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Unicorns and Uniforms, oh my. It's Fantasy Fest time again in Key West and this is the theme this year. In September I met a very creative woman, Christina, who started selling these adorable unicorn horn headbands filled with feathers, the cutest ears with glitter crinkle paper on them and seashells. I think it's beyond brilliant. Didn't bring a costume in your carry on because checking a bag costs a small fortune and there's no real guarantee it will even make it here DURING your stay anyway? No problem. Just slip one of these phenomenally perfect headbands on and a Key West tank top and you're in the party!! Call her, 305-395-5677, she has a bunch of them and who knows, there may still be time to get a custom one. If you want to support a woman-owned business, this is a great one! She does all types of sewing, alterations and costume design. Call her for all of your Fantasy Fest needs, ladies.

The uniform part should be easy to be creative with – a unicorn tamer, a unicorn breeder... I can only imagine what we will see. People are amazingly creative and even the most unlikely person really gets into it while they're here. It's infectious and if you're reading this thinking "nope, not for me" I would wager large sums of money that if you're in town you WILL get drawn into it and by the end of the weekend (or much sooner) you will have glitter in places you didn't know were possible... Trust me. It happens to the best of us. Own it, there's no shame.

Now, I am a good girl from the midwestern suburbs but I lived in California (not far from San Francisco) for a few years, so I've seen

some things. Up close. Quite a bit in those few years, actually. Kinda makes Key West look like child's play, if I'm honest. However, I did NOT know that the term unicorn meant anything more than the sparkly horse with a lovely white iridescent horn coming out of the top of their head. It, apparently, means something... else. It means, and I quote, "A common swinging term used in the community to refer to a single female interested in meeting other couples. Described as such due to the rarity of finding said females." I am such a square that I had never heard that term until the theme of this year's Fantasy Fest was announced. Just keep living life in the keys and you never know what you might learn!

I am more inclined to stick with the sparkle and temporary horn bit as a cute costume that will make for great pictures that I can still show my mother if she asks. I am definitely getting one of Christina's unicorn headbands, a tutu because this is MY version of a unicorn after all and a glitter tumbler to hold my drinks (water) all night long. Yeah, I'm a boring old lesbian. I wonder what the Husbutch would be willing to wear....?

YOU should go over to Fairvilla Sexy Things – Key West and find something far more interesting, though! They're located on 524 Front Street, just off of Duval, and have the most... unique, costume choices. It is an adult entertainment store so leave the little ones at home. This is just for adult fun. The boys have shop after shop after shop to find toys and outfits. Fairvilla caters to a wider audience that I would argue has a lot for lesbian couples – or singles. They have clothing and *accessories* perfect for making your Fantasy Fest memorable. In many ways.

I hope your Fantasy Fest is surprising, glitter-filled and you take full advantage of the theme... any way that you chose to! Lez Go Out and use our horns wisely! Happy Fantasy Fest ladies!

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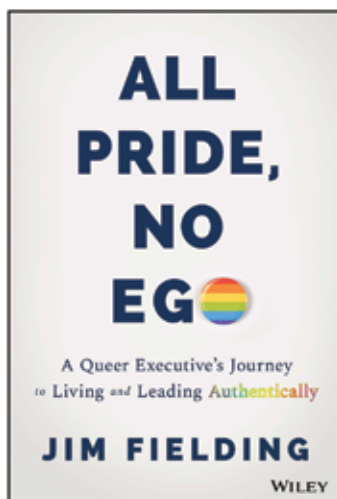
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LGBT Book Reviews by *Terri Schlichenmeyer*

"ALL PRIDE, NO EGO: A QUEER EXECUTIVE'S JOURNEY TO LIVING AND LEADING AUTHENTICALLY" BY JIM FIELDING

c.2023, Wiley | \$28.00 | 213 pages



Auditions are always nerve-racking. Will the part be yours?

You sure practiced enough before you were judged – and that's what an audition is, a judgment. Can you handle the lines? Are you a fit for the part you want, or would you be better at a walk-on? Being someone else in a play is fun, but not always easy. Neither, says **Jim Fielding** in his new book "All Pride, No Ego," is being someone else at work.

Born in Toledo into a big extended clan, Jim Fielding says that it looked like he was a member of "the perfect, nuclear family."

The truth was, though, that "vulnerabilities and dysfunctions were numerous" and that included homophobia, which was a problem: when he was six years old, Fielding realized he was gay.

To cover for it, he became an overachiever with a lack of self-confidence and an abundance of insecurities. To help him to conquer his weaknesses, he built a great support system but still, "I wish I had a book like this when I was starting out in my career."

His first point here is his mantra: "Control the controllable, but leave space for the possible."

Color "within the lines" if you must, but do it at "a company whose ethics and values align with your own." If you're in control, set clear goals, "hire people who are smarter than you are" and get to know

them well.

"Never stop learning." Accept that you can forgive without forgetting transgressions. Remember that if the job is right, you won't have to change who you fundamentally are. Learn to "define FAMILY however it works for you..." Know the difference between want and need. Trust your intuition, tamp down impulsiveness, but be flexible – which will help you attract and keep the best team possible. Know that selfishness is a righteous thing sometimes.

Strive always for "cultures of excellence."

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In his preface, author Jim Fielding says that he wrote this book because he "realized that my leadership style and success... are completely dependent on my personal journey." Those words should alert readers that "All Pride, No Ego" is preponderantly a memoir, which isn't a bad thing but it bears mentioning.

If you don't have the patience it takes for rambling stories, you won't like this book at all, in fact. Fielding is a storyteller, and he smartly uses his experiences to show, not tell, in a way that's pleasant and relatable for anyone who's ever struggled at work. Yes, the workplace tales mean that business advice is sometimes embedded, sometimes apparent, and sometimes down a rabbit hole for you to follow but for most readers, it'll be a useful scavenger hunt.

While this book is perhaps best for the person who's looking for a first job or who just found one and is sweating to fit in, "All Pride, No Ego" is worthwhile for anyone. Enjoy the memoir, find the helpful parts.



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A ROSE BY ANY OTHER NAME...

I've noticed a trend lately, amongst bottoms, where they like to call their rosebud by many names. Sure, what bottom hasn't asked their dauntless top to "breed their hole" whilst in the throes of passion. But I can't recall a time in my life where so many gay boys embraced the non-binary language for their bussy. Be it bussy, pussy, boy pussy... I can only assume we don't hear mussy because no gay man seems to want to admit they could bottom and be over 30 years old. Mentally we find ourselves in a macabre sexual version of *The Picture of Dorian Grey*... where our holes must stay eternally young and boyish while the rest of us is forced to age around it. I tried using mussy instead of bussy once and it did NOT go well. Who knew one little letter change would be such a boner killer. Now that I come to think of it, why are we only cogitating these made-up man-hole terms with the root "_ussy?" Why not munt or bunt? We already refer to a thing, juicy but as "cake" why can't it be bunt cake? In fact, from now on I'm only used the term bunt to refer to my own not-so-secret garden.

I was recently topping, because nothing else in the world makes sense these days so why should my sexual positions, and the adorable bottom was very into the verbal role play of "daddy breeding his bussy" etc. etc. Tale as old as time, right? Well, after a few turns of phrase he then flipped the script to something I've never heard before. "I love feeling you in my

vagina”, he said. Now, I am in no way one of those gays who goes around denouncing or denigrating the female anatomy. It’s not my style or in my belief system. But I don’t know that even people who love vagina in a sexual way would often use the word vagina in a sexual way. I’ve only ever seen female sex of any sort in movies, or read about it in novels, but I can’t recall anyone ever passionately saying vagina. Go ahead and try. Say vagina out loud now in a very sexual way and see if your whole body doesn’t say “nope!”

So, this verbal bottom keeps going with how deep I am in his vagina and how he wants me to cum in his vagina. And, after 20 years in showbiz, I tend to be a people pleaser. I’m a real big fan of “Yes, and”ing my way into people’s hearts and holes. So, I decided to just go with this guy’s flow. So, when he said, “I want you to breed my vagina”, I wrapped my arms around him and said, “I can’t wait to have a baby with you. You’re going to make such a beautiful mother.”

Apparently, that was too far?! Well excuse me, Ms. Vagina Pants!

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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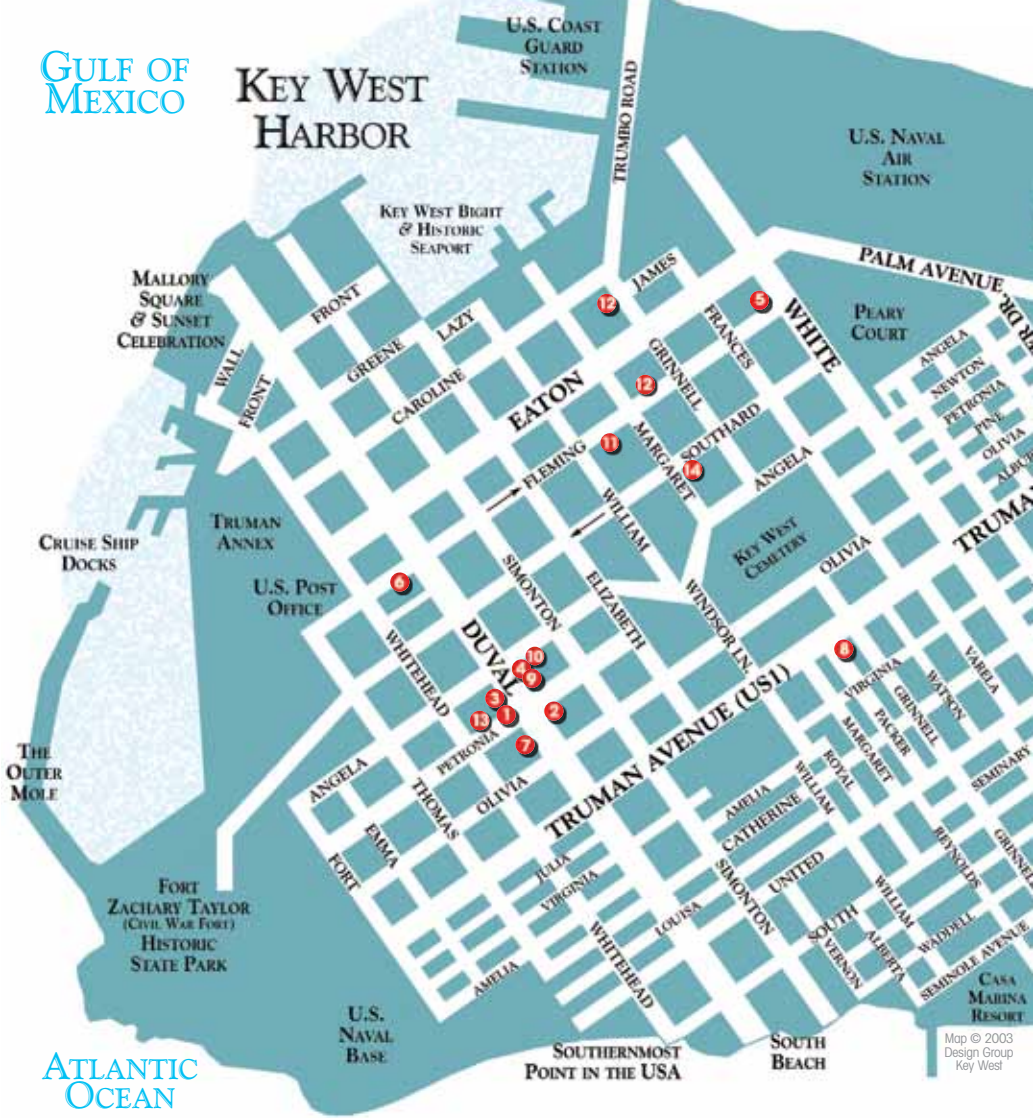
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Dancers on the bar starting at 10 PM

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*Bria singing live at 8:00 PM
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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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

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Drag Shows at 9 PM and 11 PM

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*Jeff Moss singing live at 8:00 PM
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*Naked Pool Party at Noon
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My roommate is really into Halloween and I'm not. If I let him have his way the whole place would look like a Party City for 31 days. He's a great roommate otherwise and I know I shouldn't let it get to me as much as it does. But I also think it's not fair that he won't tone it down a bit since we do share the rent 50/50. What do you think?

Well, Witchy Poo, at my age I try to think as little as possible. I find the more one thinks about things the more one wants to take a bath with the toaster oven. Luckily, I don't have to think long on this one. He's fine. Stop being a witch's tit about him loving one holiday. Would you rather a



roommate who never does the dishes, steals your food, or believes the earth is flat? It's 31 days and it's one of the gayest holidays to begin with. Did something happen to you in a childhood Halloween and now you're being triggered? Show me on the Great Pumpkin where Jack Skellington touched you? At the end of the day, being roommates with someone is a balancing act. You're both going to have things you appreciate and dislike about each other. You don't like his decorative enthusiasm that only takes place 31 days of the year. But if you don't dislike it enough to pay his half of the rent all 365 days of the year, then maybe you should suck of the pumpkin spice latte and let it go or get your own place.

Dear Nana,

My job is saying that they want to make it mandatory for everyone to wear some sort of Halloween costume if we work that day. I told my boss I don't want to wear a costume but I'm also not going to skip work and not get paid that day. So, he said, "Well then just go with something simple. You don't have to go all out or anything." What costume could I wear that basically isn't a costume?

Oh, this one's easy, my little candy corn! The simplest is to just go to work dressed the way you usually do. And when your boss asks you what you're dressed up like, say, "a serial killer. Because they look just like you and me. I could be a serial killer right now and you'd never know until you woke up in the trunk of the car." You could also go with something like wearing an outfit your boss would probably wear and then just put a name badge sticker on your shirt that says, "Hello! My name is: Asshole." Now, if you really want to make sure your boss never makes you dress up again... you'll need to go all out once. Dress like the trashiest, ugliest whore you possibly can. And when he asks who you are say, "Isn't it obvious?... Your mom."



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PISCES FEB 19 - MAR 20

Your bank account is so overdrawn that the teller handed you a note saying "put all of your money in a bag."

ARIES MAR 21 - APR 19

Look at the bright side, with your phone turned off for non-payment, the bill collector calls stopped!

TAURUS APR 20 - MAY 20

It's been said to dance like no one is watching. In your case, people are watching, and it's not pretty.

GEMINI MAY 21 - JUN 20

When you get on the talking scale, it just cries uncontrollably.

CANCER JUN 21 - JUL 22

Some people burn the candle at both ends. You're too lazy to even light the wick.

LEO JUL 23 - AUG 22

Here's a tip when in social situations, shut the fuck up and let someone else talk!

VIRGO AUG 23 - SEP 22

If you want to be a server, remember the people that make the most money are either cute or amazing at their job. You're doomed.

LIBRA SEP 23 - OCT 22

It's great that you're on PrEP, though it's a bit of waste since no one wants you.

SCORPIO OCT 23 - NOV 21

Don't make fun of someone with what you would call a menial job. At least they have a job!

SAGITTARIUS NOV 22 - DEC 21

You are the reason Ubers have 37 air fresheners!!

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Isn't it time you were voted off the island?

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