver disease. Your healthcare provider may need to do tests to check your liver enzymes before and during treatment with COMPLERA.
- **Bone problems** can happen in some people who take COMPLERA. Bone problems include bone pain, softening or thinning (which may lead to fractures). Your healthcare provider may need to do additional tests to check your bones.
- **Changes in body fat** can happen in people taking HIV medicine. These changes may include increased amount of fat in the upper back and neck ("buffalo hump"), breast, and around the main part of your body (trunk). Loss of fat from the legs, arms and face may also happen. The cause and long term health effect of these conditions are not known.
- **Changes in your immune system (Immune Reconstitution Syndrome)** can happen when you start taking HIV medicines. Your immune system may get stronger and begin to fight infections that have been hidden in your body for a long time. Tell your healthcare provider if you start having new symptoms after starting your HIV medicine.

The most common side effects of COMPLERA include:

- trouble sleeping (insomnia)
- abnormal dreams
- headache
- dizziness
- diarrhea
- nausea
- rash
- tiredness
- depression

Additional common side effects include:

- vomiting
- stomach pain or discomfort
- skin discoloration (small spots or freckles)
- pain

Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effect that bothers you or that does not go away.

These are not all the possible side effects of COMPLERA. For more information, ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088 (1-800-332-1088).

How should I take COMPLERA?

- **Stay under the care of your healthcare provider during treatment with COMPLERA.**
- **Take COMPLERA exactly as your healthcare provider tells you to take it.**
- **Always take COMPLERA with food.** Taking COMPLERA with food is important to help get the right amount of medicine in your body. A protein drink is not a substitute for food. If your healthcare provider decides to stop COMPLERA and you are switched to new medicines to treat HIV that includes rilpivirine tablets, the rilpivirine tablets should be taken only with a meal.
- Do not change your dose or stop taking COMPLERA without first talking with your healthcare provider. See your healthcare provider regularly while taking COMPLERA.
- If you miss a dose of COMPLERA within 12 hours of the time you usually take it, take your dose of COMPLERA **with food** as soon as possible. Then, take your next dose of COMPLERA at the regularly scheduled time. If you miss a dose of COMPLERA by more than 12 hours of the time you usually take it, wait and then take the next dose of COMPLERA at the regularly scheduled time.
- Do not take more than your prescribed dose to make up for a missed dose.

This Brief Summary summarizes the most important information about COMPLERA. If you would like more information, talk with your healthcare provider. You can also ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about COMPLERA that is written for health professionals, or call 1-800-445-3235 or go to www.COMPLERA.com

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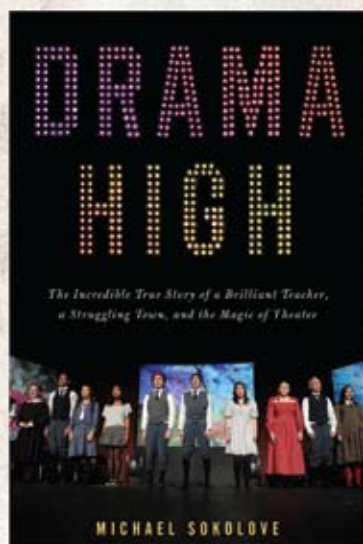
LGBT Book Reviews

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Terri Schlichenmeyer

“Drama High: The Incredible True Story of a Brilliant Teacher, a Struggling Town, and the Magic of Theatre” by Michael Sokolove

c.2013, Riverhead Books \$27.95 352 pages



Sometimes, you just don't feel like yourself.

Lately, for instance, you've been acting differently and people have noticed. You wear outfits you wouldn't normally wear and you say the oddest things. It's almost like you're possessed by another person.

Such is the life of an actor in a play: to do it right, to convince an audience, you have to become someone you're not. You know the pressure can be enormous, so read “Drama High” by Michael Sokolove,

then imagine performing with New York theatre executives in the audience.

Like most schools, Harry S Truman High School in Levittown, Pennsylvania, had its budget slashed last year. Gone are extravagances, extracurriculars, and extraneous activities. But teacher Lou Volpe's theatre classes survived the cuts, just like they had for some forty years.

Volpe hadn't intended on becoming Truman High's drama teacher; in fact, before he was hired, he'd had zero experience with theatre.

None at all. But, as he did many other times (and like many other teachers), he threw himself into making Truman's students into a first-class troupe.

Michael Sokolove, one of Volpe's students back in the 1970s, remembered the way Volpe had of finding one special, latent talent that each of his students had, and highlighting it. Volpe urged his students, stood up for them, supported them, and expanded their horizons, making them want more from life. Sokolove remembered spaghetti suppers at Volpe's house, and never wanting to disappoint his teacher.

But he also remembered the town in which Truman High sat. Once a subdivision of the future, Levittown was the kind of place people moved away from, and hard times only made it worse.

Still, Volpe and his drama students made their school proud through first-class, competition-winning, Broadway-quality plays – but not of the Arsenic and Old Lace ilk. No, Volpe liked to push his students to the edge of their comfort zones, asking them to sing and act in ways they didn't think they could, making them become people they didn't think they'd ever be – both personally, and on-stage.

And in doing so, Volpe changed their lives.

Like any good actor, "Drama High" plays several roles.

For adults, it's definitely a book of nostalgia. Like many people, author Michael Sokolove moved away from Levittown, and his trip back is filled with wistfulness and eagerness to see how time alters old memories.

For students – especially those who are struggling or who harbor a secret love of theatre – and for their parents, Volpe's story offers strength and an urge to commit to ones' heart. His students spurned sports in favor of stage and in turn, he supported their dreams and nurtured their talents. Some of his former students, in fact, have become Emmy winners, entertainment executives, and Broadway actors.

Despite that it occasionally shows a tone of despair, it's hard not to cheer when you've got this story in your hands. I loved it, and I think that if you're a Broadway fan, an actor, or a parent of either, you'll sing the praises of "Drama High," too.

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IT GETS LAZIER

by: **Brad Loekle**



As marriage equality sweeps the nation and things like same-sex adoption become more and more common place, I want gays to have some real serious thoughts and conversations about the “modern family” they’re looking to build. Since becoming a parent for a gay person is never an accident and always a conscious choice, I think we also need to talk about what kids are really like. The other day I watched two gay parents allow their 8 year old to question a waiter for 15 minutes about how he could modify the menu. And then the child ordered a virgin mojito. I would have hated that kid if he was 35, but I hate him twice as much because he’s 8. As gay people we have to remember that it’s more important to teach your kids to not run in a super market than it is what the word “organic” means. Remember, when you get a kid, they don’t come “polite”. Polite sort of has to be scared into them. I’m not saying hit your kids. In fact, I think hitting your kids is gross. And my logic is this: once that child is an adult, it is illegal to hit them. If you went up to a person who was jaywalking and spanked them, they could not only beat the shit out of you, they could have you arrested. I don’t see why that doesn’t apply to someone who’s 3 feet tall and under 18. But, that being said, I cut curfew once as a kid and my parents didn’t hit me; they made me spend a month building, by hand, a stone wall across our back yard. I got blisters, pulled muscles, ached all the time... but I sure as shit never missed curfew again. And then they also had a delightful decorative stone wall that bordered the edge of our property. See, good parenting AND kinda gay at the same time.

And don’t think if you have a gay kid they’ll be any better. Now that gays are all over the place this current generation of gaybies will be as obnoxious as the rest. Smart phones will make dumb kids of them all. When I first got on TV, over 5 years ago now, one of the most amazing and life changing things that happened was I began to hear from both closeted gay kids (eight to 18) and even their parents looking for advice on how to relate and come out to their families. Being on a show that is widely watched by the kind of families a lot of kids would be nervous to come out to, gave me an amazing platform.

I've cherished that responsibility and always try to steer children and their parents in a path towards honesty and strength and love. But I've noticed in this age of worldwide information, no one seems to want to take the time learn anything. I remember when I was 16 and got my driver's license, the first thing I did was lie to my parents on where I was going for the afternoon so I could drive 3 hours to NYC and go to the Oscar Wilde Bookstore in the village so I could buy dozens of books on gay history, culture, and people. I hid them under the spare tire in the trunk of my car and would hike into the woods after school and on weekends to read them. I yearned to know that there were others like me and that my community held a place in history. And so, now when kids reach out to me, I get so excited to tell them all they have to do is Google "gay history" or "stonewall" or download one of thousands of amazing films or documentaries to be welcomed into this community with open arms and minds. And you know what I get a lot in response? I get "Can't you just give me the cliff notes?" or "ugh, that sounds like a lot of reading" or "I don't want to know so much about the history as much as I do about the clubs and what's a bathhouse?"

Really kids? Really? You're scared to come out of the closet and you feel alone and isolated and fearful; but you're not really going to do anything about it if it involves reading? So hey, here's a little tough love for the gaybies too: if coming out of the closet seems like too much homework, don't do it! Stay in the closet. You don't want to read a book? Well then I hope you want to eat a pussy, boys! You don't want watch a documentary? Well then I hope you want to learn how to lose your gag reflex, girls!

As future parents, I think gay people have the ability to contribute to one of the most important generations in history. So let's teach them how to read in Mandarin before we teach them how to read their classmates.

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I sat down next to a beautiful woman at lunch at Kojin the other day. She had an iPhone and iPad out while eating her soup. Being nosy, I made some smartass comment about the etiquette of placing one's phone when setting the table. "Does it go on the right or the left of the soup spoon?"

We started chatting, and when I asked about her "Day of the Dead" images that she was posting to Facebook, she told me all about the bar she runs: Agave 308. Did you know that we have a full-blown tequila bar in Key West? How did I miss this?! Being the foodie (alcoholic?) that I am, I immediately set a date to check out the bar. Since I wanted to know what kinds of crowds the bar brought in, I chose to check it out on a Friday night. My date and I headed down to Front Street and found Agave easily; right downstairs from The Rooftop Café.

I'm glad I got there early, because it got busy! I had a brief moment where it was just me, Jules (the Agave bartender I told you about), my date for the evening, and the liquor distributor. Arriving early gave me the chance to ask all the necessary questions: How strong are the drinks? How manageable is the hangover? What makes this place different from other bars?

The big difference? Jules is a Mixologist. What's the difference between that and a regular bartender?



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All the tequila in the bar is top shelf liquor. Every time someone came in and asked for Jose Cuervo, they were kindly introduced to the smooth deliciousness of high-end tequila. We ordered some pork tacos, which were fantastic, and how cool that they have food! My favorite drinks were the ones with jalapeño! If you like sweet flavors, go for the Red Devil (bright and fruity followed by a spicy kick). For something more savory, try the Mezcalita (bold and smoky with a big hunk of grilled pineapple).

I wish I had discovered Agave on a Thursday, so I could have followed the theme with a visit to Virgilio's (524 Duval) for Salsa Night! The atmosphere is hopping and the band plays great Latin music for a packed dance floor. It's also a popular place for local ex's to run into each other and awkwardly stay at opposite sides of the bar having a showdown about who is NOT going somewhere else. This is, admittedly, a pretty straight hangout, but if you're a stylish dancer, there is no better place on a Thursday night.



Read more about Zachary's gay travel adventures at www.heTravel.com

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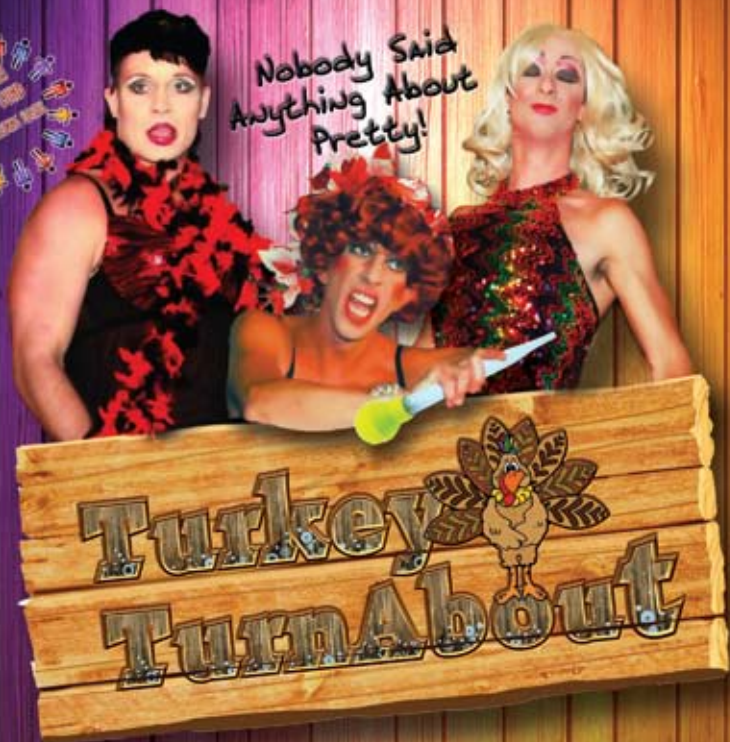


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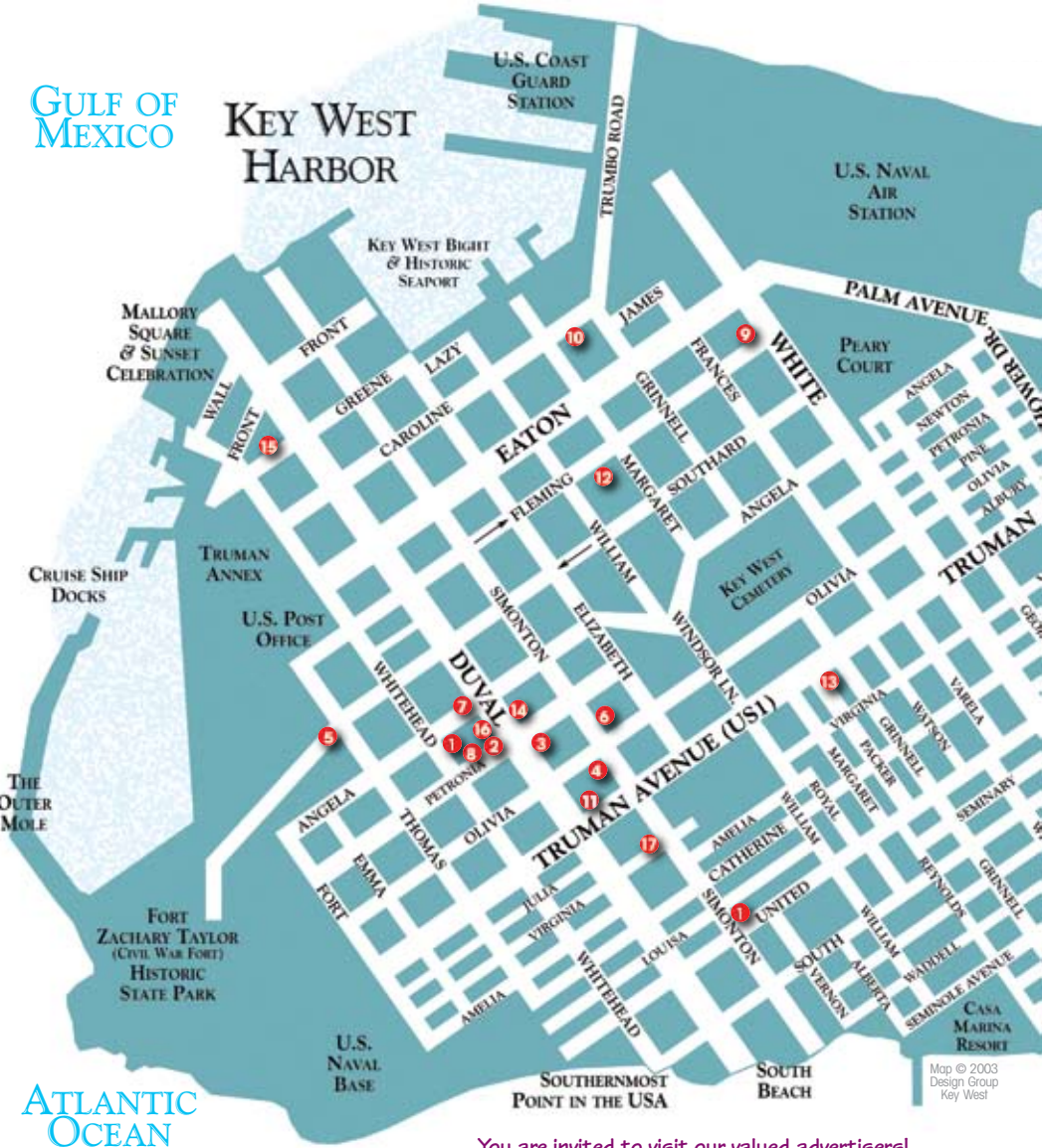
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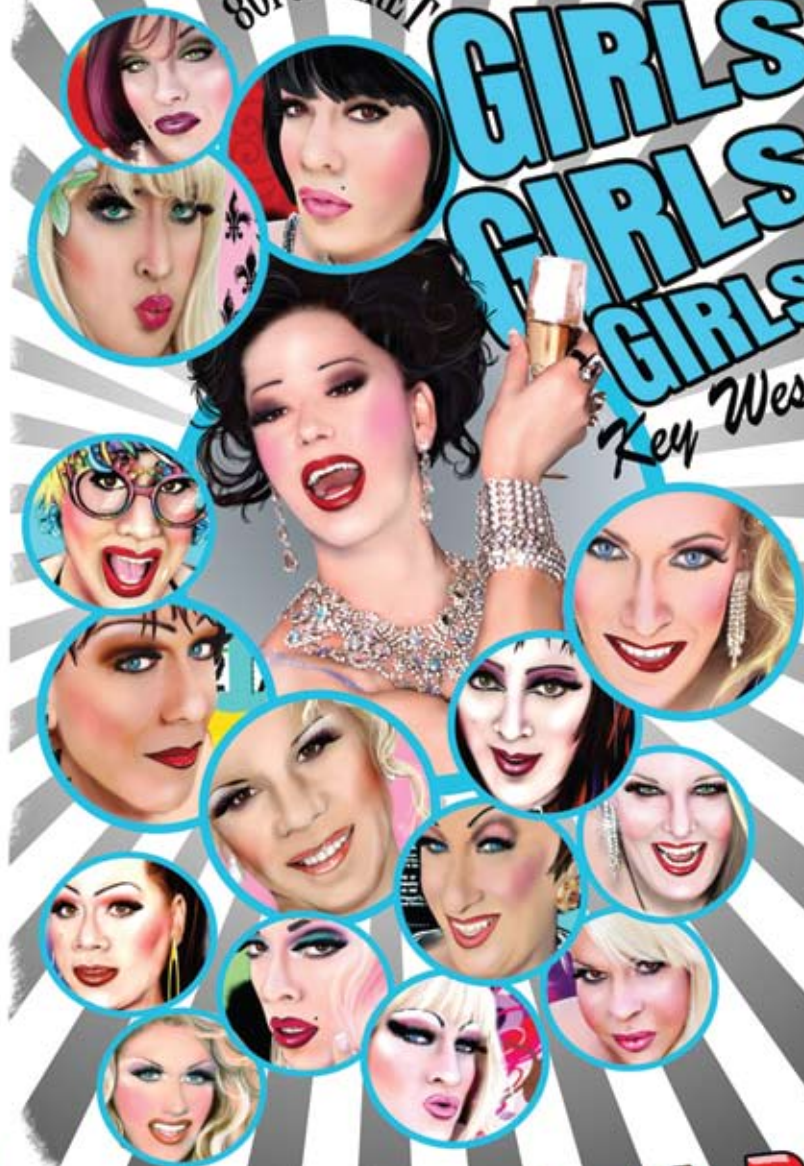
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I have a lot of favorites. Christmas is my favorite holiday in general but Thanksgiving is my favorite food holiday. I warn people when they come to my house, "You better wear your eating pants to my house!". I'm never too concerned about the main dish. People do a turkey or a ham or whatever. It's actually pretty hard to screw up the main course. Cover it in fat and flavor and know how long you're cooking it for and you're set. Side dishes are where the fun is. You need a good stuffing. I know some of you call it dressing; whatever... its fat filled bread it's why I get out of bed in the autumn. I like a sausage stuffing, both in my turkey and my lady business! Make a stuffing rich but simple. Things like sausage, bacon, apples, cranberries, herbs are all great ideas. I draw the line when people start putting stuff like oysters in their stuffing. I had a man once make me try his oyster stuffing and afterwards I wouldn't let him stuff MY oyster for a month as punishment. Also make a lot of sides and sides that can be made or at least mostly made before the big day. If you're going to allow that many relatives to come into your house and judge you, you should at least be around to see what they're saying behind your back. Oh, and Thanksgiving isn't the day to pretend you're Julia Child. If you haven't made soufflés or crepes or baked homemade bread before, now's not the time to try. If you get me in the mood for a good biscuit and that shit comes out looking like a lop-sided scone, I'm going to leave and upper decker in your powder room. Also, don't screw up a biscuit and try to convince me it's a scone. We all know that scones are just retarded muffins. Don't believe the hype. My favorite side dish is probably my cauliflower goat cheese gratin. But my favorite dish would be the Native American tour guide I met in the 60's when I went to the Grand Canyon. And his sausage stuffing gave my coochie cornucopia a lot to be thankful for.

Dear Nana,

What do you think of the Tea Party? Do you remember the first tea party?

The first "tea party" was in 1773, so no, I don't remember it. And you're a dick. As far as the current tea party, I'm sure given my age you'd think I'd be onboard with them. I'm not. Not because I don't think there should be more parties, but because they seem to have a real problem with things like spelling, speaking, or actually knowing how a bill becomes a law. I vote for politicians the way I hire people like accountants and lawyers and doctors: I don't care if they're fun or relatable or if I would have a beer with them; I care that they know a metric ton more about the job I'm paying them to do than I do. I want



smart people who are good at their jobs, not fun people who seem like good neighbors. Hitler was a vegetarian, painter who was monogamous to one woman his whole life. FDR was smoking, drinking, horn dog who lied about his medical life to the public. But one of them was a brilliant politician and leader and the other was a mass murdering fucktard. Get my drift?

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One local was knocked down a few pegs when trying to get into a show without paying. When he told the door person "Do you know who I am?" the door person started calling around the bar asking if anyone in the bar knew who this person was because he seemed to have forgotten his name. He left and hasn't been seen around much since.

Some people take karaoke a bit too seriously. One singer demanded (not asked, demanded) a better quality microphone. The host was quick to point out that it wasn't the microphone that was the problem with his singing.

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Pisces

Feb 19 – Mar 20

Don't forget to apply for health insurance. In January, you can finally get that boil on your ass looked at.

Aries

Mar 21 – Apr 19

You should be a Congressman. You rarely do any work and when something goes wrong, you always blame someone else.

Taurus

Apr 20 – May 20

You are the most self centered person ever. The world does not revolve around you, though with your weight, you probably do have a few Doritos in orbit around your waist.

Gemini

May 21 – Jun 20

Some people shouldn't wear certain things. You are one of those people and those certain things are anything in your wardrobe.

Cancer

Jun 21 – Jul 22

Seriously, you've been telling the same story for 20 minutes and what's sad is that the event you are describing only took a minute!

Leo

Jul 23 – Aug 22

You can stop checking in every 30 seconds on Foursquare. We get it, you go a lot of places every night. Probably because you aren't welcome at any of them!

Virgo

Aug 23 – Sep 22

It's called deodorant. Try it sometime!

Libra

Sep 23 – Oct 22

With the rental market being as difficult as it is, if you don't do something about your complexion soon, you can start renting out your pores as efficiencies.

Scorpio

Oct 23 – Nov 21

Why on earth would you lie on your Grindr profile? When you meet someone, don't you think they'll notice that your closer to the age of the crypt keeper than the age on your profile?

Sagittarius

Nov 22 – Dec 21

If you aren't going to tip, don't blame the bartender for waiting on EVERYONE else before you. Those people were tipping!

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