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# Q Slang

**Business Fabulous** - Being the best dressed at work.

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**Transportainment** - Buying a car more for style than getting around.

I should get the Chevy but that BMW is much better transportainment.

**Glam Shaming** - Calling someone out for primping or doing their makeup in public.

Don't be Glam Shaming me for fixing my hair!

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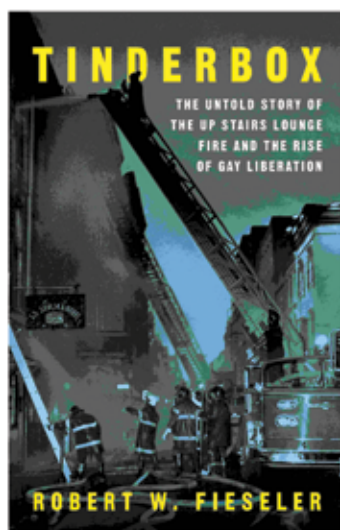
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# BEACH READS

LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*



**"TINDERBOX: THE UNTOLD STORY OF THE UP STAIRS LOUNGE FIRE AND  
THE RISE OF GAY LIBERATION" BY ROBERT W. FIESELER**  
c.2018, Liveright | **\$26.95** | **343 pages**



You'll never forget that one night.

The drinks were cold; the weather, warm; and you were out to have fun with friends you loved and those you hadn't yet met. You'll never forget the table, the music, the lights, or the name of the bar – and if you did, as in the new book "Tinderbox" by Robert W. Fieseler, there was probably a reason...

Sunday afternoon, June 24, 1973, started like every other Sunday at the Up Stairs Lounge in New Orleans' French Quarter.

Bar manager Buddy Rasmussen opened the place for its weekly Beer Bash, at which patrons could drink all afternoon for a lowered price. Buddy had come with his "lover," Adam, and as other regulars filtered in, the music started, drinks flowed, and the Up Stairs Lounge filled mostly with gay men, a few allies, and good times.

That the Up Stairs Lounge even existed is remarkable: just a few years after Stonewall, gay men were still openly persecuted, legally and otherwise. It was unlawful in many places, for instance, for a man to dance with another man; gay sex was once punishable by life in prison. But there was the Up Stairs Lounge, quietly advertising with a canopy out front and welcoming to the public, although there were rules in place.

It was, perhaps, the breaking of one of those rules that started the trouble: early that evening, witnesses remembered a fight over hustling (forbidden activity in the Up Stairs Lounge) and two men were kicked out. Though no one will ever know for sure, it's believed that one of them walked down the street, purchased a container of lighter fluid, returned, and dumped the can's contents onto the wooden steps of the hundred-year-old building.

He dropped a flame and walked away. Within seconds, says Fieseler, "No one was going into the Up Stairs Lounge... nor was anyone coming out."

And if that doesn't chill you, there's a lot more about "Tinderbox" that will, starting with what immediately follows those words: page after page of stomach-twisting details of death by fire and the horror of publicly burning alive. Author Robert W. Fieseler shares the details and oh, my, they're wretched.

That's only part of the shock of this book. It continues with controversy within religious organizations, gay-friendly and otherwise, and birthing pains of activism that seem as painful to read as they must've been in life. As he's telling the story, Fieseler continues to remind readers that officials seemed not to care about solving this crime, despite that there were survivors to mourn the thirty-two who died in the fire.

And then there were the families who turned their sons away, even in death.

Through all this, Fieseler asks – and answers - why we largely don't know the whole of this tale. His answers are multitudinous, compassionate, important in a historical context, and emotional. He says, of this account, "With the last bodies laid to rest, the story faded from minds" but "Tinderbox" makes it one you won't likely forget.



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# MY BIG GAY LIFE

*Brad Loefke*



## A FAT KID'S GUIDE TO HALLOWEEN CANDY

As a former fat kid, now fat adult, I feel like it's my duty to use my expertise in the areas of fadom to educate the public. The holidays, all holidays, in the U.S. are food-related. Halloween being one that is not only directly associated with the candy industry but also even has specific customs about how you get the candy. Over the last two centuries we replaced the process of putting totems outside our homes to ward off evil spirits with handing out candy to ward off asshole children who might do weird things to our house as retribution for a being stingy with the caramel and nougat.

Since we find ourselves in that time of year, I thought it might be helpful to have some pointers from a former child sugar addict. One who went trick-or-treating with a king sized pillow case for my candy and would not return home until I'd filled it to the brim.

First of all, if you're not willing to spend some money and commit to this tradition, then just don't do it. You know your neighborhood and if you need 2 bags of candy or 12 bags of candy. And we know you know. If you're not going to do it, please put a fun sign up on the door or leave all the lights out. Something like "A witch lives here who is looking for some juicy children to jumpstart her Keto diet". Everyone gets a laugh and your house will be eggless in the morning.

Second, and this is most important, don't over think this candy thing. Capitalism has taken the time to make giant bags of mixed, travel sized candy variety packs that you can throw in a bucket and let us have at it when we come to the door. No one wants to go to Martha Stewart's house for Halloween until they're a 36-year-old gay man. No one. So don't get all creative and try to hand out sea salt caramel covered Fuji apples on hand painted Popsicle sticks. I will throw that culinary delight through your goddamn picture window rather than have it weigh down my sack the rest of the night. We want small to medium sized, commercially wrapped NAME BRAND candy. And the good candies. Not the candies that feel like sugar coated punishment.

No goddamn Good & Plenty or Necco Wafers. If I even see a child-sized Necco wafer as an option in your candy bowl I will full on kick you in the genitals and run. Not because I want to hurt you, but because I want you to learn from this experience.

Surprisingly, I'm going to also say no full size candy bars. First of all, it makes you look desperate. What are you trying to prove? Are we supposed to think you're the richest asshole on this block? No. All we're going to think is that you want the approval of children way too much, which either means you have some tragic Lifetime Original story or that you probably want to molest us come Christmas break. Also every sane parent immediately confiscates the full sized candy bars and says they don't count as "one piece" so if you have that one you can't have anymore until the next day. Fuck that noise and fuck you for putting my Mother and I into a heated negotiation on a daily basis for the next 6 days until all the candy is gone.

It goes without saying, but I still want to publically shame the people who give out what I call "others". Others are anything that isn't candy at all. Plain fruit, loose change, mini toothpaste and toothbrushes, shitty ten-cent toys from some Dental office supply catalog. These are the people who will, no matter what they do, go to hell. What happened to you people? What part of life broke you so bad you have to leave your porch light on just to draw us near so that you use our happiest night of sugar reaping and childhood drag to teach us that "sometimes life gives you lemons"? Not Lemon Heads just plain fucking lemons in the form of nickels or Crest travel tubes. You should know that when the kiddy fucker who gave us all full sized Snickers finally does get one of us to put out, we're still gonna all agree to point the finger at you. And you should know you did that to yourselves. So think on that before you just pass by the seasonal candy isle this year. How bad do you want to teach us a lesson, Mr. Johnson from GoFuckYourself Lane?

I assure you that if you follow my simple advice, and heed my warnings, you'll have a spookily successful All Hollow's Eve.

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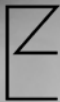
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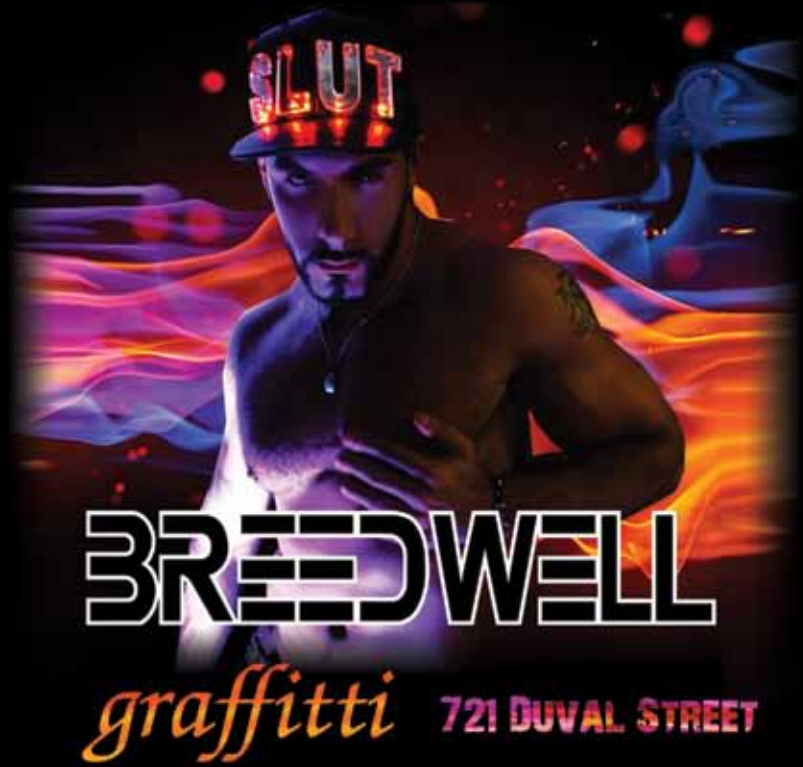
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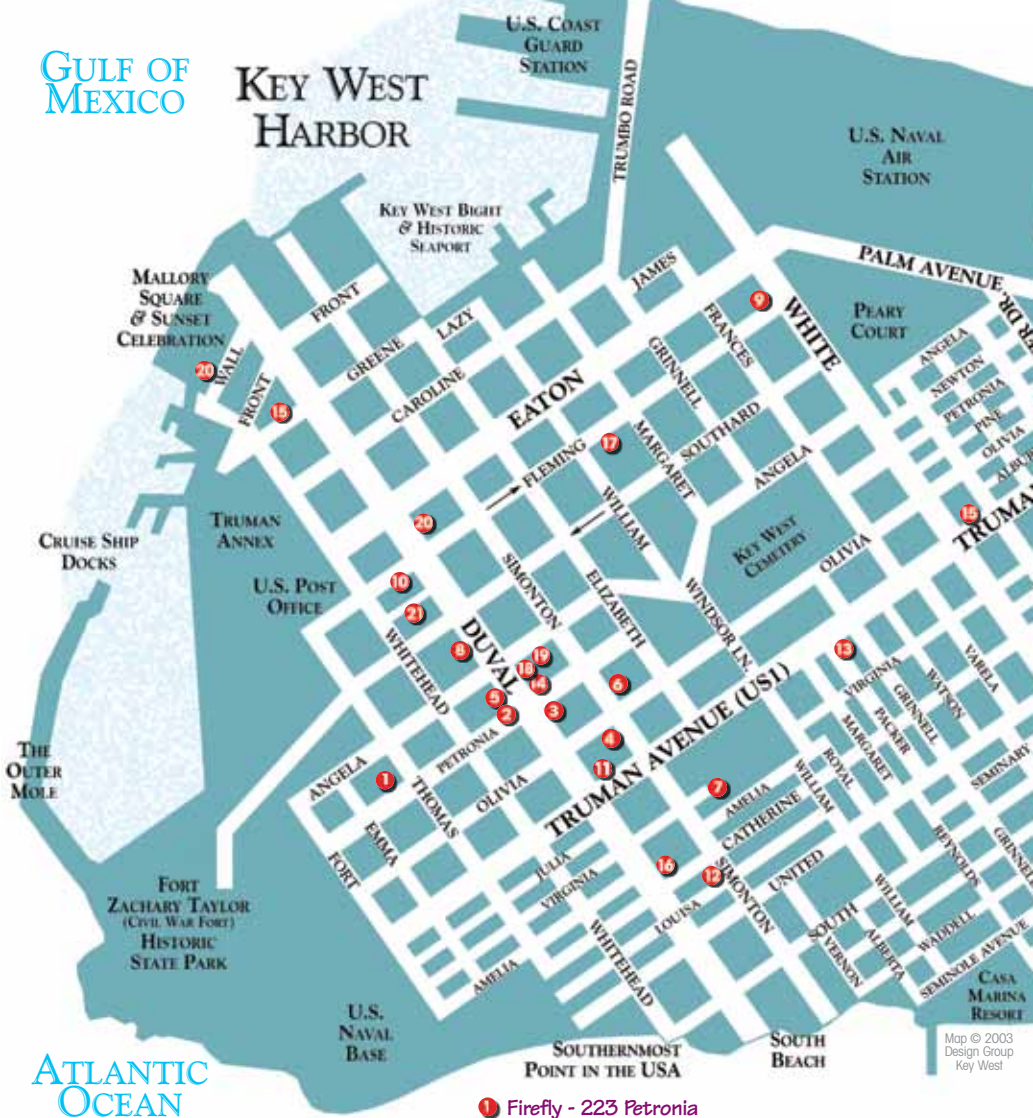
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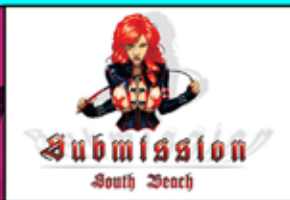
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It's that time of year again when we play musical bartenders. You may find your favorite bartenders at a different location.

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There are lots of rumors flying around about what is going into the old Burger King location. Stand by!

It seems that a well known local may not be around for much longer. Apparently our pasts do eventually catch up with us.

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# WEEKLY EVENTS



## MONDAY

### 801

*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*

### 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**

*Victoria Cortez at 5:30 PM*

*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*

*Victoria Cortez at 5:30 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**

*Victoria Cortez at 5:30 PM*

*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**

**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*

**Back Bar**

*Hotdog Church starting at 3PM*

**Bobby's**

*Karaoke starting at 9:30 PM*

**Bourbon**

*Jeff Moss 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**

*Tea Dance starting at 4 PM*

**Sidebar**

*Dancing with live DJ at 9 PM*

**L O C A T I O N S**

**801** - 801 Duval Street

**Aqua** - 711 Duval Street

**Back Bar** - 711 Duval Street

**Bobby's** - 900 Simonton Street

**Bourbon** - 724 Duval Street

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# ASK NANA

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*Dear Nana,*

*My boyfriend is really into cos play. It's something he does with his other friends when they go to comic con and at Halloween and times like that. But now he's been wanting to bring cos play into the bedroom and I don't know how I feel about it. Should I give it a try, for him? Or should I just tell him to keep his costumes to himself?*

I have to say, as a woman of a certain age, I didn't know what this was at first. So I had my nephew show me how to Google it and WOW! It's a whole new world! Or multi-verse depending on how deep your nerd naughtiness goes.



I'll say that I don't see a lot of harm in giving it a go. And, frankly, that's my feeling on most stuff. I mean, I've lived long enough to know I don't want anyone peeing on me, but if that's your thing... why not? I have to go anyway. Now more than ever! So I say open up your mind and give your guy his super hero hedonism. If you end up really hating it, you'll both know and I'm sure he won't want you to be uncomfortable in the bedroom (or evil lair or wherever you crazy kids do it.). But on the other hand you might just like it! And it never hurts to make your partner happy. Trust me, he could be into a lot more intense stuff than that. So count yourself lucky.

*Dear Nana,*

*I've never really been into Halloween and I know that's a mortal sin as a gay man. But I don't like missing out on all the fun. And I love seeing other people into all the crazy costume fun. Do you have any ideas of things I can go as for Halloween that are super minimal but still make me seem like I'm into it?*

Well, candy corn, I totally get where you're coming from. I've never really been into dressing up for October 31st. But that's probably, in part, because I remember the Salem witch trials. Might I suggest thinking of some of the more "plain-clothed" monsters of history? For instance... Jeffrey Dahmer! All you need is kakis, white dress shirt with a little fake blood on it and maybe some candy fingers or eyeballs to keep with you if you get peckish. It might make it hard for you to pick up a guy that evening, though. Actually, it didn't seem to hard for Jeffrey to pick up guys so you never know!



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

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

You better hope you marry rich.

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

Did you trade one of your chromosomes for a taco?

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

You should have your navel pierced so that you can have a place to hang the air freshener.

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

The last time you stepped on a digital scale, it gave you a phone number.

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

You're a lot like the Terms and Conditions of a website. No one cares what you say.

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

If Snapchat has taught me anything it's that a you look better as a farm animal.

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

Every time you open your mouth, some idiot starts talking.

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

Do you want to see something stupid? Look in the mirror.

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

Are you always this stupid or is today a special occasion?

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

I can't believe that you were the sperm that won the race.

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

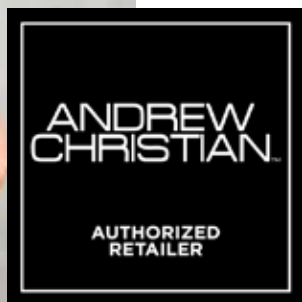
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