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Due to increased pandemic fatigue, there are more and more people figuring the Keys. Among the tourists are.. lesbians. A lesbian sighting is always exciting for my wife and I and we had a discussion that I wasn't to share. The topic is, "to approach or not to approach". A lifelong issue in the lesbian community. With the wide range of sexuality and labels these days there is a great chance of being wrong. To that end, however, there is also a greater chance of it being considered flattering that offensive.

Over the decades a kind of head tilt or head nod has frequently been used when one lesbian or group of lesbians sees another. It's subtle and instinctive in nature being used simply to identify in one decisive move the non verbal question: I'm gay. Are you gay? It's just a nod and a quick look straight in the eye with a light smile. It can't be a big smile that creeps the other person out. It also can't be the shy sweet smile used when flirting. Nope. It's fast and unintrusive (it's a word). If the recipient doesn't do EXACTLY the same thing. Abort! Unidentifiable. Proceed with caution and walk by. Sigh... this can't be the only way...

The discussion my wife and I had was how to upgrade this. We need a handshake. So, what are your thoughts? Is it a quick hand shake WITH the already established head nod?? Is it like... a double shake, like two hard shakes and release? How about a shake and a snap at the end. I thought that could be cool once the awkward moment is over. What is someone can't snap? We need something!! We want to make friends with the incoming lesbian vacationers! Help!

Do you have a way of identifying yourself to another lesbian out in the wild? Other than a well-placed rainbow, we're out of ideas. I'd love to know what you do if you actually talk to the random lesbian couple out in the real world. Lez Go Out and confidently find one other. We'll figure this out together.





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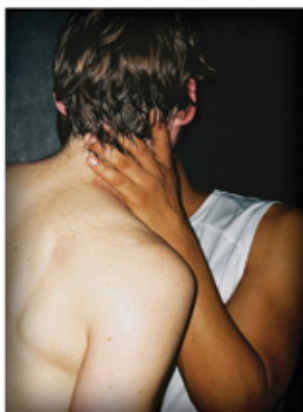
LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



"GAY BAR: WHY WE WENT OUT" BY JEREMY ATHERTON LIN

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GAY BAR



Jeremy Atherton Lin

The stool over by the window is all yours.

Might be because you've spent a lot of time there. It's the right height, you can easily watch the door from there, and the bartender knows your favorites, so why not? As in the new book "Gay Bar" by Jeremy Atherton Lin, it's one of the best places to be.

Long before it was legal for him to go there, Jeremy Atherton Lin, like most teenage boys, imagined going to the bar – though in his case, Lin imagined what it was like in a gay bar. Ironically, he says, "I can't remember my first."

As someone with a foot in each of two continents, he does have favorites, places that are now closed, re-named, or been moved. He's danced in them, had sex in them, drank and moved through gay bars with his "companion, the Famous Blue Raincoat," and anonymously, and with friends-not-friends.

Some bars were carved out of a back room or basement, or a place that used to be something else, maybe another bar. They're cavernous; or they're small and packed with men dancing or doing drugs; or they're thick with bachelorette parties and tourists, to the annoyance of the gay men who've claimed that bar. Those usurpers don't know the legacy of feeling gay, but "[I]t goes pretty deep." Some bars have opened just for the night. Others were raided once upon a time, or will close before a month has

passed. Overall, they're an important part of being a gay man, pre-Stonewall, pre-AIDS, post-epidemic, and now.

And yet, says Lin, "...there does remain something embarrassing about a gay bar." Still, try to stop him from fondly remembering nights in the Castro or Los Angeles or London...

Absolutely, you could be forgiven for wondering what you got yourself into while reading the first couple dozen pages of "Gay Bar." Unabashedly, without preamble, author Jeremy Atherton Lin leaps right into a hazy description of a night out or two, in a chapter that seems fragmented, like a broken strobe light. Clarity comes, but later, and it's fragile.

Part of the haze might be due to the autobiographical nature of Lin's story: there are bars in his tales, but the focus here is more going to bars, with the implied assumption that readers are familiar with those he mentions or others exactly like them. This, of course, may not be true; still, Lin's sex-and-booze-filled tales of drag, dance, and la dolce vita are compelling, woven with gay history, interesting then-and-now comparisons, and blisteringly-explicit tales of being a young gay man. And then again, while these stories take readers through the doors of a gay bar, once we've literarily entered, there are times when we're abandoned, the music's too loud, and we want to just go.

Like a song you don't particularly like, though, that won't last long. Really, the surreality of "Gay Bar" is not insurmountable; in fact, if you wait it out, you'll be mostly glad you did. So look for it – and take a seat.

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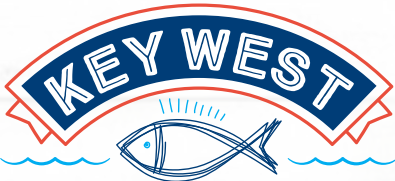
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MY BIG GAY LIFE

Brad Loefle



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Well, the vaccines are rolling out and things are opening back up (in one way or another), which means it's time to reopen something that was actually one of the first businesses to close last year when the pandemic started: my hole. That's right, kids! Just like many of the great bathhouses across America, my "jail purse" has been closed to all business since the great lockdown of March 2020. I didn't even bother to keep up the maintenance on the place. Hell, I'm not ever sure I can get a finger back in the door again!

I know I'm not alone in 2020 being a year of sexual hiatus. Hell, even some of my friends who are happy, sexually active couples have told me that they're having less sex than ever during this pandemic. And I get it. I mean, even if I did have a live-in boyfriend, or a pandemic friend with benefits, that I trusted enough to not cough on my Baby Gap, I don't know that I was really in the mood that much this year. I mean, sure, I masturbated. I'm not an animal or a eunuch. But full-on butt-stuff sex? Ain't nobody got time for that and in THIS ECONOMY?! Hell, I haven't even manscaped since last February. And that is not an exaggeration. I could macramé my ball hair into a lovely friendship bracelet right now. But I feel like it is still milkshakes, and not the length of one's ball hair, that brings the boys to the proverbial yard.

And let me warn all of you now, unless you were already a sloppibottomus in the backdoor area, that portal has closed back up. You might as well be a 12-year-old altar boy... again. Now, this is, of course, good news for many of the tops out there. When you

come back to play ball in our Strawberry Fields again, it means you'll all feel soooo much bigger than you did before. But meanwhile, we'll be on the receiving end trying to remember our Lamaze breathing so that we don't fissure the first time we have human contact again.

But one can't just let the "hole" house turn into Grey Gardens. So, it would seem that it's time for so many of us to open our hope chests and dust off our sack of toys and douches. Oh, and just think of the poor waxers?! These dedicated frontline workers who will have repetitive stress injuries from having to wax on and wax off the brambles on our bushes. Who knows? Perhaps I'll just decide to stay natural. Have my front and back door be a salute to the 1960's. I'll get an afro pick and really fluff up the whole thing.

Whatever you choose to do, personally, just remember that anal play is a marathon not a sprint. That is true at all times, but never more so than after a long hiatus. So, go easy at first, kids. Leave the hazard cones and the mannequin arms for those "special" occasions and start with something a little bit more demure. Something like a finger or the delivery man. I wish you all a happy vaccination season and a springtime where your own bud begins to bloom again!

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



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COCQ TALES

Local Bartender Interviews

By Jameson Rabbitt



COLLEGE BOY FINDS A TASTE OF PARADISE!

It's been two years since Jason Price made his move to Paradise U.S.A. from Ft. Meyers, what started as a pursuit of a Marine Science Degree at the local college in Stock Island; turned into an adventure of waiting tables in a busy, hidden-in-plain sight jewel, nestled among the violet bloom of the vines that embrace Key West Fish & Chips, you can find Jason working the floor and the Coconut Bar ready to greet you with a smile under his mask.

Jason's favorite part about the job is his co-workers, and the many fun tourists that find themselves indulging on the various fruit-de-mer that this quaint establishment has to offer. From the boat-to-table concept that Fish & Chips has to offer to the deliciously frozen coconut drinks that are signature to this Key West gem; Jason favorite is the Yellow Tail Snapper which arrives fresh from the boat daily, served whole and deep fried! But for the beef fanatics, the burgers are Thick-n-Juicy, (much like me after a good leg workout lol). Okrrrrr!!! *in Cardi B voice.

Jason's favorite color may be green, but his favorite drink is the Orange-Cran Margarita

Jason's Orange Cran Margarita:

1.5 oz Tequila

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Lime juice

½ fill orange juice

½ fill cranberry juice

Served frozen or on the rocks!

Jason is engaged, no date set yet, but they are currently playing house. He enjoys spending time with his fiancé Aaron who is a home body usually spending their quality time being “gay-mers” or gays who play games - video games that is! They love a good round of Call of Duty, and Final Fantasy. The happy couple has been dating for about over a year, and for date night they get their



“sugar fix” at The Sand Bar for the Banana Cheesecake Burrito Bowl, which is a fried banana inside a burrito with some cheesecake with ice cream on top. They also love to frequent First Flight, and as sushi fanatics they cannot miss a date night without a stop at Sushi Song for dinner.

Jason loves to hang out at the beach on his days off, and seeking thrills jumping of the abandoned bridge in Sugarloaf Key, a well-known local spot a few miles off the rock. His favorite thing about Key West is the “expect the unexpected” vibe and the amazing diversity and inclusivity that this amazing piece of paradise has to offer. Jason’s everyday adventures can range from being attacked by the furious chickens that guard the huge tree that serves as shade to the restaurant, to the many belligerent encounters of tourists that have discovered the mysterious Key West Gravitational Pull.

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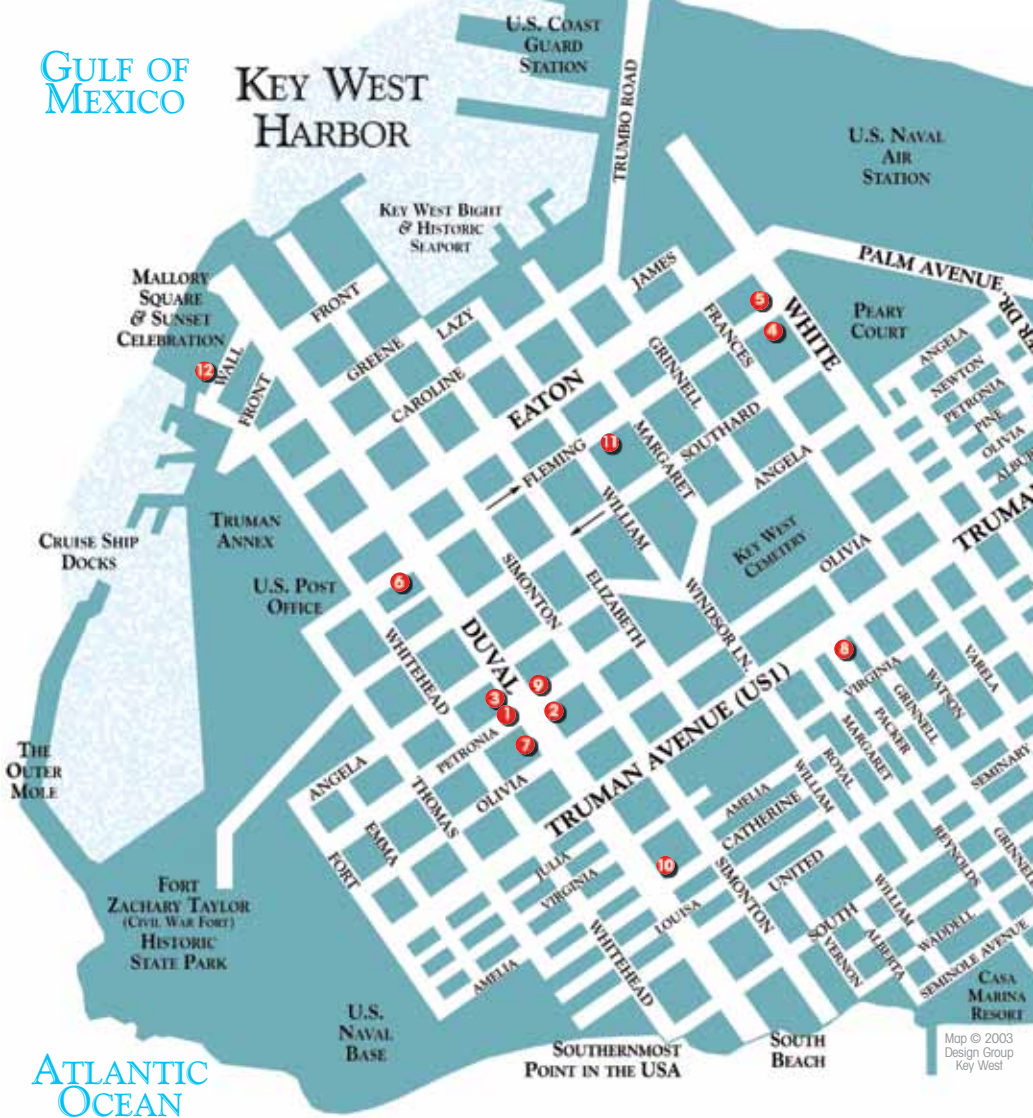
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Saloon 1

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TUESDAY

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

Bourbon

*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM*

Saloon 1

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 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

Saloon 1

Blackout Wednesday at 9 PM

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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

Thirsty Thursdays starting at 9 PM

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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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Drag Shows at 5, 9, & 11 PM

Alexander's Guest House

Bingo with Bouvee' at 5 PM

Bourbon

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

Marylin's

Booze with Miss Bouvee' at 7:30 PM

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

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*Masked Tea 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM
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Island House

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Dear Nana,

I recently found out that my boyfriend used to have oral sex with his cousin when they were teens. They never had full sex and it seems to have just been a puberty thing. Like, they're not still blowing each other. Should I be worried? Do I have a right to be grossed out?

Well, well, well... it's been a while since I fielded this sort of question. Let's reverse our way into this situation. First off, I think every human being has the right to be grossed out by whatever they want. But we don't always have the right to act on it or shame another person. For instance, I've never gotten the whole scat fetish. I get douche chills when I think about it. But far be it from me to shame my German friends



into not enjoying their fecalfelia. And this is probably one of those cases where it's best not to yuck him childhood yum. Kids do stuff. They experiment. They mess around with their own bodies and with other kids' bodies. As long as everything was consensual, I don't see it being a red flag for who he is now.

I still wouldn't let them go camping alone, though. Old habits die hard (on).

Dear Nana,

My mother is insisting that she needs to get ALL the different covid vaccines. Not even that we 'have to' for safety. She just wants them all and has decided she will slowly get them all no matter what. Even if she has to lie about it. She's 82 and I feel like anything I say falls on deaf ears. Is it worth fighting it out with her? Should I call her doctor and see if they can explain it to her?

Your mother is 82 years old. It's completely plausible that your words are falling on actual deaf ears. But that aside, she also sounds like a real pain in the ass. Maybe not about all things, but certainly about this. It takes a real special kind of capitalist personality to try and be vaccination hoarder. America fucked her up real good, didn't it? I think there's a good chance the medical profession will figure out her game plan and catch by, at least, the



second different vaccine. But also, again, she's 82 years old. If she wants to shoot heroin, at this point, what's really going to be the outcome? She dies at 82? I hate to be the bearer of bad news but the brunt of 82 year olds die at 82... just from being 82. As Sinatra used to sing, "That's life!".

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Aha, I see the Fuck-Up Fairy has visited us again!

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Ordinarily people live and learn. You just live.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

What would you call a guy who goes out with You? Desperate!

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Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed.

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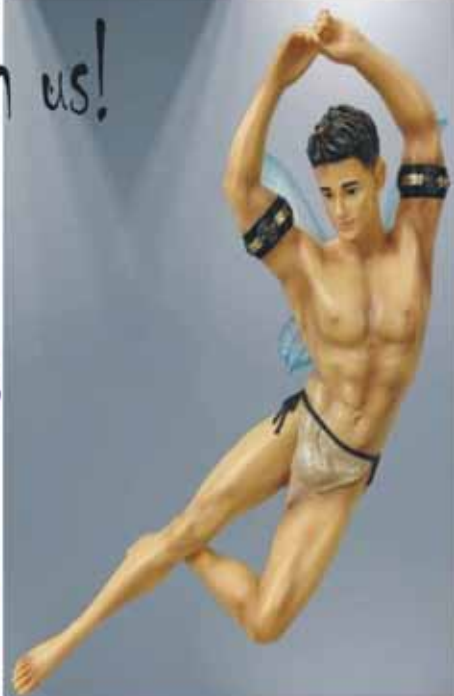
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